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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Declan writes

Luminous Mysteries

Tuesday next, October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary, as a form of prayer, developed in the Middle Ages, and was popularised as a devotion by the religious orders, especially the Dominicans. It became known as the 'poor person's breviary', since in its fullness, the Rosary consists of the recitation of the Hail Mary one hundred and fifty times. This is the number of psalms contained in the book of the Psalms in the Old Testament. In the monasteries, all of these psalms were recited by the monks over a period of weeks, in the book called the Breviary, and this became known as The Prayer of the Church. Since it was impossible for the ordinary person to recite all of these, the Rosary was substituted as a daily devotion of the people.

This year, Pope John Paul II changed the centuries-old tradition of the Rosary by introducing five new mysteries, called the Luminous Mysteries. The mysteries of the Rosary already covered the central events of the lives of Jesus and Mary. Now he added five 'luminous' i.e. light-giving or shining moments in the ministry of Jesus, with

particular relevance to us. They are: the Baptism of Jesus, the Wedding at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Eucharist.

The Baptism was the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, his naming and endorsing by the Father – reminding us of ours.

The Wedding at Cana was his first miracle, the showing of his power, the response of Jesus to his mother – reminding us of our response.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom was the first message of Jesus – 'Repent and believe for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand' – reminding us that it is our duty to proclaim this message too.

The Transfiguration was the revealing of Jesus' glory to the disciples – reminding us that this is our future glory too. 'Lord it is good for us to be here.'

The Institution of the Eucharist sums up the ministry and message of Jesus. 'This is my Body, my Blood. Do this in memory of me. – reminding us to draw life from the Mass.

Try to recite the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary during the coming week!

Material for Parish Bulletin

In future it is essential that all material for inclusion in the Bulletin must reach the parish office by **Tuesday morning**.



Rest in Peace

Mary McCarthy of Farranlea Road passed to her eternal reward on 12th September at the age of eighty three. A native of Glenville originally, she came to Cork to work as a nurse in Our Lady's Hospital. Not blessed with children, Mary and Dan shared their house with many university students and other lodgers down through the years, and many of these became their family. Mary was a dedicated card player for all of her life until the end when failing eyesight prevented her from continuing. She was a regular Mass-goer in the Church of the Holy Spirit, even when severe pain almost crippled her. Her beloved Dan died in 1996 and she remained as the last of the 'old' residents of Farranlea Road. She would still have described herself as a 'country person'. She is remembered fondly and mourned by her brother, sisters, nieces and nephews and relatives, to whom we extend the sympathy of the parish community. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

Tom Corcoran, Model Farm Road, died peacefully on 10th September at Marymount Hospice, not far from his native Dillons Cross. The swiftness of his serious illness shocked all who knew him, especially his former colleagues at Capwell and his many friends at Bishopstown G.A.A. Club where he was a regular and ardent card player. A gentle man and a loving father, he will be sadly missed by his children and their families. To Brian, Tina and Philip, to

Phil, Noelle, to his grandchildren, to his brothers Jack, Michael and Billy and to all his friends, we offer our sincerest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sé.

Margaret O'Donoghue, Ita, as she was fondly known to all her friends, lived at Bendemeer Park until her health began to fail and she found she could no longer care for herself. She died at a Retirement Home in Ardferit on 16th September. Ita was born in West Cork and grew up in the village of Ballygurteen near Clonakilty. Her late husband, John, was a respected member of the Gárdai, and because of the nature of his job moved house a number of times. Ita was a loveable character and very popular with her neighbours in Bendemeer Park, where the family lived for many years. We extend our sincere sympathy to her sons, Dr. Paddy in Tralee, Raymond in Bandon, her grandchildren, sister, relatives and friends.



We offer our sincere sympathy to CARMEL O'CONNOR, Wilton Gardens on the recent death of her brother Jerry O'Connor, and to his niece CAROL O'CONNELL, Bishopstown Avenue West.



I ASKED GOD

I asked God to take away my habit. God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. I give you blessings; happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You must grow on your own! but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

Mount Mercy College News

Congratulations to Junior Certificate Students Amy Kearns and Katie Winters who were winners in the National Poem for Peace Competition as Gaelge, organised by Cecil Hurwitz. Amy won 1st prize, Katie won 3rd prize.

Bible Corner



GENESIS

The original Hebrew people had a tough and primitive way of life. True enough, they were being led to a promised land but, in the meantime, they had to eke out a living for their herds and for themselves in arid and hostile lands. In such an environment, to remain loyal to the God who called them to be his people was a daunting task. Their inner strength was that they believed in a caring God who had promised to be with them always.

To deepen their understanding of that belief, to keep it vibrant, to hand it on from generation to generation, they used stories to carry the central messages of God's creative plan. To nurture an ongoing appreciation of God's continuing role in the creation around them, they described God as creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh day. Obviously, this was not a scientific description of how the world came to be but, rather, was a reminder that all creation was God's gift and must be respected as such.

Similarly, this weekend's story of the creation of Eve was designed to highlight the complementarity of male and female in God's overall plan. The story heightens awareness of how precious and sacred is this gift of human sexuality and how it must be treasured and lived. The vision of the ideal inspires the human heart to strive for greatness.



Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

On Tuesday October 7th, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary will be recited after the 10.00 a.m. Mass, with short reflections on these mysteries. Please make a special effort to be there.

Lectio Divina Teacher in Cork

Fr. Michel de Verteuil, the renowned Lectio Divina teacher from Trinidad will conduct four sessions on 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th October, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at St. Aloysius School, Sharman Crawford Street. Lectio Divina is a simple method of using the Bible for personal prayer and reflection. If interested in being part of a parish group to attend the Course, please contact Anne at 4344452 (10.00-12.30). Cost €10 per session. (It is not essential to be able to attend all four sessions).

Healing with Eddie Stones

On Friday 17th October, Eddie Stones, Director of Emmanuel House in Clonfert, will be at the Lough Church to lead prayers for healing and reconciliation. The Healing Service will begin at 7.00 p.m. and finish with Mass at 9.00 p.m.

Found

Sum of money on Monday 29th at Dennehy's Cross. Please phone 4344452 between 10.00 and 12.30.

Coeliac Society

The Southern Branch will hold a meeting in the SMA Centre, Wilton, on Tuesday 7th October at 8 p.m. with a cookery demonstration and a talk from our Dietician.

Lost

In Churchyard area or in Wilton Shopping Centre on Monday 29th September, a gold chain bracelet. If found please ring 4541760.

Cork Mended Hearts

Annual Thanksgiving and Remembrance Mass will be held at Cork University Hospital Chapel on Thursday 16th October at 7.30 p.m. concelebrated by Fr. Bob Brophy, Fr. James Good and Dean Denis O'Connor, accompanied by Christ the King Choir. Enquiries to 4961541.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 12th October

First Reading:

Wis.7:7-11. Includes the second creation story given in the Bible: we are taught here that man and woman are meant to be together.

Psalm 90.

Second Reading:

Heb. 4:12-1. On most Sundays between now and the feast of Christ the King, the second reading will be from the Letter to the Hebrews. This was written about AD 80 to show the people of the time that Jesus fulfilled the needs of Jews and Greeks alive.

Gospel:

Mk.10:17-30. Jesus instructs his followers about family life, repeating the teaching given in Genesis and telling all to be as trustful as little children.

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