



Mission Sunday

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writes

ARE WE TOO BUSY?

Many people find life gets busier at home as well as at work. True enough for the ageing, the sick, the incapacitated, the unemployed, the lonely, time drags. But for the majority life is packed with work to be done, children to be collected, television to be seen, routines to be kept, social engagements to be fulfilled, a variety of experiences to be explored in real life or through video or on the net. Much of this is very enriching and good, but we may wonder at the cost.

The first casualty of being too busy is the quality of our relationships within family and among neighbours. Family is an essential haven where we always need to find a listening ear, an encouraging word, an unearned tenderness, a nurturing acceptance through time given, time shared, time lived together in love. Is it our priority? If not what is more precious?

Family can become overly focused inwardly. There is a wider world of neighbours whom we need and who certainly need us. Have we time to be enriched by our neighbours and, in turn,

to sensitively care for each other? If not, the social fabric of our community decays and we are all impoverished. Are we too busy to see the loss?

The Christian calling is to be first movers in creating oases of life-giving relationships wherever we are. Do not postpone the action.

MOTHER TERESA – A SHINING EXAMPLE.

The theme of Mission Sunday this year is *'Make his face shine'*.

Everyone who bears the name of Christ is called to know Jesus and to make him known. To help us in our mission, God provides us with people who are truly encouraging examples to us all.

Today the Church beatifies one such exceptional person, namely Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She truly made known the face of Jesus to millions of people. She did so by recognising Jesus in the poorest of the poor and by reaching out to the outcasts of society. Mother Teresa showed the face of the high priest who 'is capable of experiencing our weaknesses with us.'

It is that same high priest who gathers us together each Sunday. Having recognised him 'in the scriptures and the breaking of the bread' we are empowered to go out and 'make his face shine' to all we meet.



CHOIR NEWS

Our Church Choir

Our Choir is currently inviting people interested in choral singing to join us. We especially need extra men. Basses, baritones and tenors (and even all the permutations in between!) – you are all welcome...

Come along any Wednesday at 8 p.m. If you want information about the choir phone Patrick Killeen (conductor) at 4888445 or Liam O'Leary (Chairman) at 4541126 who would be delighted to talk to you. Free on Wednesday evening and looking for something really enjoyable to do that makes a significant contribution to your parish – try your local choir...why not give it a go? Give us a call or drop in...



Ministers of Word and Eucharist

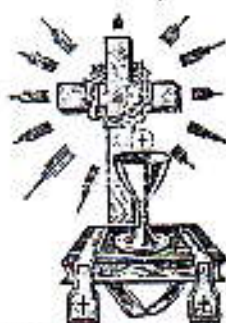
New ministers currently being invited. Contact any of the priests. Training begins Thursday 13th November.



CONGRATULATIONS

To our new curate, Fr. Declan Mansfield, who was conferred last Wednesday with a Masters Degree in Spirituality at Milltown Institute, Dublin.

All Souls Day



REMEMBRANCE OF
OUR BELOVED DEAD

Novena for Holy Souls

Sunday 2nd November is the commemoration of all the Faithful departed. Each priest will start a Novena of Masses on that day for all the dead on our November list. Envelopes and prayer cards are available in the church, and please place your completed envelope in the box at the altar rails before November

Mass for those who died during the past year

Our traditional annual Mass for parishioners who died since November 2002 will be celebrated on Tuesday 11th November at 7.30 p.m. Families and friends of the bereaved are especially invited to attend. During Mass, as each name is called, a family member will be invited to bring a lighting candle to our November shrine. All parishioners are invited.



PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Pastoral Council held its monthly meeting on Monday last. A full and wide-ranging discussion on the recent parish renewal seminar took place. Many opinions and views were voiced and discussed and will be followed up in the coming weeks. All agreed on the success of the seminar.

The following parishioners were co-opted on to the council: Irene Connolly, Rita Higgins and Kevin O'Mahony.

The possibility of the parish having its own website is being considered.



Too much self-examination is as bad as too little; believe me, by God's help we shall advance more by contemplating the Divinity than by keeping our eyes fixed on ourselves.

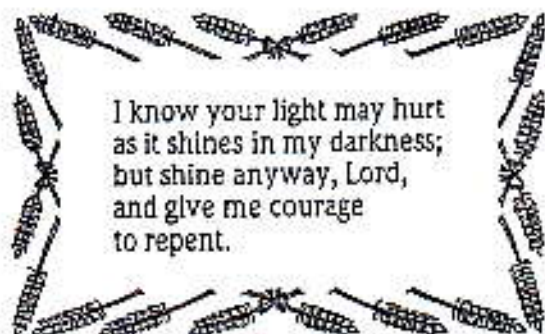
St Teresa.

Bible Corner



LANGUAGE THE KEY

The Department of Education is currently running a pilot scheme countrywide introducing the teaching of a continental language to younger children. It is a belated recognition of the importance of language as a bridge between people in a multi-cultural world. Situated on a key travel route, Palestine was quite cosmopolitan even in the time of Jesus and Bethsaida, a small town, had many languages. A native of there, Philip had picked up Greek and so was in a good position to act as a liaison person when Greek speaking Jews came from abroad to worship in Jerusalem. Most of the other disciples would only have known and spoken a form of Aramaic. That is why Philip's role and town of origin is highlighted in this weekend's gospel.



I know your light may hurt as it shines in my darkness; but shine anyway, Lord, and give me courage to repent.



God's Word

Readings for Sunday 26th October

First Reading:

Jer.31:7-9. Isaiah writes of the suffering servant who takes people's faults on himself. Christians apply these words to Jesus.

Psalm: 126

Second Reading:

Heb.5:1-6. Jesus our high priest, knows our weaknesses, so we can rely on his mercy.

Gospel:

Mk.10:46-52. The suffering and death of Jesus teaches us that we must embrace the cross. Then the merciful face of God will shine in us.

Greenmount Past Pupils

Calling all past pupils of Greenmount National School – the college on the Hill. Next year we celebrate 150 years. Many events are planned. We hope to see you at some of them. One of the biggest attractions will be an exhibition of old photographs. If you have any photographs from your school days, or know of anyone who has, please contact us. All originals will be returned as soon as they are copied. Please help us to make this a memorable event. Contact Donal Whooley (Principal) at 4966242. Or better still, call to the school. We look forward to seeing you.

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Bishopstown Community School

Open night for prospective students and their parents will be held on Thursday 23rd October, 7.30 – 9.30 pm. All welcome.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Bishopstown G.A.A. Club and Cork County Board Draw. Fantastic prizes to be won in this 12 month draw. 45% of your contribution goes back to your local club. To join or for further information call the club at 4545616.

Today, Mission Sunday

"Mission Sunday, is important in the life of the Church. Mission cannot be left to a group of 'specialists'. It is a matter for all Christians, dioceses, parishes, Church institutions and associations... to pray for and encourage offerings for the missions." (Pope John Paul II). Please be as generous as possible in the Propagation of the Faith collection which will be sent in its entirety to the Missions.

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