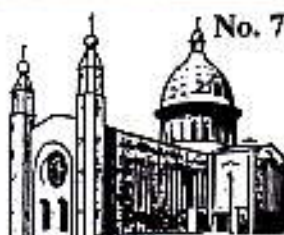


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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

Four words Our Lord never said: "I told you so."

I attended a function last week. The chief speaker began by apologising to some youthful helpers for a remark he had made earlier reprimanding them for some indiscretion. The remark was "I told you so." This made me think. It made me feel guilty. I remembered my own admonition "Didn't I tell you!" In effect I had said three things that were unworthy of me. First that I had superior knowledge and wisdom. Secondly reminding others of their lack of knowledge and wisdom. Thirdly that I did not trust others - which I should have. To make me feel more guilty I could recall that Jesus never said, "I told you so" even when He had very good reason for saying so.

(A) Jesus was called to a sick child, the daughter of Jairus. When He arrived apparently the child had died, but Jesus said, "She is not dead, but sleeping." The mourners mocked. Jesus took the child by the hand, raised her up, gave her to her parents - and what did He say? "Give her something to eat."

(B). Jesus was called to his friend Lazarus. When he came Lazarus was dead and buried for four days. When Jesus asked that the tomb be opened even the sister of Lazarus gasped in horror. Jesus restored him to life and health, and what did he say? Take those bandages off him and led him go free.

(C) Perhaps the most noteworthy of all was Peter's triple denial - in spite of forewarning from Jesus. After his resurrection when Jesus returned to his Apostles what did he say to Peter? "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep" - He never referred to Peter's cowardly denials. His only concern was to restore his lost self esteem.

As followers of Jesus we could well get rid of sentences like "I told you so", "Didn't I tell you that would happen". As my grandmother used to say, "Never push a man when he is going down hill." Our aim must always be to build up self-confidence and self esteem, and be generous in trusting others - even if sometimes it's not earned.

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## NORMS FOR INDULGENCES AT THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

1. From 12 noon on 1<sup>st</sup> November until midnight on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion, and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed.

Confession may be made at any time with the week preceding or the week following 1<sup>st</sup> November.

2. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November. The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

## Reflections on the Mass – 2 The Word of God

In the entrance procession of the Mass, the Book of the Gospels is carried with dignity and reverence to the Altar. This is only a fraction of the respect due to the Word of God.

Maybe we need to be reminded from time to time that even back in 1963, the Second Vatican council Document on the Liturgy (no. 7) emphasised the **fourfold presence of Christ in the Eucharist. He is present in the minister, in His Word, in His people and in the consecrated Host.** For many centuries, perhaps in an unfortunate reaction to the Protestant Reformation, which placed more emphasis on the Word of God in Scripture than on the consecrated Host, Scripture was neglected in Catholic formation and spirituality. Nowadays, the division of the Mass into two parts – Liturgy of the Word, and Liturgy of the Eucharist, has restored the balance.

The Book of the Gospels is brought to the stand in procession accompanied by candles to emphasise its importance for our lives and for our faith. Jesus nourishes us at Mass not just with His Body and Blood, but also with His Word. We take it away with us.

The **Gospel Acclamation** (Alleluia and Verse) is meant to be sung always. 'Alleluia' means 'Praise God', an exclamation of joy.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is meant to be sung where possible. The psalms are songs of praise, poems to be chanted to the accompaniment of an instrument. They express all of the human emotions from despair and depression to thanksgiving to pleading for help, to shouts of joy.

The Liturgy of the Word includes the **Homily**, the Sermon, based on the Word which has been heard, helping the people to

apply its message to their lives. It continues with the **Creed**, a proud recitation of the truths of the Christian faith, formulated in the course of the first five centuries. The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the **Prayers of the Faithful**, the prayers of the assembly, coming from the Word of God, the time of the year, the needs of the Church, the needs of the people, prayer for the dead.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### OLD AND NEW

Over the centuries, the Hebrew people had a very tough life. Often attacked, oppressed, exiled, struggling even in the Promised Land with much poor arid land, they longed for better times and quickly. This deep longing gave rise to prophets like Isaiah using the image of a rich banquet to describe God's care for them. Such a promise inspired them to remain faithful.

Mindful of their heritage of Jewish scriptures, the early Christians quickly adopted the promises of the Prophets like Isaiah, to voice their own hopes in God's promise to care for them, especially after death. It was a promise echoed and enriched in a letter of St. John. "We are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed but when it is revealed, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is." Such is the promise and the reality that we celebrate this weekend.



## BLESSED THADDEUS McCARTHY

The story of Thaddeus McCarthy is truly remarkable. Born at Innishannon, Co. Cork in 1455, his clan, the McCarthys were constantly at war with the Anglo-Norman Geraldines and the O'Driscolls of Ross. Despite all this animosity, Thaddeus studied for the priesthood and was ordained in Cork by Bishop William Roche. He then travelled to Rome to continue his studies.

While in Rome his outstanding qualities made a deep impression and although only twenty-seven years old, he was appointed as Bishop of Ross on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1482. Thaddeus was consecrated a Bishop in Rome.

On returning to Ireland he was confronted with the news that the vacancy at Ross had been filled by Ode O'Driscoll, having been consecrated by the Archbishop of Cashel. A bitter dispute broke out between the McCarthy and O'Driscoll clans, the question was, who was the rightful Bishop of Ross?

The dispute lasted several years during which the O'Driscolls made many false accusations against Thaddeus who responded by restraining his followers from any acts of violence. Thaddeus was a man of peace and completely without rancour. Above all, he was a man of God who carried his endless trials with heroic fortitude. When the O'Driscolls brought these false and slanderous charges to Pope Innocent XIII in Rome, the Pope issued a decree excommunicating Thaddeus and a number of his followers from the Catholic Church.

*(Continued next week)*



## *Rest in Peace*

Fr. Bill Clarke, St. Vincent's, Sunday's Well and Bishopstown Avenue, died at Marymount in the early hours of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October. He had been in ill health since early this year, and was an example to us all of Christian acceptance of pain and suffering. Fr. Bill spent many years as a missionary in Nigeria. Later he was appointed to the parish at Sunday's Well, with special care for the deaf in Cork. He was utterly dedicated to the welfare of his special charges, as well as his duties in the Parish. It was very touching indeed to see so many attend his obsequies, and take part in the prayers in their own unique manner. Fr. Bill was also secretary to the local conference of priests, where he fulfilled his duties meticulously up to the time of his death. He had many associations with Bantry - his mother's native place, and home to his uncle Mr. Billy O'Donovan, and his brother Neil. We extend the sympathy of our community to his mother Alice, his brothers Charles, Neil and Peter, his sister Alice, his wider family circle, and his many friends.

### Welcome to our new Altar Servers

Maebh Barrett  
Catherine Buttimer  
Orla Byrne  
Eimear Connelly  
Kevin Cox  
Meghan Daly  
Aoife Hegarty  
Eoghan McConville  
Fiona Moore  
Roisin O'Connor  
Eimear O'Donovan  
Daisy O'Leary  
Cara O'Mahony  
Catherine O'Riordan  
Eleanor Stritch  
Sarah Stritch  
Ashling Walsh



**First Friday**

Next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

On Friday next from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**

Monthly meeting next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre at 8.00 p.m.

**Faith in Action**

Are there ways in which we can better live out our faith? Can we help to increase the reality of community and neighbourhood? Can we contribute to ethical trading by the way we shop? Can we contribute to a welcoming environment for our immigrants? You are invited to a discussion to explore these and other questions and to decide on the action programme for the year at 8.00 – 9.00 p.m. Thursday next, 6<sup>th</sup> November in the Crypt.

**St. Oliver's Cemetery**

Mass for the Holy Souls will be celebrated on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 p.m. in the cemetery.

**Art Exhibition**

In aid of Friends of St. Patrick's Hospital/Marymount Hospice, will be held at The Study Centre, Marymount, Wellington Road, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. All proceeds to Marymount. Adm. €5. For rare and unusual Christmas presents come and see and purchase.

**Older People**

Would you like to improve the quality of life for older people and be willing to take part in a study in UCC if you are over 60, please contact Mike Murphy, CHSU at 4902084 or 087-6438798.



**Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann**

Oíche Cheoil - Fear a'Tí Sean O Sé. Bishopstown G.A.A. Club, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 8.30 p.m. Cead Isteach €5.

**Ashtanga Yoga**

Get the benefits of yoga by attending classes with an IYGA certified yoga instructor on Monday evenings in the Crypt. Complete beginners 6.30 to 7.30, mixed ability 7.30-9.00. All levels and abilities welcome. Further information and booking please phone 086 60778705 or e-mail: [jennieboland@02.ie](mailto:jennieboland@02.ie).

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**First Reading:**

Ex.47:1-2,8-9. The baptistry of the Lateran Basilica is dedicated to St. John the Baptist: this first reading conveys the cleansing and healing power of the water of baptism, in which we have all washed.

**Psalm 45**

**Second Reading:**

Cor.3:9-11,16-17. The Christian community is the Church of God: this makes its gathering place sacred.

**Gospel:**

Jn.2:13-22. The most important temple for us is the body of the Lord, who was raised to life as our glory and our hope.

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