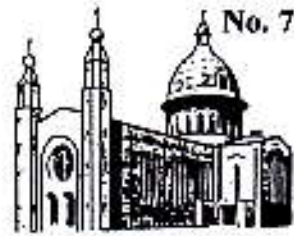




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## OUR PARISH PRIEST

writes

For some, the "mocks", as the Spring exams are called, have just finished. For others, they are in full spate. For many Junior and Leaving Cert. pupils, they are a valuable guide to next summer's exams. They can be a worthwhile exercise in acquiring examination skills and in evaluating academic knowledge. They can help teenagers to focus on worthwhile goals. But there are other very important skills to be mastered and many other kinds of life knowledge to be explored.

In our world, moulded by instant global communication, the young may be overwhelmed with so much experiential knowledge and left without the developing skills and the ongoing formation to assess it, and to integrate into their lives what is of lasting value.

To assist the young in this exploration is a sacred task for parents, for grandparents and older siblings, perhaps for teachers, youth leaders and friends.

The fact that we, the elders, were never teenagers in the rapidly changing world of 2004, does not exempt us from our role as fellow pilgrims in listening to the challenges, celebrating the joys, being

supportive in the failures, rejoicing in the achievements, being gentle with the mistakes, in saluting the generosity. Nor does it exempt us from sharing the traditional wisdom offering tested guidelines, highlighting good values and enabling the young to choose not only the good but the best in every aspect of their lives.

In life, there are no "mocks". The one life each one has is for real. We must use it well. All of it. All of us.

*Tom Cloney*

### INVITATION

All Mass-goers are invited to coffee in the Crypt this weekend after all Masses. Fairtrade tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided, to promote the use of Fairtrade products.





## Rest in Peace

Seán Gill, of Merlyn Lawn, passed away in St Patrick's Hospital on February 17<sup>th</sup> last. He had been ill for many years, and had been cared for wonderfully at home until the last few months, by his wife, Theresa. A native of North Mayo, and former Chief Superintendent of the Gardaí, he had been stationed in Donegal, Bandon and other places before settling in Cork. Sean was a reader for many years at the weekday Masses. He had a strong devotion to Our Lady. Our sympathies go to his wife (a sister of the late Fr. Hussey, O.S.A.), to his daughter, Mary, his son, Joe, to his brother, grandchildren, relatives and friends. Suaimhneas Sioraí dá anam.

DR. COLM GLEESON  
ORCHARD GROVE

We offer our sincere sympathy to DR. COLM GLEESON, Orchard Grove, on the death of his mother, Margaret. To MERCIE CONNOLLY, Woodleigh Park, on the death of her sister, Dr. Cecilia Simmons.



### GOLDEN WEDDING

Congratulations to PADDY and MARY FITZGERALD of Model Farm Road, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last week.



**FAIRTRADE** products, which carry this Fairtrade Mark logo, are products which guarantee a fair price to the producers in the Third World.

Shoppers who choose **FAIRTRADE**-marked products play a vital role in alleviating poverty and supporting marginalized producers, in a manner that promotes dignity and self-sufficiency. **You can choose Fairtrade products; they are available locally.**

- **Supervalu, Wilton** carry Bewley's Fairtrade coffee, Roberts Fairtrade Teabags, and bananas.
- **Tesco, Wilton** stock Bewley's Fairtrade Coffee, Roberts Fairtrade Teabags, bananas, oranges and lemons.
- **Dunnes Stores, Bishopstown** carry *on the regular shelves:*  
Bewleys Fairtrade Coffee – decaffeinated, organic, instant.  
Fairtrade Tea Direct teabags;  
Fairtrade Coffee Direct;  
Café Direct Rich Roast coffee;  
Café Direct Medium Roast coffee.  
*In the Organic section:*  
Fairtrade Chocolate.  
*In the Fruit and Veg section:*  
Fairtrade bananas.



- **The Quay Co-op, Sullivan's Quay** carry:

- Fairtrade biscuits
- Fairtrade chocolate
- Fairtrade fruit juices
- Fairtrade honey
- Fairtrade nuts
- Fairtrade wafers
- Fairtrade sugar sticks

**As demand for Fairtrade products increases, the variety of products stocked in the supermarkets will grow.**

### **There is something we can do!**

Eleanor Crowley from Trócaire, in her lunchtime talk on Ash Wednesday, outlined the horrific, systematic genocide waged in Rwanda 10 years ago, in which more than a million people were brutally killed. But she then went on to describe how Trócaire got involved in helping the survivors to rebuild their lives, and in helping refugees, who had fled, to return to Rwanda. Women had lost husbands and children; many children had lost both parents and siblings. They had nothing. But over the years, counselling support has been provided; training programmes have been run; homes and schools have been built; teachers have been trained; tools and seeds, as well as goats, have been provided, so that food can be grown; local, traditional courts have been set up to judge on those accused of crime; and reconciliation groups have been formed.

None of this could have been done by Trócaire workers, without the funds

given by Irish people. This year's Trócaire Lenten campaign boxes will go to continue the rebuilding of the lives of the people of Rwanda. So though we may feel helpless in the face of all the human suffering in the world, **there is something constructive that each of us can do!**

### **LENTEN TALKS**

On Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 1.10 p.m. in the Crypt, Fr. Angelo Lafferty, S.M.A., will talk on the *Cois Tine* Centre. Light refreshments will be served.

The Centre in Fr. Matthew Hall offers strangers in our city, namely refugees and asylum seekers, a place to share their story in a warm, supportive and safe environment. It is a multicultural, interfaith organisation which addresses the emerging pastoral, spiritual and social needs of the immigrant community.

The Shrove Tuesday Table Quiz in the Crypt raised almost €900 for this charity.



Sr. Mairead of *Cois Tine* receiving the proceeds of the Table Quiz from Maire Mulcahy



**Please Note**

Items for the Bulletin of 21<sup>st</sup> March must be submitted by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, due to St. Patrick's Day falling on the Wednesday of that week.

**Holy Hour and Peace Mass**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March in St. Maries of the Isle Convent Chapel at 7.30 p.m. Officiating Priest: Fr. Silvester O'Flynn, O.F.M.Cap.

**Ecumenical Peace Service**

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Church of Ireland, Carrigaline at 4.00 p.m. The sermon will be preached by Fr. Martin Tierney, Dublin.

**Being Yourself Before God**

"Who am I that you keep me in mind?" Days devoted to self-understanding and understanding others. A two-day retreat at St. Dominic's Ennismore, 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00-5.00 p.m. Facilitator Geraldine O'Mahony, OP.

**Alzheimer Society**

Support meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. in Jurys Hotel. All are welcome.

**The Spirit of Fatima**

Monthly Coffee Morning on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Ballinlough Pastoral Centre after 10.00 Mass. Everyone welcome. Guest: Joe O'Reilly.

**Crusaders Toastmasters**

Meet every second Wednesday at 8.00 p.m. in the S.M.A. Hall. Guests always welcome.

**Fashion Show**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. in Bishopstown G.A.A. Club. A great night guaranteed for all! All welcome.

**LOCAL SCHOOLS**

Congratulations to Mount Mercy College past pupil Rhian Fitzgerald, a third year dental student at U.C.C. who has been awarded the Edward Gurr Prize for anatomy at U.C.C. prize giving ceremony by President of U.C.C., Professor Gerard T. Wrixon. Well done, Rhian.

Well done also to Aisling O'Meara, Junior Certificate Student, winner of the All-Ireland U/15 Irish Dancing Championships in Co. Clare recently.

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**First Reading:**

Ex.3:1-8, 13-15. God is revealed to Moses. The place of revelation is always 'holy ground'.

**Psalm : 102**

**Second Reading:**

1 Cor.10:1-6,10-12. Paul draws a message from the Old Testament story of the Crossing of the Red Sea. Not everyone recognised their moment of delivery.

**Gospel:**

Lk.13:1-9. The gospel today calls us to a new way of living and a new way of seeing.

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