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Sixth Sunday of Easter



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Declan writes

'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.'

Easy for Jesus to say that! Sure He was God - I'm only human.

He had a wonderful relationship with God - after all he was His Son; he knew him, he could talk to him.....

That might tend to be our reaction to those beautiful words of Jesus in the Gospel of John. Is there a day passes that our hearts aren't troubled or afraid, or worrying about something or other? It might be someone sick, repairs to the house, bills to be paid, late getting the children to school, stuck in traffic, an unexpected phone call to delay us, exams ahead... the list is endless.

What would Jesus say to us in the stresses and strains of everyday life?

He would say 'Come to me with your burdens, talk to me, I'm a good listener... Maybe as you pray and complain, you may see an answer, or you may see a blessing somewhere in there'.

He said to Martha 'You worry and fret over so many things - only one is needed'.

He said to his disciples 'Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor spin and yet your heavenly Father feeds them... You are worth more than many sparrows'.

If you are stressed, tired, overworked,

anxious, worried - (have I included everyone?) - Jesus invites you to spend a small bit of quiet time with Him. When the cares of His ministry got tough, when the suffering got a bit much, Jesus found comfort in prayer, in time out, time in the Gethsemane Garden, in the desert, in a quiet place. Everyone needs it. Everyone needs to focus on priorities rather than on distractions, on love rather than blame and anger, on forgiveness rather than guilt and hurt, on Resurrection rather than on the crosses we carry. Faith can move mountains, the mountains that threaten landslides which can overcome us. God wants to break through anything that oppresses us. Will we let him? Will we help him? His love surrounds us. Only that can lift us up!

POOR CLARE'S CHAPEL COLLECTION TODAY

As announced last weekend, there are collection boxes in the porches of the church this weekend for the renovation of the Chapel at the Poor Clare Convent.

Contributions may also be handed in to one of the priests, or to the sacristy during the week.

We are blessed to have this praying community of consecrated sisters in our parish. Many of us have turned to them in times of crisis and, hopefully, many will want to show their appreciation in a practical way by supporting this once-off collection.

Rest in Peace

Maureen McCarthy of Laburnum Park was laid to rest on April 30th, at 81 yrs of age. Born in Skibbereen, she came to Cork at an early age. While still a young woman, Maureen was afflicted by a severe form of arthritis, which progressively attacked all the joints of her body. She lived with constant and unrelenting pain, but it never overcame her cheerful spirit, or her faith. For many years she was confined to a wheelchair, but through the trojan efforts of her husband Paddy, who had to do almost everything for her, she managed to get around, and to keep a reasonable quality of life. We extend our sympathies to Paddy, to her son Patrick and daughter Mary, who spoke so beautifully of her at her funeral, to her brother and sisters, her carers and neighbours, and to all who mourn for her. Ar dheaslámh Dé go raibh sí.

HOPE Foundation

You can help the street children of Calcutta by taking part in the Hope Foundation's sponsored walk to the foothills of the Himalayas, which takes place from 2nd to 18th October 2004. In addition, the first two days of the trip will be spent visiting our projects in Calcutta. For further information please contact 4292990.

Menopausal Support Group

Why not go along to a new support group each Monday morning at 10.30 – 12.30 p.m. at NAOMI, 36 Washington Street. For information call 4272213 (office hours) Tuesday to Friday. Group facilitated by a qualified counsellor.

Montessori School

Enrolments for September 2004 at Colebrook Montessori School, Glasheen Road, are currently taking place. Phone 4343631

The Poor Clares – an inspiration in our parish

After over three months renovation, the Poor Clare Church re-opened on Saturday 1st May, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Bishop John Buckley was chief celebrant for the opening Mass and Blessing, together with Dean O'Connor, Fr. Declan Mansfield, Fr. Tim Cahalane, MSC, Fr. Rory O'Leary, OFM, and Fr. John Bosco, OFM, from St. Francis. In his homily, Fr. John Bosco outlined the brief history of the Poor Clare chapel built by the Dwyer family and consecrated on February 17th 1916, nearly two years after the monastery was founded in 1914 by Sr. Maria Dwyer and four Poor Clares from Carlow.

At the end of Mass, the Sisters thanked all who had made the renovations possible, while Bishop Buckley expressed his great appreciation of the Poor Clares' prayers and his joy on the wonderful occasion – he told the Sisters to take the rest of the day off!





CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our Bell Ringers who treated us to an inspirational performance at 10.00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday.

Their final hymn, *Bring Flowers of the Rarest*, was very moving, as the congregation began to sing tentatively and gathered momentum to full voice as they finished.

DID YOU KNOW...

One of our parishioners, Shane O'Mahony, now resident in Singapore, sent us this interesting – and alarming – information issued by Shell Oil. Recently three incidents occurred at petrol stations where mobile phones ignited during fuelling operations.

- A phone was placed on the car's boot lid during fuelling; it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the petrol pump.
- An individual suffered severe burns on the face when fumes ignited as the call was answered while refuelling the car.
- An individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in his pocket, rang while fuelling the car.

The message is – always turn your phone off when fuelling your car!

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Bible Corner



People react to change in very different ways. Some react creatively and enthusiastically; others anxiously and defensively. St. Paul was in the first category, but many of his peers were not. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Jew, changed everything for his co-religionists. Circumcision had long been the initiation rite into God's believing people. Now, it was to be baptism, with its gift of faith in Jesus, Son of God, that would mark one's entry into the community of believers. Physical circumcision was no longer necessary. In fact, it was counterproductive for followers of the Risen Jesus. But some devout religious people were locked into holding on to what was a traditional religious custom, even though its effectiveness had disappeared. The traditionalists fought a virulent rearguard action as we hear in this weekend's reading. It is a story that may have applications in our own lives and times.



ADVANCE ALERT

CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIME

To facilitate the broadcast of our Mass on **Sunday 30th May** and **Sunday 6th June**, Mass will be at 10.00 a.m. to replace the 10.30 Mass.

Other Mass times remain unchanged. Please cut out for reference.

**Pastoral Council**

Meeting this Monday 17th in the Parish Centre at 8.10 p.m.

Trócaire Boxes

€8,525 to date - thank you.

Found

During the week two items were found in the church, perhaps lost during the Confirmation ceremonies:

- an earring
- a completed reel of film.

Both items may be collected from the Sacristy or parish office, tel. 4344452 10.00 to 12.30 p.m.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

The annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Friday 4th June at 7.30 p.m. New members of the Pioneer association will be enrolled at this Mass. Any pioneers of 25 or 50 years membership who would like to have silver or gold pins presented to them may contact Judith Coffey (4345281) or Liam O'Driscoll (4544682) before 24th May, as pins have to be ordered in time.

Silver Jubilarian €24

Golden Jubilarian (Gilted Silver) €26

Golden Jubilarian (9 ct. gold) €116.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena at Curraheen Church commencing Friday 14th May, concluding Saturday 22nd May, nightly at 8.00 p.m.

URGENT

An important meeting of the Anti High-Rise Association will be held on Tuesday 18th May at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt. Bishopstown and Model Farm Road residents particularly welcome.

**Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle**

Our final recital for this season will take place at 3.00 p.m. next Wednesday 19th May in the crypt of our church, when Dan Murphy will give the recital. Everybody is welcome to this afternoon of delightful music.

Padre Pio Pilgrimage

Annual pilgrimage takes place to Holy Cross Abbey on Sunday 30th May. Tickets €10 available from Jackie at 4541144 (after 7.00 p.m.). Bus leaves from Opera House at 9.30 a.m. sharp. Ceremonies will begin at 1.30 p.m. this year.

God's Word**Readings for Sunday 23rd May****First Reading:**

Acts 1:1-11. Paul and Barnabas encouraged those who heard them, and gave them fresh reason to persevere.

Psalm : 46**Second Reading:**

Eph. 1:17-23. In John's vision of a renewed creation, God will wipe away the tears from every eye.

Gospel:

Lk 24:46-53. The hallmark of our lives as Christians is our love for one another.

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