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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

GRATITUDE – BLESSES THOSE WHO GIVE AND THOSE WHO RECEIVE IT.

Some of you will remember seeing the film "Schindler's List". Briefly the storyline was as follows. This man Oskar Schindler was a German industrialist. During World War II he saved thousands of Polish Jews from death in the concentration camps by insisting that he needed them for the war effort in his factories. Towards the end of the war the Germans pulled out of Poland before the arrival of Russian troops. Schindler decided that discretion was the better part of valour, and packed his bags to flee westwards. When his Jewish workers - now free - heard he was leaving they got together to express their gratitude. They had nothing to give him. One of the Jewish workers had gold cappings on his teeth and volunteered to have them extracted and made into a ring inscribed: "The one who saves a life, saves the world." Needless to say Schindler was deeply moved. But the wonderful thing about gratitude is it makes us want to give something back – It blesses those who give, and those who receive.

This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of the ten lepers who were cured, but only one came back to say thanks – and he was the most unlikely one. Jesus didn't need thanks, nor did he look for it for himself. What he said was: "Has no one come back

to give thanks to GOD except this foreigner?"

There is more to expressing thanks than just good manners. Lord, I thank you for loving me.

OUR CHOIR ON THEIR TRAVELS

Our 10.30 a.m. Massgoers will miss the harmonious tones of the choir this Sunday morning. They are visiting Cambridge over the weekend where they have been invited to sing at the Saturday evening Mass in the Cathedral of Our Lady of English Martyrs.

We wish them bon voyage!

Are you new to the area?

Welcoming Sunday

Invitation

**The priests and people of our
parish would like to welcome
you to our community.**

**You are warmly invited for
coffee with us
in the Crypt
after the 6.15 p.m. Mass on
Saturday, 16th October, or
from 11.15am to 12.15pm on
Sunday 17th.**

**We look forward to meeting you
there.**



Rest in Peace

Mary Ring, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, died unexpectedly at home on 24th August, even though she had been unwell for some time. Mary's life was inspired by her faith and especially her devotion to St. Francis and St. Padre Pio. Her spirit showed itself in her gentle kindness and openness of heart and home to one and all. It was fitting that Fr. Jack Twomey, O.F.M.Cap. would speak of this spirit at her funeral Mass in her native Blarney. She will be greatly missed by many. We offer our sincere sympathies to her husband Jack, her children, Geraldine, Tom, Marie, Tina, Susan, Denis, John and Leslie, her grandchildren, sisters and a wide circle of family and friends. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí.

Ethna MacHale was the longest resident on Bishopstown Avenue. Her late father built the family home there when it was still a Greenfield site. Ethna was a very quiet and reserved person, and well liked by all her neighbours. She suffered a good deal of ill health over the past six months or more, and passed away quietly, as she lived, at Cork University Hospital on 21st September. Requiem Mass was celebrated by her brother Canon Finbarr MacHale, a priest of the Dublin Diocese, and he was joined by four of his colleagues from Dublin. Her brother Anthony, and his wife and other relatives attended, as well as neighbours, and many of her old school friends from St. Angela's College. To all we offer the sympathy of our community. May she rest in peace.



October - Month of the Rosary

Thursday October 7th was the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary developed as a popular devotion in the Middle Ages, when much of the Liturgy was monastic in style, based on the Breviary. Monks and nuns rose during the night for Lauds, then gathered at dawn for Matins. Then there were Terce, Sext and None, Vespers (Evening Prayer), and Compline before retiring. Since lay people were unable to share in the reading and singing of the 150 psalms in the 'Offices' in this way, the 'Little Office' of 150 Hail Marys, came into being - the Rosary, sometimes called the 'Poor Person's Breviary.' It nourished and strengthened people's spirituality in a simple way.

Pope John Paul II introduced five new mysteries of the rosary a few years ago. Some people still haven't heard of them; few people use them regularly. Up to now the Joyful Mysteries were centred on Mary, along with the last two Glorious Mysteries. The new 'Mysteries of Light', or 'Luminous Mysteries', have given a new Christ-centred focus to the Rosary. The five new mysteries are: **The Baptism of Jesus, The Wedding at Cana, The Proclamation of the Kingdom and Call to Conversion, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Eucharist.** They're a bit harder to remember, but it's worth the effort. Archbishop Ncube of Zimbabwe appealed for our prayers last Sunday in the Mission Mass. Maybe we could offer a decade or two for him.



MISSION ALIVE - MASS ALIVE!

Last Sunday our church hosted the Mass, televised on RTE, marking the opening of the *Mission Alive* exhibition. On a dull, damp morning the church was alive with music, dance, symbols, colourful flags and the bright costumes of the overseas participants. The congregation - international and local - was led by the chief celebrant, Archbishop Pius Ncube of Zimbabwe.

Among the local participants in the Liturgy were our altar girls, Fr. Declan, who read the Gospel and sang, and members of the local schools who carried the offertory gifts, including an altar cloth inscribed with the names of missionaries.

In his homily the courageous Archbishop outlined starkly the plight of his country under President Mugabe: one in fifty Zimbabweans are informers; people go three to four days without food; 3,000 farms have been taken and handed over to Mugabe's henchman and in a country which once had a 85% literacy rate most children cannot go to school. On October 5th a new law will restrict the access of humanitarian aid, with dire consequences for the work of Trócaire there. He praised the Irish missionary tradition and contribution and urged us to keep alive the fire of Mission.

A footnote: Before the Mass began the tv producer asked the congregation to sing, to join in the responses, to smile and to enjoy themselves! Surely good advice for every Sunday.

Bible Corner



Crisis, need, threat can often break down barriers of social class and of prejudice and bond people together in unexpected ways as companions in difficulty on life's journey. This is particularly obvious in therapy groups helping recovery from addiction, but it is also seen in communities fighting to save their environment or some local amenity. It is not surprising then, that it happened among the lepers of Christ's time. Lepers were total outcasts, banned from all contact with the settled community. Food was left for them at designated outposts only. Living such a disrespected way of life, the centuries old and bitter barrier between Jews and Samaritans gave way to a survival camaraderie that led to a mixed group of lepers approaching Jesus for healing. All were healed but only the one who was an outcast both through health and race, returned to give thanks. The others felt entitled to the healing. They were special as they were Jews.

Our expectations about our entitlements and privileges because of our family background and our respectability, or because of our professions and our hard work, often blind us to how gratuitous all God's gifts to us, talents and opportunities, really are. Failure to appreciate the graciousness of such goodness leads to a hardening of the arteries of love that quickly kills the heart of contentment, generosity and joy. Happiness is the flowering of appreciation and of giving thanks. The Samaritan leper knew this. His cure was his salvation.



ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

PRAYER The Lord's Chat-Room - Are you on-line?

Director: Fr. Eilín Griffin of the Carmelite Community, Gort Muire, Ballinteer, Co.Dublin.

Format: Interactive - solo-presentation.

Venue: Crypt

Date: Tues. 12th October at 8pm.
- Cuppa to follow -

Special Collection

The annual collection for the Missions will be taken up at all Masses on Sunday 17th October. It goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and is used to support the young churches throughout the world in the establishment of parishes, dioceses, training of catechists and building of seminaries, etc.

The Three Irish Tenors Concert

At St. Fin Barre's Cathedral. Hope works in some of the worst slums in Calcutta, reaching out to the forgotten street children of the world. You can help these little children by supporting a wonderful night's entertainment on Saturday 23rd October, doors open at 7.30 p.m. Tickets available in Cummins Sports, North Main Street or Princes Street, Jurys Hotel or 4292990 or on-line at www.hopefoundation.info

Peace Mass

The 26th annual Mass for industrial peace, job creation and social justice will be celebrated at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay on Sunday 17th October at 4.00 p.m. Preacher Fr. Brian O'Toole, C.S.S.p.

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LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Leaving Cert. Class of 2004 at **Mount Mercy College** turned on the style for Debs night on Wednesday September 22nd for their Debs Ball at the Rochestown Park Hotel. The students organised the Debs themselves and it was the first year the event was held in the Rochestown Park Hotel. The meal began at 8.00 p.m. and was followed by a rock band and a D.J. Teachers also attended the event and a great night was had by all. The fashion was fantastic and the girls looked great.

Bishopstown GAA Club News

County Senior Football Final

Bishopstown v Carbery or Mallow Sunday October 17th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Support your local club!

Under 21 Hurling Championship

Bishopstown v Na Piarsaigh Wednesday Oct 13th at Páirc Uí Rinn 8 p.m.

County Premier Minor Hurling Final

Monday October 25th Give your support to our minors in their efforts to win a second Premier title in a row!

God's Word

[Readings for Sunday 17th October

First Reading:

Ex.17:8-13. Moses, holding up his hands in prayer, is a prefiguring of Jesus who constantly intercedes for us before God, our Father.

Psalm : Ps. 120

Second Reading:

2 Tim. 3:14-4:2. St. Paul reminds Timothy of his duty to preach the Good News constantly, whether it is well-received or not.

Gospel:

Lk. 18:1-8. Jesus tells a story to illustrate the importance of praying with perseverance.

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