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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**  
*Fr. Declan writes*

## Worthy of God's Love? Not me

What image have we of God? Where does this image come from? How many of us really believe God **can** love us? How many of us really believe deep in our hearts that God **does** love us? Many people struggle with these questions and especially with the answers to them. It is particularly difficult for people who have experienced failure, rejection, abuse, disrespect, loss of love, or who are too conscious of their sinfulness, to believe that God could love them. Sometimes we can profess to believe this, but we cannot **feel** it deep in our hearts.

An experience of the love of God for us can come and go. It can be easy enough to believe God loves us when things are going well; not so easy when the mood is low. But the Jesus of the Gospels made so many people believe in God's love for them. He restored their dignity and self-worth. This is where we need the gift of faith, the gift of trust, and the gift of knowing the Jesus of the Gospels.

Prayer can help. Try taking a few of your most treasured possessions – maybe a ring, a special gift someone gave you, a photo, a letter, a religious object – and light a candle beside them, and look back at moments of love and wellbeing. Remember and give thanks. Be a child again in a parent's arms. Remember how God has loved you in the past. Make an act of trust in the future.

Or take a story from the Gospels – e.g. the Prodigal Son, or one of the healing miracles, and spend a while with the Loving Father, the God of Jesus. Or picture yourself as one of the blind, the crippled, the deaf, whom Jesus touched and healed.

We make our own images of God sometimes, coming from our own circumstances and moods. That is idolatry. God is infinitely greater – **and more merciful!**

Fr. Declan Mansfield, C.C



## *Rest in Peace*

Cathleen Murray, Model Farm Road, died on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at the Bon Secours Hospital surrounded by her loving family. With her late husband Aidan, Cathleen came to live in Cork over fifty years ago. As well as rearing and educating her five children, Cathleen was deeply involved in the Arts through her work with the fledgling Cork Ballet Company and lunchtime concerts in the Crawford Gallery. Her prowess in Bridge was undimmed despite failing eyesight. One of her many gifts was her sensitivity – she knew what people needed whether it be a kindness, a listening ear, a gentle word or food. She loved her grandchildren and took great pride in their gifts and hobbies. Even last year, when she was far from well, she went to see her grandson Niall play hurling and football with Cork Minors. We offer our sincerest sympathies to her son Darragh, her daughters Lucette, Fiona, Eithne and Niamh, her daughter-in-law Annette, her sons-in-law John and Noel, her grandchildren and a wide circle of family and friends. Fé choimirce Mhuire go raibh sí.

### CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to parishioners **RONAN CURRAN** and **DONAL O'GRADY** on their roles in Cork's victory in the Senior All-Ireland Hurling Championship. Best wishes to Donal on a job splendidly done, and to Ronan, wishing him many more happy years in the field of play.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The October meeting was held last Monday night.

The recent seminar for those involved in parish church activities was discussed. Arising from the debate, it was decided to examine further initiatives and explore ways by which certain needs within the parish could be addressed.

The Council agreed that the televised Mission Mass from our church on 3<sup>rd</sup> October had been an outstanding success.

Last weekend's "Welcoming Sunday" organised to welcome newcomers to the parish community was considered a positive and innovative undertaking.

A sub-committee, chaired by Fr. Mansfield was formed to oversee the launch of the parish website; further details later.

Next meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> November.



We offer our sincere sympathy to **FRANK BARNETT**, Wilton Road, on the death of his brother Jim.

To **Séan Coughlan**, Model Farm Road, on the death of his mother.



## LOCAL SCHOOLS

### MOUNT MERCY

#### Let The Games Begin:

Congratulations to all the Second Year Students who took part in the "Let The Games Begin" Competition for the province of Munster. This competition was run by the Olympic Council of Ireland. A special congratulations to Tamzin Merivale who was chosen to receive a set of ASICS sports gear for herself and for the Junior Camogie Team. Prizes will be presented by the Lord Mayor Of Dublin, Cllr. Michael Conaghan on Tuesday 19th October at a special reception in the Mansion House.

#### Leaving Certificate Retreat

On Thursday, October 7th, the Leaving Certificate Students and their teachers attended a Retreat facilitated by the Scala Team in Bessboro, Blackrock. The day afforded the students the time for some reflection and introspection, in what is a busy year for them. Activities commenced with song and dance and was followed by discussions, games and meditation in the beautiful surrounds of the Cork Heritage Park. The day concluded with Mass, a moving ceremony organised and undertaken by the students. Leaders, students and teachers had an enjoyable and rewarding day.



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#### Mission Alive!

Senior students from the school were privileged to be part of the special Mission Alive Mass. Staff, parents and fellow students were very proud of our representatives - and especially so of Colm O'Regan who had the key role of animator of the Mass. Thanks to Fr. Tom Clancy who invited us to become involved in this magnificent celebration. All transition year students later attended the celebration of Irish missionary activity at Bishopstown G.A.A. It proved to be an interesting and informative outing and offered students the opportunity to experience the extraordinary contribution, spiritual and practical, that has been made by religious and lay missionaries over the years and continues to be made today.

#### Junior Certificate Results

Well done to all our Junior Cert. students who did so well in their recent examination. It was marvellous to see so many happy faces on the day when the boys received their results.

#### MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Oct: Vigil Mass 6.15 p.m.

Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: 9.00, 10.30, 12.15.  
Vigil Mass 6.15 p.m.

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. (Feast of All Saints):  
9.00, 10.30 (no 12.15 Mass), Evening  
Mass at 7.30 p.m.



### St. Oliver's Cemetery

Mass will be celebrated in St. Oliver's Cemetery on 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 p.m. All welcome.

*We remember those who  
have gone before us*

### Novena for Holy Souls

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Please place your completed envelope in the box at the altar rails before November starts.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Once again may we appeal for donations to our fuel fund to help the needy of the parish. Our priests, the parish office (10.00 to 12.30), or any member of the Conference will gladly forward donations. Many thanks.

### Bishopstown Senior Social Services

New exercise and dance sessions for seniors every Thursday at 2.30 p.m. in Wilton Park House. Qualified Health Board Tutor. Vacancies. Please contact Roger Coughlan at 086-3866975, Breda Scully at 4541955 or Nora Fitzpatrick at 4546358.

### Bishopstown G.A.A.

Revamped County Board Draw. Why not join now? Support your local club and be in with a chance to win great prizes. Phone 4545616 after 7.00 p.m. The Indoor Sports Hall is available for birthday parties, indoor sports, etc. Call 4545616.

### Bridge

At S.M.A. Hall on Wednesday nights. New members welcome.

### Monastic Experience Weekend

The Cistercian sisters at Glencairn, Co. Waterford, invite single women, aged 22-40, to spend the weekend of Fri 29 - Sun 31 October 2004 with them, to join in their prayer, worship and work, and to explore the possibility of monastic vocation. For details, visit [www.glencairnabbey.org](http://www.glencairnabbey.org), email [vocations@glencairnabbey.org](mailto:vocations@glencairnabbey.org), or contact Sr. Eleanor, St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Co Waterford, phone 058-56168, fax 058-56616.

## God's Word

### Readings for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

#### First Reading:

Wis.11:22-12:2. God is addressed as Creator of all things and source of wisdom.

#### Psalms: Ps. 144

#### Second Reading:

2 Thess. 1:11-2:2. St. Paul warns the early Christians about heeding false rumours of the Second Coming of Christ.

#### Gospel:

Lk.19:1-10. Jesus visits the home of the wealthy man, Zachaeus.

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