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OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

God Does Not Have Favourites

As I write, voters are going to the polls to elect a man to the most powerful political job in the world. We hope that their choice may turn out to be a good one for the whole world. Important though the role of the President of the U.S.A. may be, it is encouraging to realise and to remember often that each of our lives is just as significant as his life. In God's eyes and in God's plan – this is what really counts in the end – my life and your life is uniquely precious. God does not have favourites. Some are called to high profile roles in life with enormous opportunities and corresponding responsibilities for human welfare. Others' lives may be more ordinary and mundane, but each has the opportunity to sow little seeds of goodness and create embryonic cells of justice and peace. To live through love in God's presence is the cornerstone of all human fulfilment and lasting achievement. It is open to each of us. For this, we give thanks.

Tom Cloney

MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR

Our traditional annual Mass for parishioners who died since November 2003 will be celebrated on Friday 12th 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 lighted candle to our November shrine. All parishioners are invited.

HOLY SOULS

The Novena continues this week until Wednesday 10th with Masses at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. The 7.30 p.m. Mass will continue until Friday 12th when Mass will be celebrated for deceased parishioners.

Four Stars for Fair Trade

In a recent survey of tea bags in *The Irish Times* the verdict on Robt Roberts Fairtrade Tea (Green Label) was "Fair play to the fair-trade tea". They came second best in the survey and received a four-star rating, which signifies "Great"

REMINDER!

It is important that items to be published in the Bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday morning



Rest in Peace

Patrick O'Donoghue, Wilton Gardens – or “Pa” as he was affectionately known to his friends – died at his home on Tuesday 19th October. He had been in failing health for about a year and a half prior to his death, and was in and out of hospital a lot during that time. In fact, he was due to return to the Bon Secours later on the afternoon he died, but the Lord gave him his wish to die in the comfort of his own home surrounded with love from his wife Helen and family. In his younger years Patrick was actively involved in lots of games. He won a Harty medal with the North Mon, later he was involved with Highfield Rugby Club, and he was a keen golfer. He spent most of his working life with the Irish Refining Co. where he was highly respected. We offer the sympathy of our community to his dear wife Helen, his family, Michael, John and Catherine, his sister Clare and extended family.

Josephine (Jos) O'Mahony was called to her eternal reward on Saturday 9th October having reached the ripe age of 92 years. She had lived life to the full and enjoyed very good health until she was hospitalised the day previous to her death. Jos was the last surviving member of the O'Driscoll family of five sisters and one brother. She was born at Bweeng near Mallow and attended the local school where her father and mother taught. Later, she with her twin sister Kay, completed secondary education at the Gaelscoil, Eccles Steet, Dublin. She

qualified as a Domestic Science Teacher and taught in Dunmanway where she met her future husband Con, and spent some years teaching in Skibbereen. She was predeceased by Con and daughter Maureen. In the later years of her life, Jos was cared for by her dear daughter Ann. She was a devout Catholic and enjoyed her game of golf at Muskerry and her game of Bridge at Highfield Hall. Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a hanam dílis álainn.

Rita Lynch (nee Hurley), Clonlee, Wilton Gardens, died in Mount St. Joseph's on 11th October. She died as she had lived, quietly and peacefully. Originally from Clonakilty where her family were well-known business people, Rita and her husband Haulie were early residents in Wilton Gardens. She was a quiet unassuming person dedicated to her home and family. She was a great reader and enjoyed all types of books. She also enjoyed her garden and her flowers. A good and kind neighbour, she will be missed, not alone by her family, but also by her many friends and neighbours. We offer our sincerest sympathies to her husband Michael (Haulie), her children John Miriam, Michael, her grandchildren, daughters-in-law and relatives. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a hanam dílis.

May Christ live in your hearts and may your lives, rooted in love, grow strong in Him. *Ephesians 3:17*



Bible Corner



As well as being a matter of facts, truth is also an attitude of heart. Being economical with the truth seems to mean that one misleads another without saying something that could be proved later to be a complete lie. It is a frequently used ploy that seeks to move responsibility for genuine communication from the speaker to the listener whereas both have a responsibility. The responsibility of the speaker is to communicate fully whatever the other is entitled to know. The recipient must be willing to accept the truth no matter how painful or unacceptable it may be. This more open approach to truth is essential for the well-being of society and all our interpersonal relationships. Truth is a precious cornerstone of all human living. To tamper with it, is to endanger all our well being.

Loaded questions can be a particularly insidious way of playing around with the truth. One asks such a question not to find out something, but to harm another person. It happens in Sunday's gospel. Belief in the resurrection was a source of division among the Jews. The Sadducees did not believe it. Jesus did. So they set out to entrap him through a trick question which Jesus ignored. Instead, he pointed out to them that their own great leader, Moses, had clearly taught that God is the God of the living and not of the dead. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were alive with the Lord forever and so could they be. But they were so engrossed in their cares that they were unable to visualise the greatness God had in store for them, not merely a continuation of this life but much more.

Resurrection faith or the lack of it colours all our lifestyles. It is often kept at bay through our preoccupation with comfort and security. Grace can be blocked by our habitual attitude to the truth. Faith is a gift worth seeking and making room for in our busy lives. This weekend is an opportunity to awaken our attentiveness to God's word, spoken in truth.



We offer our sincere sympathy to MRS. MARGARET FOLEY, 49 Leedale, Model Farm Road, on the death of her sister, Philomena O'Sullivan.

Who Do You Say I Am?

Emmaus Men's Fellowship annual conference present Fr. Thaddeus Doyle (Curate's Diary) to speak on the above theme on Saturday and Sunday 13/14 November at the Sacred Heart Community Centre between 10.30 and 5.30 p.m. both days. Mass on Sunday afternoon. All welcome. Further details please contact 4872828.

Bishopstown & District Lions Club

A fund raising night in aid of housing units for the elderly at Murphy's Farm will take place on Thursday 18th November at 8.00 p.m. in the Bishopstown G.A.A. Hall. Choirs include City Hall Choir, Curraheen Choir, Cork School of Music, Airport Singers and more. Adm. €10. Your support will be appreciated.



Pastoral Council

Monthly meeting takes place tomorrow Monday 8th at 8.10 p.m. in Parish Centre.

Prayer Services at Cemeteries

Today Sunday 7th at St. Michael's Cemetery at 3 p.m., and on Sunday 14th November at 3.00 p.m. in St. Finbarr's Cemetery.

Anti-High Rise Association

Meeting will be held in the Crypt on Tuesday 9th at 8.00 p.m. All welcome.

Bishopstown Community School

Help us celebrate the 25th anniversary of our school on Sunday 14th November when we will open our doors to all pupils who have walked the halls of the BCS. So come and re-live some old memories and see some old faces. Kiddies' entertainment, refreshments, live music from past and present pupils. But most importantly – YOU!

First-year enrolment application forms for 2005 available at the school, to be returned by Wednesday 17th November. Tel. 4544311.

Ardfallen Fair

On Saturday 13th from 10.30 to 2.00 at Ardfallen Centre, Douglas Road (beside Briar Rose). Stalls galore, teas and minerals. Proceeds for Third World and Church and Community work. Something for all the family.

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For information on pre-marriage courses, natural family planning, achieving a pregnancy, menopause counselling and support group, please contact 4272213, Tuesday to Friday, office hours.

Irish Red Cross

Annual church-gate collection will take place on the weekend of Saturday 20th/21st November. Money collected is used to purchase essential life-saving equipment for our ambulance. Some of this equipment can prove to be very expensive but is essential. We receive no government funding, so we depend entirely on voluntary contributions. If you have any queries please contact 086-3747687.

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Keys in Crypt. Please contact the Sacristy.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 14th November

First Reading:

2 Macc. 3:19-20. The reading from Malachai points us towards a future where evil will be no more.

Psalm : Ps. 97

Second Reading:

2 Thess. 3:7-12. We are reminded by St. Paul of the value of work.

Gospel:

Lk. 21:5-19. We are asked to be alert and ready, refusing to follow false prophets.

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