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writes

LENTEN SUNDAYS

School mid-term this coming week highlights that Easter will be upon us in no time. Easter is the solemn celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Every Sunday Eucharist is a mini-Easter because, in every Mass, we share again in the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Saviour.

Routine may blur the wonder of what we are doing. However, life-giving routines will enhance our relationship with the Lord. Lenten Sundays are an opportunity to develop worship routines that tune us to the presence of God in his Word, in the Eucharist and among us as a praying community.

To begin at the beginning, a good routine would be to be in church at least five minutes before Mass begins, and so be ready to join together as a praying people. Arriving five minutes beforehand can make a huge difference to how we participate. It will provide an opportunity to preview the readings. Better still, one can read over the gospel during the previous week. To ensure that our faith is nourished, we must be receptive to the gift of God's Word. The ready mind and open heart can be

enriched beyond our expectations.

The great communal prayer of thanks over the bread and wine reaches a climax in the invitation to come and receive Jesus, the Risen Lord. Nourished in love, we are challenged to bring his love to the wide world.

Our Lenten Sunday routines will prepare us for a faith-filled Easter if we grasp the opportunity.

"Just Lent"

The next speaker in the lunchtime series, will be Mary Kealy, volunteer legal adviser at the Immigrant Support Centre in Cork:

"Asylum and Immigration in Ireland"

February 16th, 1 – 2 pm, in the Crypt

All are welcome

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the Bulletin home
or give it to a
friend or neighbour.**

LOCAL SCHOOLS

St. Catherine's National School

Open Day will take place next Thursday 10th February, between 11.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. Come and see us as we work.

Mount Mercy

Tsunami Fundraiser

On Wednesday January 19th, T.Y. students held a fund-raising event in the aid of victims of the recent Tsunami disaster. The event was co-ordinated by Ms. C. McCarthy and a staggering €3,700.00 was raised.

The Marriage of Figaro

On Thursday, January 20th, the music students of Mount Mercy College experienced a whole different kind of theatre, as fledgling theatre group 'Opera 2005' continued their schools initiative. The programme involved students in an Opera Workshop based on The Marriage of Figaro by Mozart which the group will stage in the Opera House from February 16th - 20th.

The Plough and the Stars

On Thursday, February 3rd, Fifth Year English students attended at Cork Opera House to view The Abbey Theatre production of The Plough and the Stars by Sean O'Casey. O'Casey's remarkable classic depicts Dublin Tenement life during the 1916 rising.

Form & Fusion Art Competition

Congratulations to all Mount Mercy students who participated in the recent heats of the Form & Fusion Design Competition and who all reached a very high standard. The following were chosen to represent Mount Mercy in the regional heats in Dublin on February 23rd: Karen Walsh, Una Shiel, Olivia

Breen, Katie Flannery and Aine Lane with their creation entitled **Lady Narcissist**; Andrea Linehan and Emma Kavanagh with **Lady L'Automne**; Mary Gallagher & Aisling O'Meara with **Colours of the Wind**.



POOR CLARE SOLEMN PROFESSION

Sr. Faustina of the Eucharistic King of Divine Mercy made her Solemn Profession in the Poor Clare Chapel on Wednesday 2nd February, Feast of the Presentation, and World Day for Consecrated Religious Life.

She was joined by her mother, Mrs. Eileen Sheehan, family and friends from her native Newmarket, Co Cork, along with Fr. Cronin, P.P. Newmarket, who concelebrated Mass with Bishop Buckley and many priests.

Fr. John Bosco, O.F.M. preached the homily which can be seen at: www.corkandross.org/html/HomilyFaustina.html

It was a day of great rejoicing and Sr. Faustina looked radiantly happy. The priests and people of our parish will always have a special place in her prayers. She would like you to join with her in thanking God for bringing her to this special day and in praying for others whom God may be calling to priesthood and religious life.

God bless and reward you.



Justice and Peace

Do you know that more than 3,500 people, who applied for asylum in Ireland, have been waiting more than a year to have their applications processed?

The vast majority of those seeking asylum in Ireland want to support themselves and to be able to rebuild their lives.

There will an opportunity next weekend, 19th and 20th February, to support the Cois Tine Postcard Campaign, calling on the Government

- *Give the right to work to Asylum Seekers whose applications have not been processed within six months of arrival in Ireland.*
- *Grant residency rights to non Irish parents with children born in Ireland, who had applied for residency prior to the Supreme Court decision of January 2003.*
- *Grant residency rights to those who have been waiting more than two years for a decision on the asylum application.*
- *Grant to Asylum Seekers, who do not qualify for recognition as Refugees but who are in need of protection, leave to remain on humanitarian grounds.*

Postcards will be available for signing in the Church before and after all masses.

Bible Corner



JESUS OUR SAVIOUR

The recent remembrances of the liberation of the World War II death camps reminded us all of how depraved human beings can become in their dealings with one another. How could such evil come about? What is the source of such evil? More importantly, what is the remedy?

These questions have challenged people for centuries. Recognising evil in their midst, the ancient Hebrew people tried to formulate an answer through the story of Adam's original disobedience as recounted in this weekend's first reading.

In the second reading, St. Paul starts from that story to highlight the antidote for evil and sin. It is the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus not only offsets the evil brought about by the original failure of Adam but opens up for us the free gift of being restored to God's friendship.

Jesus was able to do this because as well as being divine, he was truly human, subject to temptation like the rest of us as we read in today's gospel.

Sobering lessons for the beginning of Lent.

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We offer our sincere sympathy to ROSALIE MOLONEY, Farranlea Park, on the death of her aunt, Joan O'Mahony.



Announcements

Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 13th at 8.10 p.m. in the Parish Centre.



Gospel Singing Group

Come and join the Gospel Singing Group in the Toghier Church Sacristy on Monday next 7th February at 7.15 p.m. No need to be able to read music. Everybody welcome.



Bishopstown Senior Social Centre

Weekly activities:

Have fun with older people in dance with Hosannah Driver on Mondays at 2.30 p.m. and with Margo Lyons on Thursdays at 2.30 p.m.

Computers for the petrified, coached by Michael O'Connor on Tues/Wed/Thurs. at 12. noon.

Cards - 45 - beginners welcome, coached by Haulie Lynch on Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m.

Varied activities, - exercise, fun, games, music, reminiscing on Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m.

€3 per session, including cuppa, cake and chat. New seniors especially welcome.

Anti High Rise Association

Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd February in the Crypt at 8.00 p.m. It is in your own interest to attend this meeting.

SPECIAL events

Spring Concert

At Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross, Friday 18th February at 8 p.m. Cara O'Sullivan, soprano, Anthony Mee, tenor, The Barrack Street Silver & Reed Band, Christ the King parish choir. Tickets €20 available from Pro Musica or Christ the King parish office.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 20th February

First Reading:

Gen.12:1-4. God made a wonderful promise to Abraham, and that promise was fulfilled.

Psalm : 32

Second Reading:

2 Tim.1:8-10. St. Paul writes to his co-worker, Timothy, encouraging him to persevere, relying on the grace of Christ Jesus.

Gospel:

Mt. 17:1-9. The gospel today brings us a glimpse of glory in the Transfiguration of Jesus.

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