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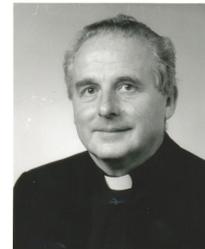
First Reading:
Deut. 18:15-20

Psalm 94

Second Reading:
1 Cor. 7:32-35

Gospel:
Mk 1:21-28

OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES



OUR REAL NEEDS

The arrival of the 06 cars has lessened the commercial value of my 98 model. It is not that my tried and tested vehicle is of less value to me now than it was in December, but market forces have decided that because the year has turned, value drops.

Advertising's task is to awaken a yearning for the new. Then it multiplies our wants and tries to turn them into needs. It also nurtures an attitude that says that to be happy we must have everything we want. Nothing could be more deceptive. Our real needs for food, shelter, health care, education are comparatively straightforward. Our basic needs for identity, for relationship and for love are not met by acquiring more. Indeed, the opposite seems to be nearer the mark. It is in giving and caring for the community that we realise that we are made in the image of a generous and totally self-giving God.

As the talks about Social Partnership get under way, we must realise that selfishness is the cancer of our community.

- Rather than lower individual taxation, we need shorter queues in health care.
- Rather than more tax shelters, we need more houses, shelters for the homeless.
- Rather than more individual freedoms, we need a common vision of the good.

Would you like to tell your T.D., your Trade Union or your professional association what you think we really need in 2006? Would our voices make a difference?

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Mary Daly, Farranlea Grove, died at the Mercy Hospital on 5th January. She was 93 years of age and in failing health for the past couple of years, and then went to live with her daughter Mary and family in Glanmire. Maura was the last of her generation from the well known and respected Deasy family of Droumnafinchin, Bantry. She was a very enterprising young woman, and set up her own hairdressing salon in Dunmanway where she met and married Jerome Daly. Subsequently she opened other salons in Bandon and Clonakilty, and finally here in Cork. The family moved here altogether at that stage. We extend our sympathy to her family - Mary, Michael and Caroline, her grandchildren, in-laws, and all her relatives in Bantry and Dublin. Her funeral took place to Dunmanway where she was buried with her husband Jerome who predeceased her by many years.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to JOAN LONG, Model Farm Road, on the death of her brother Seamus Long, Newmarket.

NOTICE BOARD

Theology Forum Book Club

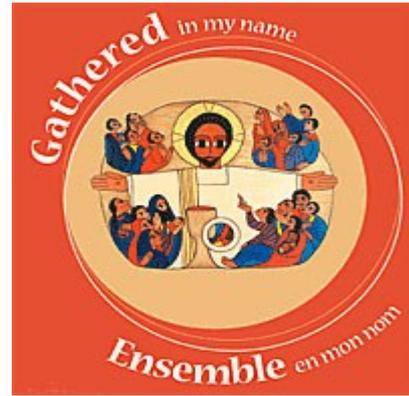
The aim of the book club is that people have an opportunity to read theology and discuss it with others. Sessions will take place once a month from 8.00 to 9.30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Catherine's Convent commencing 2nd February, or Mondays at St. Dominic's, Ennismore commencing 6th February. Book: 'The Lost Message of Jesus', by Steve Chalk and Alan Mann which can be ordered from Veritas, Carey's Lane. Contact Sybil Fuller at 4358265 for further details.

The Hidden Life

The Christmas season is over. To the song of the angels Christ was born. Shepherds and kings adored him. Herod tried to kill him. He fled to Egypt and returned to Nazareth. There his hidden life began.

The hidden life was not a waste of time. The thirty years in which he "increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men" were no less important than the time of his public ministry. We too can imitate him during these hidden days of January.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2006



The traditional date for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18-25 January. Those dates were proposed in 1908 to cover the days between the feast of St. Peter and the feast of St. Paul, and therefore have a symbolic meaning. In the southern hemisphere where January is a holiday time churches often find other days to celebrate the week of prayer, for example around Pentecost, which is also a symbolic date for the unity of the church. In this parish we hold an ecumenical service around Pentecost but we are also invited to participate in prayer in this special week.

The theme of this year's Week of Prayer is from Matthew 18: **Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.** We are encouraged to read this passage in the light of the importance given to the commandment of love in John's gospel: "This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you"



O living God, show us how to turn to you at every moment. So often we forget that your Holy Spirit lives in us, prays in us, loves in us.

Your miracle in us is your continual forgiveness, and our confidence in you.

O living God, here and now, in the present moment, 'you disperse our faults like morning mist,' and slip on our finger the ring of the prodigal son.

Brother Roger of Taizé

In 1940 Brother Roger founded an international, ecumenical community in Taizé, France.