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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
5<sup>th</sup> March

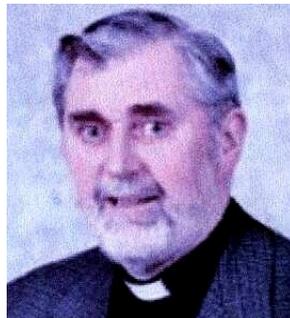
First Reading:  
Gen. 9:8-15

Psalm 24

Second Reading:  
1 Pet 3:18-22

Gospel:  
Mk 1:12-15

## THE ORDINATION OF RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP PATRICK LYNCH, SS.CC.



IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH. When? Where? Tuesday 14th February 2006 at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. What am I talking about? Well, that was the day when 'one of our own' Fr. Paddy Lynch, Model Farm Road, was ordained Auxiliary Bishop for Southwark Archdiocese in London.

The ceremony was billed to start at 12 noon. At 11.00 every seat in the magnificent Cathedral of St. George was filled. At 11.30 every inch of standing room was occupied, while hundreds more stood on the pavements outside and at the entrances. The clergy were led by Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor (of well known Cork family), and the Archbishop of Southwark, Most Rev. Kevin McDonald. There were thirty-five other Bishops from England and Wales, among them Bishop O'Donoghue, Bishop

of Lancaster and a native of Mourneabbey, Mallow, and Bishop Stack, born here in the Lough Parish. There were over 300 priests present. The mayors of the different Boroughs of South London attended in colourful robes and chains of office. But the 'People of God' from all classes were at the real heart of the celebrations - and did they inspire the rest of us!! The singing was uplifting in volume and enthusiasm, but the general atmosphere of sheer joy and gladness had to be experienced rather than described. But not a hint of triumphalism, just it's great to be here. A notable feature of the Offertory Procession was the participation by twenty Nigerian ladies in colourful native costumes with drums and hymns as they did their dance right up to the sanctuary. The whole ceremony took two and a half hours.

Afterwards the thousands present, high and low, were invited to a reception at a huge marquee in the Cathedral grounds. The food was fine and plenty to feed the crowds, but everyone of those thousands wanted just one thing - to clasp the hand or arm or soutane of our new Bishop Patrick Lynch. And he had a word and a welcome and a smile for everybody whether from the heart of Africa or the Model Farm Road. Guests of honour were his mother Brid, his sister Noreen, his brothers Gerry and Kevin and their wives Gillian and Bernie, and several other relatives from Cork and Ballycotton.

It was a day to remember and thank God for the joy of it all. And now our prayers go with Bishop Paddy as he takes up his new duties as Bishop of over fifty Parishes in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Dean Denis O'Connor

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## SEASON OF LENT

- Next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March is Ash Wednesday and a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed after Masses at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m.
- Daily Mass (Monday to Friday) for Lent will be at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m.
- Trócaire Boxes will be available in the church

## NOTICE BOARD

### Walk With Me

This *Lenten Journey of Prayer* booklet will be available in the church bookrack from Ash Wednesday.

### First Friday

Next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10.00 to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

### Bereavement Support Group

Beginning in the SMA Parish Centre Wilton on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 p.m. room 10, open to all people recently or long-term bereaved. For further information please call Margaret 4544429, Kathleen 4544262 or Chris 4546392.

### Bishopstown GAA Hurling & Football Club

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated in 2007. It is hoped to compile a club history and photographs, minute books or any other Club information people may have to offer would be appreciated. The contact person Claire O'Mahony, P.R.O., can be contacted by post, mobile (086-6065112) or e-mail (claire.omahony@o2.ie). Photographs and original documentation will be returned to the owners.

### Thinking of Taking the Pledge for Lent?

Non-Pioneers are invited to take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Conditions for enrolment as follows:

- To abstain from all intoxicating drink
- To recite the Prayer daily

To wear the emblem publicly.

Please contact your local Centre at 4345281. (Emblem €3, card 20c).

Short-Term Pledge Prayer: I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all intoxicating drink until Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

### Gala Concert

In aid of St. Finbarr's South Parish Church renovation fund, at the South Chapel on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. Tickets €15 available from Pro Musica, South Chapel after Masses, or O'Mahony Printers, Parliament Street.

## Bible Corner



### A CELTIC TIGER INVITATION

Prosperity is a many sided experience. Wisely used, it can relieve poverty and oppression as well as creating new opportunities for true human enrichment for many. Our own country is living proof of this aspect. But we also see that new wealth is not shared evenly. Many who were trapped in poverty remain trapped due to lack of support or motivation or oppressive structures.

Among the successful achievers, the attraction of new wealth and glamorous life style can create a selfishness and indulgence that obscures the finer things in life like sensitivity to service, generosity to the needy, nurturing of family bonds, growing in a living faith and sharing it especially with the young.

Hosea lived in a similar Celtic tiger era for his own people. In this weekend's reading, he presents the Lord luring his people back to deeper relationship with himself. The Lord will again awaken us to integrity and justice through his tenderness and love.

How will a Celtic tiger people respond? Will we listen to his call? Will we come to know the Lord? The invitation is from the Lord. R.S.V.P. in prayer and in life style this Lent.

Fr. Tom Clancy

### An Introduction to Early Irish (Celtic) Spirituality

Wednesday Nights

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd.

The Crypt. 8.00 – 9.30 p.m.

Presenter: Fr. Declan

Spirituality of the Desert,  
Irish Monasticism, the Writings of Patrick, Early Irish  
Saints, Exile,  
the Beginnings of Confession,  
the Early Mass, Art and Spirituality – Book of Kells, High  
Crosses etc.

Booking is not essential, but if interested in attending  
please telephone  
the parish office at 4344452  
in order to facilitate arrangements

### MOUNT MERCY NEWS

*Felicitaciones!* Congratulations to Mount Mercy Transition year student, Olivia Van Walleghem, who obtained the best results in Spanish in the Junior Cert exam 2005. Her achievement was acknowledged by the *Consejeria de Educacion* of the Spanish Embassy on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Dublin. She was presented with a Diploma by the Spanish Ambassador at an awards ceremony which was held at the *Instituto Cervantes* - Spanish Cultural Institute - and which was also attended by her teacher of Spanish, Ms Chantal Villa-Mulcahy and the school Principal, Pádraigín Uí Ríordáin.