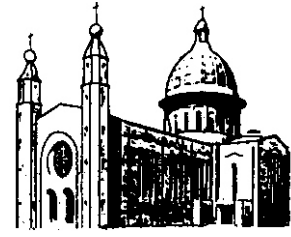


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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
17th September

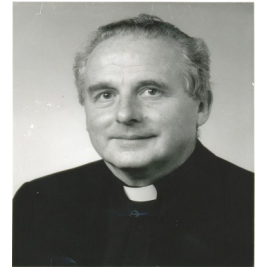
First Reading:
Is 50:5-9

Psalms 114

Second Reading
James 2:14-18

Gospel:
Mark 8:27-35

OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES



HARVESTING AND SOWING

September is the climax month of harvest time. Grain is safely stored. Apple trees are heavily laden. The soil is ready to yield up its root crops. The chestnuts are falling from trees at the church gate. The swallows are almost totally departed for sunnier climes. In every respect of nature, there is a sense of completion.

But, there are also new beginnings. The farmer is already ploughing and preparing the soil for reseeded. Even the birds are scattering the seeds of new life. It is now or never.

September is the great month of new beginnings in the cycle of human living. Schools reopen. The four-year olds step out to 'big' school. The young teenagers take on the wider world in post-primary school. Third level reawakens to its many roles, social and educational. New hope is born. New friendships emerge. New visions re-nurtured.

New life. New beginnings on so many sides. To remain stagnant in any area is to die. This is true of water, of relationships, of love, of family, of neighbourhoods, of parishes.

Now is a time of appreciation and growth, appreciation of one another and of all God's gifts; growth in love and service.

- Give thanks to each one who has blessed your life.
- Give time to family, to friends, to prayer.
- Give love in the measure you hope to receive.
- Give service beyond duty in building up the community.
- Give a welcome to every initiative of goodness.
- Enable the young to realise their potential for goodness.
- Enable others to believe in themselves and in God.
- Enable the poor to live with dignity.
- Enable the disabled to flourish.
- Enable the discouraged to hope and make a new start.

Do it now before the chance is lost forever.
Hoarded seeds (like time, talent and money) never bear fruit.
Have a fruitful autumn and winter.

Fr. Tom Clancy

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Lest We Forget

May Gately, (a native of Dalkey) of Wilton Avenue, Bishopstown, was laid to rest on Monday 26th June in St. Finbarr's Cemetery after 11 o'clock Mass in the S.M.A. Church, Wilton. May passed away unexpectedly after a brief illness and was reunited with her beloved daughter Mary who had predeceased her. A regular Mass goer in the African Missions she will be sadly missed by her husband Thomas, her sons Seamus, Tommy and John and her daughter Anne, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace.

Camilla O'Keefe passed away peacefully on June 25th, 2006, at the Cork University Hospital, after being ill for a little while. She lived in Wilton Avenue, Bishopstown, and was a loyal supporter of the African Missions where she attended Mass on a very regular basis. She will be greatly missed by her dearly loved husband Martin, daughter Maria, son Patrick, grandson Stephen, brothers Stan and Patrick, son-in-law, relatives and friends. She was laid to rest in St Finbarr's Cemetery after 12 noon Requiem Mass in St Joseph's SMA Church, Wilton. May she rest in peace.

Winnie O'Donovan, Woodleigh Park, died, as she lived, quietly and peacefully at Marymount on 6th July. Winnie was always welcome in any company. She cared for everybody except herself, and maintained her infectious good humour to the end. After her death at Marymount she was brought back to her own home, where her husband Sean, family and close friends prayed and kept vigil until her Requiem Mass on Saturday morning 8th July. A very large attendance had gathered to pray for Winnie, and support her family. We extend our very sincere sympathy to Sean, her family Berna, Fiona, Hilary and Sean, her grandchildren Leah, Kevin Emma, Eoin, Ellie, Amy and Katie, her sister Pat and all her may relatives and friends.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Bridie O'Donovan**, Parklea Court, Model Farm Road, on the death of his sister, Dolly.

Notice Board

Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next week -end. Please let us know if you do not receive a copy.

Pastoral Council

Monthly meeting on Monday 11th in Parish Centre at 8.10 p.m.

Coffee Morning

At St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, on Thursday 21st September from 10.45 to mid-day. We look forward to welcoming a large crowd to support the special fundraising campaign which is going on at present for a new Hospice.

Study Theology from Home

The Priory Institute, Tallaght, Dublin, offers a study programme by distance learning, with 15 week modules, supported by a network of study centres and by internet. Deadline for Autumn is September 20th. Further details from 01-4048127 or 01-4040124., email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com, website: www.prioryinstitute.com

Migraine Association of Ireland

Meeting today Sunday 10th at 2pm in the Imperial Hotel. The seminar features local and international experts including Dr. Edward O'Sullivan, Director of the Migraine Clinic in CUH. For more information, call the Association's Helpline at 1850 200378 or see www.migraine.ie

Bible Corner



EPHPHATHA

In the course of their long and troubled history, the Hebrews were encouraged and indeed challenged to remain faithful to their God with promises of a Saviour. This Saviour would be recognised in many ways, but especially, by his healing powers. Isaiah foretold that he would open the eyes of the blind and that the ears of the deaf would be unsealed. This latter promise is fulfilled in this weekend's gospel.

Of course, there is an ongoing need for such healing in all our lives and in our world,. We need to hear and heed the cry of the poor in Sudan and worldwide; to hear the silent cries of loneliness, of pain, of despair, of betrayal, of fear in the hearts of those around us. If we have the generous courage, it is a good weekend to ask the Lord, to open the ears of our hearts and to release our tongues to speak the word of encouragement, of respect, of healing love.

Ephphatha. Be opened.

Fr. Tom Clancy

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Boys and girls from 3rd class upwards are invited to become altar servers. After initial training, the commitment is to serve one Mass on alternate weekends as well as the special occasion, like Holy Week and Christmas. The initial training takes place in the church on Saturdays, 1.00 to 2.00 p.m. beginning on Saturday next, September 16th. Please contact Mercedes (4544113), or Fr. Tom (4347616).

It's that Time of Year again...

Crypt Bridge Club:

Tuesdays 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. approx. New members welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied.

Coffee Morning

Resuming next Tuesday 12th after the 10.00 Mass. All welcome.

Friendship Club Mondays

Resumes Monday 11th in the Crypt at 2.30 p.m.

Bishopstown Senior Social Centre

Activities every Monday to Thursday. New members welcome. Contact co-ordinator at 086-3866975.

Access to Education for the Adult Returned

At Colaiste Stiofain Naofa, mornings only. Public meeting Tuesday 12th September at 11.00 in the college. Further information at 4961020.

Wilton Bridge Club

Re-opening Wednesday 13th at 7.30 p.m. New members welcome. Just come along on the night or ring Doris at 4543519.

Adult Evening Classes

Bishopstown Community School currently taking enrolments by post or in person at the school office 10.30am-1.00pm 2.00pm-4.30pm For further details phone: 4869310, email: adedbcs@eircom.net

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Edith and John Lyall**, Woodlawn, and to **Michael and Noreen Lehane**, Wilton Gardens, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries