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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
5th November

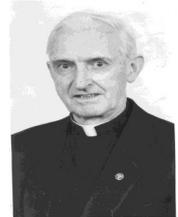
First Reading
Jer 33:14-16

Psalm 24

Second Reading
1 Thess 3:12-4:2

Gospel
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

THE DEAN WRITES



Just imagine "What if John F. Kennedy had not been shot?"

- Fr. Tom, Bulletin 12 November.

Wednesday last, 22nd November, was the 43rd anniversary of the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States. What has that got to do with me? Well, nothing if you like - especially if you are under the age of 50. But for us who remember the day and the hour, and where we were when Charles Mitchell broke the news on the radio, it was worth recalling.

John F. Kennedy was the first and only Catholic President of the U.S. His roots were in Ireland, and he was proud of it - The Kennedys from Wexford - the Fitzgeralds from Skibbereen (or so they say). He was young, handsome and witty. He brought a whole fresh approach to world politics - he personified hope. His inaugural speech was memorable and still quoted. "The torch has passed to a new generation - to those people in the huts and villages of half the globe struggling to break the bonds of mass misery, we pledge our best efforts to help them help themselves, to heed in all corners of the earth the pledge of the prophet Isaiah 'to let the oppressed go free'. So ask not what America can do for you, but rather what you can do for America". He had gifted script writers. In fact his most brilliant attribute was his ability to pick people who bought into his dreams for a better world, and had the genius to work at it. He frequently quoted from Scripture, "Unless the Lord builds the house, in vain do its builders labour, etc." He founded the Peace Corps to channel the idealism of American youth to work in Asia and Africa.

He brought the whole of Ireland's capital to its feet as he rode into Dublin from the airport in June 1963 - he drank tea with his country cousins in Wexford - he laughed and joked in Cork City Hall and all Cork laughed with him - his final farewell to Ireland was an open invitation to anybody and everybody to visit him at the White House, and in fairness he was as good as his word to those who did call.

He was tough with Khrushchev with his nuclear threats off Cuba. He was gunned down at the behest of those who resisted the changes he envisaged. And since then he has been the target of much mud slinging.

May they all rest in peace.

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NOTICES

John Cashman, Cherrygrove, Model Farm Road, died peacefully at his home on 31st October last. His health had deteriorated for some time, but this did not deter him from his prayers and daily Mass. John was a native of North Cork. He was a brilliant student, and took up employment with the Department of Local Government after his studies. He worked for many years in the Car Tax Office, where he was always gracious and helpful. John was a quiet, sincere man who was dearly loved by his wife and family, but also by a huge number of friends and neighbours, as witnessed by all who came to his removal and funeral. His Requiem Mass was celebrated by Fr. Finbarr Kelleher, P.P. Cloyne, a relative of the family. We extend the sympathy of the community to his dear wife Maura, his son Liam, daughters, Siobhán, Mary, Orla and Mairead, his brothers Joe and Tim, his sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren.

John O'Dwyer, Bishops court Lawn, died peacefully on 7th November at Cork University Hospital. John enjoyed a healthy and fulfilled life, remaining active up to the past 12 months when his health began to fail. Initially, he worked with the Provincial Bank of Ireland and later Allied Irish Bank until his retirement in 1981. He suffered a great personal loss in 1994 with the death of his wife May. He was a kind courteous gentleman whose religious beliefs were of utmost importance to him. He played badminton, enjoyed golf in Douglas and Bandon, and enjoyed card playing. He will be greatly missed by his family, Pat, Peter, David, Anne, Val and Hugh, his brother Michael, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, to whom we offer our sincerest sympathy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Peg Herrick, late of Farranlea Park, died peacefully at Monfield Nursing Home on 14th November. Peg's life was very much centred around her family. When her own family were grown up she looked after her grandchildren. She was a familiar figure up the Lee Fields walking her dog. In the past few years the neighbours were very supportive when she was housebound. She had a great welcome for Fr. Tom when he brought her Holy Communion. She is survived by her son Tony, daughters Mary and Anne, grandchildren and great-granddaughter, to whom we offer our deepest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí.

First Friday

Next Friday, 1st December, is the first Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Friday next, 1st December, from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

Christmas Concert

At Lough Parish Church, in aid of Cope Foundation, on Friday 8th December at 8 pm. with Niamh Murray, Dave Maguire, Louise O'Sullivan, City of Cork Male Voice Choir, Chorus of Opera Cork, Bel Canto Brass Quintet. Tickets €20 from Cork Opera House, 4270022.

Cork Institute of Technology

Parents' Evening on Thursday 30th November, covering issues relevant to parents of Leaving Certificate students including CAO, courses and opportunities, CIT supports, services and facilities, and an opportunity to discuss course queries with staff of departments. Further information contact Mary Pat O'Connor at 4326804.

Ursuline Christmas Lunch

Guest of Honour: Sr. Karen Kent, recently professed in Blackrock. Date: 2nd December, at Vienna Woods, 1.00pm. Contact Linda Byrne at 0879394083.

Car Boot Sale

In grounds of St. Aloysius' School, St. Maries of the Isle, on Sunday 3rd December, 10-3pm. €10 per car, space limited. Pre-book at 4316017.

Mount Mercy Hockey News

Congratulations to Junior Certificate students, Yvonne O'Byrne and Sorcha O'Sullivan who were selected for the U16 Munster Hockey team.

Well done to Elaine Collins, Karen Olden and Jennifer O'Flynn who were picked for the ESB U-18 Schoolgirls Hockey Interprovincials which took place in Dublin recently.

Congratulations also to past pupils of the UCC Ladies hockey club who won the Chilean Cup in Limerick recently.

FAMILY GIFT MASS

SUNDAY 10TH December 2006

12.15 pm

This is our traditional opportunity for children to bring a non-perishable food gift for the poor (no toys, please).

PARISH DUES

It is hoped to distribute the Autumn/Christmas dues envelopes during the coming weeks.

Apologies for the delay, especially to our helpful distributors.