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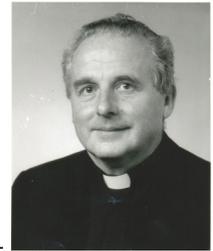
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First Week of Lent

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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

THE POWER OF ONE



God's Word

Readings for Sunday
4th March

First Reading:
Gen 15:5-12,17-18

Psalm 26

Second Reading:
Phil 3:17-4:1

Gospel:
Luke 9:28-26

Global warming and the decline in reserves of oil and gas worldwide threaten not only our lifestyles but the very existence of human life on this planet. A widespread advertising campaign called "The Power of One" is challenging each of us to make one change in how we live to help avert both crises. Children are turning off unnecessary lights and T.V. Some motorists are lowering speeds or using the car less frequently. Householders are improving insulation. There is a growing appreciation of the power of one change to make a difference in a crisis.

As a people we are in the midst of a crisis that may even be more urgent. It is the crisis of alcohol abuse. Countless individuals, many families and an increasing number of young people, including many still at school, are being ravaged by the abuse. The facts are well known and do not need restating here. The question is what one change could each of us make in how we live that would help lessen the devastation that is caused by our cultural acceptance of alcohol abuse.

Lent is a focused opportunity to make the change. The only failure is to believe that each one of us and every family cannot make a difference. We can.

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Fairtrade Fortnight

Invitation

You are invited to a display of Fairtrade products in the Crypt next weekend, **3/ 4 March**, following the Saturday evening Mass and the Masses on Sunday morning. Come and see the increasing variety of goods which are fairly traded, which carry the Fairtrade mark and which are now available in Cork.

Many items will be for sale. Fairtrade refreshments will be provided following the 6.15pm vigil mass and from 11.15 a.m. to 12. 15 p.m. on Sunday.

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or give it to a friend or neighbour

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Rest in Peace.

Liam O'Flynn, Kenley Avenue, died peacefully on 4th February. Even though he had been in failing health for some time, his leaving us was somewhat unexpected. A native of Glanmire, his early career was as an Army Officer who gave distinguished service with the United Nations, especially in Cyprus and the Congo. On leaving the Army, Liam became a secondary school teacher in Midleton for many years. His voluntary service was equally significant, recording material for the National Council for the Blind and serving with the Cork Marriage Advisory Council from its beginning. His wide interest in nature was focused especially in expert knowledge of birds. A family man of many talents, he will be sorely missed by his beloved wife Noírin, his sons Sean and Colm, a wide circle of family, neighbours and friends to whom we offer our sincerest sympathy. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh a anam dilis.

Rita O'Neill, Farranlea Road, died unexpectedly at home on 5th February. Born in the Glens of Antrim, she inherited a deep love of faith and Irish culture. She won a senior All-Ireland camogie medal with her native county in 1945. Rita met her husband Liam in Belfast where he played professional soccer and also played in several English cities before returning to Cork where they reared their family, and where Rita continued her teaching career in Presentation Brothers Junior School in the Mardyke. Her teaching was enriched by her gifted artistic talent and her musical competence. She was the heart of her welcoming home, sharing fully in the lives of her children, Mary, Anne and Larry, her grandchildren and great grandchildren to whom we offer our sincerest sympathies. She will be greatly missed by a wide circle of relatives and friends. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí.

It was with deep sadness that we bade farewell to **Monica Payne**, The Ridgeway, on Monday 19th February. Monica will be remembered by many for her lively personality, generosity of spirit and her great work for the youth of Cork down through the years. Monica organised Cork Community Games in the seventies, ran the non-alcoholic 'No Name Club' in Jurys Hotel, the Summer recreation scheme for children at Murphy's Farm for ten years, and was involved in Ogra Chorcaí, The SMA Open Day, and Bishopstown Community Association. Her funeral Mass at the SMA Church was a fitting tribute to one who lived life to the full and gave so freely of her time, energy and talent. We extend sincere sympathy to her husband Frank, to Ann, Brendan and Neil, and to her sister Phil. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

LENTEN CORNER

Sacred Space



Having created a 'Sacred Space' in our homes, as suggested in last week's bulletin, this week we will add to it either a small bottle of water or a little bowl of rice. When we light the candle, we pray for the women of Malawi who depend so much on our generosity to Trócaire to feed their families.

Lord, open our hearts to the needs of others. Grant justice and peace to all our brothers and sisters who suffer inequality, poverty and hunger in many parts of the world.

Bible Corner



For the Hebrews, their communal memories were very important. Again and again in the Bible, we recall the big events in their history, events that moulded them into the people they are now. They handed on this story from generation to generation. But above all, they recognised the faithful goodness of a God who cared for them in times of oppression and exile. In happier times in a land flowing with milk and honey, they showed their appreciation to the Lord by offering him gifts of the first fruits of the harvest. The prelude to such thanksgiving rites was to recall the core of their history as we hear in this weekend's first reading

Fr. Tom Clancy

Notice Board

First Friday

Next Friday 2nd March is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 2nd March from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 1st March in the Parish Centre at 3.00pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection at all Masses next weekend.

Lenten Prayer

Lectio Divina - newcomers welcome. Come and reflect on the Sunday gospel on Monday mornings in the Parish Centre after 10.00 Mass, or on Tuesday in St. Catherine's Convent at 8.00pm.

Time Out

The Presentation Brothers are inviting men who are trying to figure out God's plan for their lives to a weekend of reflection and information in Cork at 8.00pm on Friday 9th March, and 2.00pm Sunday 11th March. Full details from Brother Andrew Hickey at 01-2300824 or prescall@eircom.net, or from Presentation Brothers, Glashule, Dublin. www.presentationbrothers.com

Irish Night at Ardfallen Centre

Thursday 15th March, 9-11.30pm. €6 including supper, with Donal Ring Ceili Band. Entire proceeds to the Third World.

Ecology and Theology

Talk by Sr. Bride Given and Sr. Mary Kelleher on Thursday 1st March at Brú Columbanus, Wilton, 8pm. Adm. free.

Ursuline Afternoon of Prayer

Have you thought about looking for space and time to think and reflect? Would you like the support of others as you pray? Are you searching for meaning and direction in life? You are invited to the Ursuline Convent on Saturday 10th March from 2.30 to 6.00pm. Further information from Jean on 087 9391669, or email irishursulines@eircom.net