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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
16th September

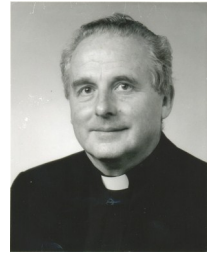
First Reading
Ex 32:7-11,13-14

Psalms 50

Second Reading
1 Tim 1:12-17

Gospel
Luke 15:1-32

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NEW BEGINNINGS

This month involves change and new beginnings for most people. For many of the young, it means a new school or a new class, new friends, endless possibilities to be explored as lives develop. For senior citizens, it hopefully means the restart of various social activities that enrich the lives of the less active. For those in between, September may mean new family situations, family members moving out of home, new projects to be undertaken, old tasks to be faced with new heart. For all it will mean some change.

Change brings anxiety but it also brings the opportunity for enrichment if we grasp it. September is a time to gratefully celebrate the gifts God gives us each day. To fail to do that leaves us impoverished beyond measure.

It is a time to enrich our lives with the energy of friendship given and received, friendship with God and with one another.

It is a time to re-focus on the wonder of family, to nurture the bonds, to heal the hurts with tenderness and understanding, to treasure again each one in his or her uniqueness. This might well be the September priority. Do not let it slip away.

September, too, is a time to reach out to neighbours and community. Many local groups depend on volunteers to keep the show on the road and now is a good time to become involved.

For instance, here at the Church we are looking for new altar servers, (details will be on next week's bulletin). Collectors at Mass are urgently required as are persons to welcome worshippers at the door. With growing diversity in our Sunday congregations, this welcoming is becoming more valuable. We will recruit new ministers of Word and Eucharist later.

Maybe, this is a year you can help in a way that you were not free to do previously. Do not let the opportunity pass by. Happy New Year.

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Rest in Peace

Catherine (Kitty) Holland, Laburnum Drive, died at Grangecon Nursing Home on 7th July after a long illness. A native of Boreenmanna Road, she lived with the husband Redmond and family in Sunday's Well until she came to this parish over twenty years ago. A keen sportswoman in her earlier years, excelling in hockey and tennis, she will be remembered by generations of St. Angela's girls for her coaching of their school's hockey teams. In later life her interests included bridge and gardening which she shared with family and neighbours, making many friends en route. Of course, it is as the focus of her family that she will be treasured. Four generations shared in her funeral liturgy, her sister Nora Walsh, her children, grandchildren and a great grandchild Sara Quigley. To her children Margaret, Anne, Claire, Eddie and Jerry, her brothers and sister, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchild, we offer our sincerest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to the following:

Maire McCarthy, Kinloch Court, on the death of her son, Gerard.

Ber O'Keeffe, Robin Hill, and **Adrienne McDonell**, Kenley Drive, on the death of their sister, Sylvia Heaphy.

Mary Healy, Kenley Crescent and St. Catherine's, on the death of her father, Frank Hayes.

Sheila Rochford, The Manor, on the death of her father, Paddy.

Helena Dennehy, Dennehy's Cross on the death of her sister, Kathleen Fahy.

Margaret and Ellen McCarthy, College Road, on the death of their brother Charlie.

Joan Heaney, Leesdale, on the death of her mother, Maureen Mansfield Reidy.

Noel O'Leary, Lima Lawn, on the death of his sister, Anne.

On the occasion of the death of Jack Nagle, we sympathise with his daughter **Joan Murphy**, The Ridgeway, his sister **Esther Walsh**, The Ridgeway, and his cousin, **Mary Mooney**, Kinloch Court.

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 10th at 8.10 p.m.

Tuesday Coffee Morning

Resumes Tuesday 11th after 10 Mass. All welcome.

Friendship Club

Resumes this Monday 10th at 2.30pm in the crypt.

Crypt Bridge Club

Every Tuesday at 2.00 sharp. Tea and coffee available. We wish to thank all those who attended open bridge during the summer months and look forward to seeing all our members again for the new season. New members are welcome.

Coffee Morning for the Hospice

All are welcome to enjoy a chat over a Bewley's cuppa at St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road, 10.30 to 12 noon on Thursday 20th September.

The Story of Paul of Tharsus

Fr. Jerome Murphy-O'Connor will continue his series of talks in Christ the King Church, on Monday 10th September at 8.00pm. The letters of St. Paul have exercised a decisive influence on the life of the Church. All are welcome.

Interested in Studying Theology?

Introduction to liturgy and sacraments beginning on 27th September, 6.30 to 9.30pm for thirteen Thursdays, at Presentation Brothers, Mardyke House. Further information from Fr. Eamonn Fitzgibbon, 61204379, eamonn.fitzgibbon@mic.ul.ie.

Alzheimer's Society

Carers' support meeting on Wednesday 12th September, 3.00 to 4.30pm in Bessboro, Blackrock.

Discernment Saturdays for Single Adults

The Munster regional group for Vocations Ireland are promoting religious and priestly vocations. Do you know where you are going to? Do you want to take time to consider God's world and your path in it? You are invited to the Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, to join with others and take time out to reflect on what is important to you in life. Dates: 15th September, 20th October and 17th November, from 10.45 to 3.00pm. For further information contact Jean at 087-9391669.

Diabetes Federation Cork Parents' Support Group

Require support in the Evening Echo Ladies Mini Marathon on Sunday 23rd September. Please phone 4274228, or email sro@diabetes.ie

Irish Wheelchair Association

Three jobs available under the FAS Community Employment Scheme for personal or programme assistants and for drivers of the services buses. Further details from Victoria at 4350282. Volunteers with the association are also required.

Wilton Bridge Club

Reopening on 12th September at 7.30pm in SMA Hall, Wilton. New members especially welcome. Just come along or ring Sue Ryan at 4546008.

Access to Education for the Adult Returned

At Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa, mornings only. Public meeting Wednesday 12th September at 11.00am in the college. Further information at 4961020.

Bishopstown Senior Social Centre

Activities every Monday to Thursday - dancing, computers, exercise, chats, etc. New members welcome. Contact coordinator at 086-3866975.

1Million4Disability Campaign

Is looking for 1 million signatures across Europe to seek rights based disability legislation. Please sign the petition online at www.1million4disability.eu. For petition forms, ring Kathy Sinnott, M.E.P. at 4888793 or Hope Project 4888503.

Caring for Creation

Learn all about Eco Congregation, Ireland, Fair Trade, Christian aid, local religious and community projects, etc. at SMA Hall, Saturday 15th September, starting at 10.00 with Film Show Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth'. All welcome. Details from 4652429.

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