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Our Parish Priest writes



The old cliché is that when God made us, he gave us two ears and one mouth, and in so doing God was trying to tell us that we should listen twice as much as we should speak. We do not do that, of course, except when the Bishop speaks, and when the Bishop speaks he usually has something to say. Of course, most of us have plenty to say, and most of us enjoy saying it while, at the same time, most of us do not want to listen to what others have to say. I had to listen to what the Bishop had to say. He pointed out that the Parish of Ballineaspaig would be a nice place for me. I have no doubt that was true except that I was in a nice place where I was.

The only doubt I had stemmed from the fact that I would be unable to fill the shoes of the Parish Priests who were here before me. Encouraged by the knowledge that two of the more recent - Fr. Tom Clancy and Dean O'Connor - would still be here, I listened and accepted. The Parish being as well organised as it is helped me in making that decision.

Unlike the others who went before me, it has taken me a long time and a roundabout route before arriving here. Since ordination I have been through the jungles of Nigeria, Africa, as a volunteer missionary, likewise the slums of Peru in South America making up a period of seventeen years. I have also worked in Cork City, East Cork, West Cork and finally, for better or for worse, I am here.

As I start my journey here I thank God for the health of mind and body that he gave me during my years of work for Jesus and his Church. Then, there are the priests with whom I worked both here at home and on the missions. I regard their friendship as one of the great graces of my years as a priest and I will treasure that friendship always.

The greatest gift any people can give their priest is to support him in his faith and in his priesthood. The priest experiences in a special way that support from the sick and housebound whom he visits regularly. The same support comes from the congregation who are at Mass weekend after weekend to celebrate their faith and the priest's faith. The weekday congregation who are so loyal and faithful to their morning Mass are a source of great grace for any parish.

It is encouraging to find such active and vibrant Pastoral and Financial Councils in place here together with an organised group of people that can visit the whole parish in a matter of hours; all who help with the liturgy and parish activities - Mass Servers, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Society, Collectors and Sacristans.

Then, there is the sharing together of life's uneven burdens; the quiet satisfaction of baptism of so many children; happy events like First Communion and Confirmation; the joy of wedding days; the sorrows of the deaths of so many old, and, indeed too, so many young.

For whatever good I have done in the past, for whatever service I have given, for what truth I may have witnessed to, I give thanks to God, and I pray that my home and my stay here will be the happy place that has accompanied me all of my life.

I know that I will be happy here.

Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan

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Notice Board

Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners

A reminder in advance that our traditional Mass for parishioners who died since November 2006 will be celebrated on Friday 16th November.

Low Gluten Hosts

Available at all Masses from the celebrant at the altar rails.

Darfur Bishop's Visit to Cork

Bishop Macram Gassis of the Diocese of El Obeid in Sudan, will address a free public meeting in C.I.T. on Monday 22nd October, and a student audience in the same venue at 11.00am on Tuesday.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next, 24th October at 3.00pm in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when Denis O'Callaghan will give the recital.

Cork Simon Community

Church gate collection will take place at all Masses next weekend. Please give generously to support homeless people in Cork.

People in Need Telethon Sale of Work

The sale was a great success and well supported. Sincere thanks to all who contributed sale items - cakes, plants, etc. and many donations. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make it such a fantastic fund-raising event. Congratulations to all who won prizes in the raffle. Total raised amounted to €2,197.

Intercultural Dialogue Course

In Brú Columbanus commencing 22nd October. The course is free. Contact Tania at 0872819834.

Bishopstown /Wilton Area Development Plan

Public Meeting will be held on Tues. 23rd Oct. in Bishopstown GAA Club, at 8 p.m. Members of the public invited to attend.

Bible Corner



Persevering Prayer

Some stories in the Old Testament are very hard to reconcile with the image of a loving God who cares for all humankind without exception. It helps to realise that Old Testament writers used a story to carry an important message that has universal application. This is certainly true in this weekend's first reading. The core message is that persevering intercessory prayer to God is always powerful. It is everyone's responsibility but is a particular duty for those in leadership. Moses fulfilled that duty heroically. It is this heroism that is the lead in to the weekend's gospel rather than the savage exploits of Joshua and his army.

Jesus uses another story to challenge us to intercessory prayer to a good God, a loving Father. On this Mission Sunday, that prayer is directed towards asking for faith in Jesus for people worldwide, as well as strength, wisdom, courage, love and hope for missionaries everywhere.

Fr. Tom Clancy

Ministries and Groups who attended our parish meeting on 1st October in the Crypt

Altar Servers	Lectio Divina
Altar Society	Liturgy Committee
Bulletin Distribution	Ministers of the Eucharist
Choir	Ministers of the Word
Christian Meditation Group	Mother & Toddlers Group
Coffee Morning	Catholic newspapers
Collectors	Offertory Collection
Counters	Parish Website
Faith in Action	Pastoral Council
Finance Committee	Religious Booklets
Friendship Club	St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society
Hospitality	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Inter-Church Service	Welcoming Ministry
Jubilee Bells	

My God in My Everyday

Parishioners' Thoughts

I Find God in Anxiety

I am an anxious person. In my anxiety I seek Jesus.

I FIND HIM! and I cast my cares upon him.

He gives me rest for my soul.

Thank you Lord for my anxiety, it is part of what I am.



God's Word

Readings for Sunday 28th October

First Reading: Eccles (Sir)35:12-14,16-19

Psalm 32

Second Reading: 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14



Chairperson of our Liturgy Committee, Arthur O'Callaghan, with members of the Indian community choir from the SMA Parish Wilton who sang in our church last weekend.