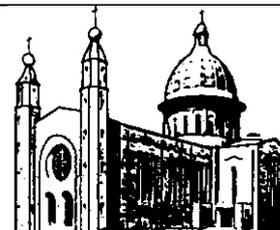


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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES



BON SECOURS SISTERS IN PERU

At the end of March, this year 2008, four Bon Secours Sisters leave for South Africa where they will set up a New Mission in the area where Aids is a major issue. What makes this mission so extraordinary and exciting, at the same time, is the fact that two of these Sisters, a nurse, Nora Jimenez and a social worker, Rosa Sanchez, are Peruvian. They accompany Rev. Sister Doctor Mary Leamy and Sister Nurse Martina Mulcahy.

In 1966 the Bon Secours Sisters set sail for Peru at the request of Bishop Lucey to take part in the Cork and Ross Mission in that country. Shortly afterwards, at the request of the Bishop, and something they would have done themselves anyway, they founded a community of local Bon Secours Sisters. A major positive in the success of this venture rested in the fact that Sister Columba Mary Byrne, first Mistress of Novices, remained with the congregation for all of forty-one years, not all the time as Mistress of Novices, of course; that task was handed over to the local sisters. Sister Columba has now returned to the Irish Province of the Bon Secours. There can be nothing successful without a hand from God and his was surely with the many Bon Secours Irish Missionary Sisters who worked in Peru during all of these years and continue to do so up to the present. Sister Oliver McSweeney has spent many years working in difficult conditions on the faraway mission.

Sister Frances Paul Mohan gave her life to the mission. She will be fondly remembered for her laboratory work in the Bon Secours hospital in Cork. Her mortal remains lie buried in the deep sands of far-away Peru. She is that permanent link between the Bon Secours of Cork and the Bon Secours of Peru.

How wonderful and exciting it is to know that, forty-one years after the first girls were taken into the convent in Peru, they now send two of their best to the Aids-stricken area of South Africa. We will always remember the Bon Secours and their new mission.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
16th March

First Reading
Is 50:4-7

Psalm 21

Second Reading
Phil 2:6-11

Gospel
Mt 26:14-27,66

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ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday 15th March: Masses at 9.00 and 10.00. Mass of St. Patrick's Day.

Sunday 16th: Masses 9.00, 10.30 and 12.15pm.

Monday 17th March: Masses at 9.00, 10.30 and 12.15pm. (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

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NOTICE BOARD

Reconciliation Service for Easter

Sunday 16th March at 5.00pm.

Bulletins to Parish Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday 10th in the Parish Centre at 8.15pm.

Liturgy Group

Meeting Tuesday 11th in Parish Centre at 8.15pm.

Alzheimer's Public Awareness/Information Evening

In the Imperial Hotel, Wednesday 12th March at 7.00pm. Speakers: Dave McCarthy, Community Mental Health Nurse; Ursula Collins, Alzheimer Society Regional Manager, Cork; Paul Christopher, Solicitor – Legal aspects of Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia; Carer – Family Carer Perspective. For further information please contact Bessboro Day Centre, Blackrock, Tel: 4972504

CARER'S SUPPORT MEETING on Wednesday 12th, 3.00-4.30pm at Bessboro.

Meals on Wheels in Bishopstown urgently needs volunteers, both drivers and cooks to maintain the current level of service to recipients, otherwise deliveries may need to be curtailed. The commitment for cooks is just 2 hours one day every three weeks and 2 hours for four days every three months for drivers. The demand for the service is growing daily but we do need people to volunteer their time. Please contact Pat Harrington 4545790/ Sheila O'Brien 4343575

Letter from Turkwell

Greetings to you from Kenya. It has been a really terrible six weeks since Christmas. Some of the things that have happened to people we know are indescribable. The hatred and the fighting can erupt at any time. Lodwar has not been so badly affected but a very good friend of mine had his house burned down. He had a hardware store. They came at night and poured petrol through the windows of the store and the place went up in flames. His house was behind the store; the house was burned except for one room. He was very lucky to get out. Two days after the fire I sat in what was left of the building - the four walls - and he made me a cup of tea. We sat and drank the tea - myself in tears - and he was telling me that this was not going to stop him, he would carry on. He was full of faith.

The fear is that if they don't come to some political agreement it will return to the violence. Some terrible atrocities have happened in the interior of the country, some of which will never be known. The rich are getting richer at the expense of the poor and those who suffered most in the last few weeks were the children and women. It is not possible to tell whether the country can truly recover from this.

- Fr. Ollie Noonan

BIBLE CORNER



MIRACLES AND FAITH

This weekend's gospel story opens with innuendo of callous indifference and unrequited friendship. The caring sisters summoned their brother's friend. He did not come. Neighbours nod knowingly and murmur that Martha and Mary had backed a loser. When the chips were down, Jesus seemed to fail those who loved him best. Into the apparent tragedy bursts the miracle of renewed life in Lazarus. The energy source is the reciprocal love of the Father and Jesus for each other and for each of us.

John highlights that miracles on their own never converted anybody. Those who wish to remain unconvinced, do so. For miracles to produce conversion, faith is also required.

We believe; Lord, strengthen our faith.

Fr. Tom



Our Jubilee Bells group performing in the SMA Church Wilton recently.

LENTEN CORNER

Sacred Space



'Jesus is Lord - Eternal his Merciful Love'

Jesus' miracles generally respond to human needs; however, faith is always required from those who ask. In today's gospel, Jesus performs a great miracle. Lazarus, who is dead for four days, is miraculously restored to life. Through faith nourished by prayer and the Eucharist we also can turn to Jesus in all our needs.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Cecilia Kareem**, and children, Amina, Zara, Géne, Farranlea Park, on the death of husband and father, Hossayn. **Teresa Cotter**, Glasheen, on the death of her brother. **Evelyn Howie**, Avondale, on the death of her brother.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.