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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 7th  
September

First Reading:  
Ezek 33:7-9

Psalms 94

Second Reading:  
Rom 13:8-10

Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

## A NEW BEGINNING

The beginning of a new school year brings to our minds a whole range of attitudes and emotions. Thank God, going to school now is a pleasant experience. In times past it was such a tearful and frightening experience that much of the good was lost and so little to be treasured.

For the Infants in the Primary School and the first years of Secondary there is the excitement of a new phase of life – new classrooms, new teachers, different subjects, new friends. For the second years there is a new confidence which comes from the feeling that they are no longer the babies of the school. And so on, for each class there is some new found joy or sadness. The sadness is born from the news that a friend's parent or family member may have passed away during the holidays, or a good friend has changed school and will no longer be part of this school's family. When it comes to the Leaving Certs (those students who regret the way they spent last year) of course there is the pressure of the big exam at the end of the year; there is relief too that the end of school is in sight, worries about decisions to be made and places in college or in employment to be secured, doubts about the future etc.

Therefore, it is important to place our lives and our future in God's hands, to ask God to give the courage and the strength and the confidence to shape that future. And because the God we believe in, the God Jesus Christ taught us about, because that God is a God of love and mercy and goodness, because God is God, we can all hope and pray and look forward to what this year will bring.

Every dream doesn't come true, we are old enough to realise that, and sometimes things turn out quite different from what we expect.

We do not know what this new year will bring. We cannot predict the twists and turns of life. We know that there are some things we can make happen. We can do a reasonable amount of study each day and when year's end comes and the examinations are upon us, there will be no need for anxiety and fear, there will be no need to look to the foolish advice we read about in the periodicals. Do the best you can and God will do the rest, leave things in his hands. May you all enjoy health and strength and the faith to leave the rest in God's hands.

Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan

Ireland's First  
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## Rest in Peace

Please pray for **Margaret O'Keefe** (nee Rita Kiely), 30 Kenley Close, Model Farm Road, who died recently. She was predeceased by her husband Paddy who died in 1966, and her dear brother Fr. Alexis Kiely, O.P. who died on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 1977. She was a very hard working person and for many years, together with her sister, Therese, looked after her grocery and provisions shop at Brookfield Lawn, the Lough. Rita, her daughter and sister moved to Kenley in 1980. She enjoyed doing the simple things in life, especially going to daily Mass at the Church of the Holy Spirit. She was a woman of great faith and the recitation of daily rosary was very special. She is sadly missed by her daughter, Paula, son-in-law, grandchildren, brother and sister.

On Monday morning 30th June, **Helen Moloney**, Sonas, Farranlea Park, passed away peacefully in the presence of her family. Helen had a long life blessed by the gift of an exemplary faith. She is deeply missed by her daughters Redempta and Rosalie along with her family and loyal friends. Phrases such as "deireadh ré" and "ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís" would best sum up the reaction of her many colleagues and friends in the world of education. Bean Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh had a Mandela-like standing and was admired for her leadership role in the modernisation of primary education in Cork. As Príomhoide of Scoil Mhuire, Ballincollig, at a time when the population was increasing rapidly, she managed those changing times and challenging circumstances with great determination and enthusiasm. She displayed extraordinary innovative leadership skills in the 1970s and 1980s. Perhaps her greatest attribute was her ability to instil a 'self belief' and a 'can do attitude' among colleagues and pupils alike. She readily acknowledged the talents of each individual and encouraged them to always think that they were 'the best'. Helen was an outstanding leader ahead of her time in primary education in the Cork diocese. Go gcúití Dia do shaothar leat Helen - after your long years of extraordinary dedication "it is time for new hands to lift the burdens." Is fearde sinn do dhea-shampla agus do chomhairle, a chara. We will always be mindful of the values a fhág tú le huacht againn. Ar dheis Dé na Glóire go raibh d'anam dílis.

**Frank Power**, Laburnum Lawn, died quite unexpectedly at Cork University Hospital on 12th July last. Frank went into hospital for a serious, but what is nowadays considered a normal heart procedure. He died a few days after his operation. Frank was a native of Beara in West Cork and after completing the usual course of studies entered the teaching profession. He taught in Bandon parish for some years where he met his dear wife Phil. He subsequently moved to Cork City and taught in Ballyphehane parish until his retirement, after which he took an active part in parish affairs. We offer the sympathy of our community to his wife Philomena, his family Aidan, Kieran and Miriam, his sisters Eileen and Alice, son-in-law Furio, grandchildren and extended family.

**Novena to our Lady of the Sacred Heart**  
at the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road  
31st August - 8th September, 10.00am and 8.00pm daily  
Fr. Michael Screene MSC

## Bible Corner

### DAILY CONTACT



Over recent weeks, the media have constantly reminded us that achievement in sport demands faithfulness to regular training and to living out the vision each day. One grows in competence and confidence through giving priority time to the task. One will never win an Olympic medal or much else from the comfort of an armchair.

St. Paul's simple weekend message in the second reading is similar. He points out that the only way to know God and his wishes for us is to make space for him in prayer each day. The only way to appreciate the values of justice, service, respect and love is to live them each day.

One will never achieve an experience of God's love from inside a cocoon of self centeredness or self righteousness. We need to be open to living the way of love each day.

Fr. Tom

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### NOTICE BOARD

#### First Friday

Next Friday 5th September is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 5th from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** monthly collection next weekend.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** monthly meeting will take place on Thursday next 4th at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre.

**The Crypt Bridge Club** hopes all its members had a nice summer holiday, and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd September at 2.00pm sharp. New members welcome. Tea/coffee and biscuits served. Membership €20, table money €3.

**Bishopstown Meals on Wheels** needs both cooks and drivers to join rotas immediately. The commitment for cooks is 2½ hours one day every three weeks. A driver's commitment is approx. 1½ hours for four days, one month in four (12 days a year in total). We need a good response in order to maintain the current level of service to the recipients. We have in excess of forty people on our books in the greater Bishopstown area. The immediate need is for drivers for Tuesday and Friday, and cooks for most days. If we fail to get at least three drivers and two cooks from this appeal we may have to reduce the number of days on which we can deliver dinners. Please contact Pat Harrington at 4545790 or Sheila O'Brien 4343575.

#### Alzheimers Society

Are currently looking for caring individuals to volunteer at our Alzheimers Society Day Centre in Blackrock, and also on our Bus Service. Hours of service are Monday to Friday, 9 to 5 pm. For further information, contact 021- 4972504. September meeting will be held on 10th, 3.00-4.30pm.

#### "How Paul Changed the World"

Fr. Jerome Murphy-O'Connor will continue his series of talks at Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross, on Wednesday 3rd September at 8pm. All are welcome.

**Bishopstown Community Council** meeting at 8pm in Wilton Park House, Tues 2nd Sept.. All welcome, especially anyone with an issue they would like to bring to the attention of the community at large.