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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 19th
October

First Reading
Is 45:1, 4-6

Psalm 95

Second Reading
1 Thess 1:1-5

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

MISSION SUNDAY, 19TH OF OCTOBER 2008

THEME: GO AND TELL



Some give to the missions by going. Some go to the missions by giving. Mission Sunday is the day to reach out beyond the needs of the local parish and diocese to assist missionaries as they "go and tell" in the Young Churches. The Pope recently noted 'when we bring people only knowledge, technical competency and tools we bring them too little; often the greatest suffering is the absence of God.' The following is an extract from the message of Pope Benedict for Mission Sunday 2008.

In this Jubilee Year dedicated to St. Paul, we are reminded of the urgency to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the world. There can be no slackening or stagnation in the essential mission of the Church to evangelise all people. Today there are countless people who await hope and love and who are still waiting for the proclamation of the Gospel.

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Hope and Love

The Gospel is a life changing communication that gives hope. Without Christ, humanity is without hope because it is without God. God is the great hope that sustains the whole of life. St Paul experienced and understood that redemption and mission are the work of God and his love. It is from his pierced heart that love of God flows. Only from this source can care, tenderness, compassion, hospitality, availability and interest in people's problems be drawn.

An Experience. One day in early 1905 a visitor unexpectedly arrived at the lonely mission. Fr. Joseph Shanahan (later to become one of the best known missionary Bishops of the modern Church) was the priest-in-charge at the time. The visitor was Father Lejeune (one of the greatest French missionaries to work in Nigeria). He was in the last stages of exhaustion, his feet bleeding from the rough travel, his clothes soiled and torn. He had come to say goodbye.

He told his story. He had been unwell for some time. He was suffering from cancer. Both missionaries sat outside the hut in the moonlight. They talked about their hopes and dreams for the faith in Africa. The following morning he left on the long trek back to Onitsha having said *au revoir au ciel - we shall meet in heaven.*

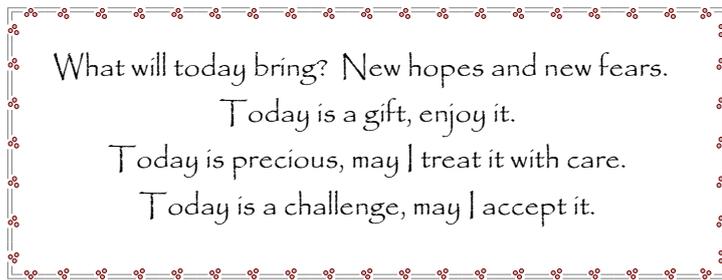
It seemed almost incredible to Bishop Shanahan that a dying man should have undertaken that long and arduous journey merely to say goodbye to his fellow priest. "As we parted that morning after Mass, Fr. Lejeune had far to travel. Without saying a word, we shook hands and turned our faces in opposite directions, to conceal the emotions that neither of us dared to show. We parted and soon lost sight of one another in the forest. Among missionaries, is it any wonder that there grows up friendship stronger than bands of steel?"

Next Sunday the special collection for the Missions will be taken up at all the Masses. It will be an opportunity to seal our friendship with the missionaries and their work for Jesus and His Church.

Please take a
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or give it to a
friend or neigh-
bour

Rest in Peace

Maura Furlong, Bishopstown Avenue West. Maura and her husband Joe were a model of what a good marriage relationship should be. They were as much in love when they celebrated the Golden Jubilee of their wedding a few years ago as when Joe proposed to Maura over fifty years before. When the relationship was broken by the death of Joe two years ago, Maura accepted the inevitable, but part of her life was gone and she lost the will to live. She was unable to carry on at their home and retired to a newly opened rest home in East Cork. Here she went to join her husband in Heaven on 24th September last. We commend our gentle and loved Maura to the Lord and to your prayers. We offer our very sincere sympathy to her family Deirdre, Ena, Paul, Bernice, Frank and Raymond, her grandchildren and brothers and sisters, relatives and friends.



Bible Corner



A Challenging Parable

Even though the style of wedding invitations and receptions has become more varied, it is hard to visualise the scene portrayed in Sunday's gospel ever happening and, of course, it never did happen. This dramatic story was Jesus' way of alerting the Jews to the consequences of yet again rejecting him as Son of God.

It has a salutary message in our time. There is a present day tendency to settle for compromise no matter where the truth lies. There is a weakness in such toleration. Truth is unchanging even though our understanding of it is often uncertain and searching. The truth remains that Jesus is Son of God who has come into our world. Failure to recognise this fact and to live accordingly is an impoverishment, at least. Refusal to believe it when faith is offered can be a recipe for self destruction. Whatever about the establishment Jews of Jesus' time, the choice facing you and me today is very stark.

Fr. Tom

NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to the Homes

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

Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday 13th in the Parish Centre at 8.15pm.

Mission Sunday

The annual collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

St. Paul - The Man and His Message

The final lecture by Fr. Tom will take place on Tuesday at 8.00pm. in the crypt.

St. Vincent de Paul

Once again we appeal for donations to our fuel fund to help the needy of the parish. We would ask you to give generously, particularly in light of the substantial price increases for fuels in the last twelve months. Our priests, the parish office (mornings) or any member of the Conference will gladly receive donations. Many thanks

Alzheimer Society Cork will hold the Inaugural meeting of the Saturday Club, from 2pm until 4pm on 18th October at Bessboro Day Care Centre. Guest Speaker Ms Michelle Hurley, Dietician. Light refreshments provided. For further information contact 021 4972504.

Eucharistic Night Vigil at the Church of the Real Presence, Friday 17th October from 8.00pm to 6.00am Saturday 18th. Youth hour from 8-9.00pm. General theme is Vocations. Can you spare an hour or more? All are welcome.

Cork Mended Hearts

Twenty-fourth annual thanksgiving and remembrance Mass will take place on Wednesday 15th in C.U.H. at 7.30pm. Celebrant Fr, James Good. Soloist Stephen O'Connor.

Camogie for Primary School Girls

Training takes place from 10.30 to 12 noon in Bishopstown GAA Club every Saturday. Beginners are especially welcome. Bring a helmet and a hurley, if possible. These items may be purchased at the training sessions.

Promoting Human Development

Come and hear Fr. Peter McVerry, S.J., Liz O'Donnell, Patrick Nalere (Uganda) and others speak on issues of Development at Third Common Ground Exposition, Silver Springs Convention Centre, 16th October at 7.30pm. Hosted by Bóthar. Adm. is free and all are welcome. Enquiries: sinead@hopefoundation.ie or Sinead Harrington 4292990.



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