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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 13th
September

First Reading: Is 50:5-9

Psalms 114

Second Reading:
Jas 2:14-18

Gospel: Mk 8:27-35

BACK TO SCHOOL



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 the 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, leaving things in his hands. May you all enjoy health and strength and the faith to leave the rest in the hands of God.

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Rest in Peace

Mary Fitzgerald, Model Farm Road, died unexpectedly in Bromley, Kent, on 26th June. She had gone to England to attend the graduation of her grandson at Cambridge University. The occasion was one of great joy for Mary, and later that evening she phoned her dear husband to give him a first-hand account of the day's proceedings. She died that night at her daughter's home. Mary was born on a farm outside Tralee, and from an early age valued her Christian faith and the value of education. At a time when university education was beyond the aspirations of most young people, and especially girls, Mary set her sights on U.C.C. where she graduated in due course with a science degree. There she met and later married her husband Paddy, a prominent Lecturer in medicine. They spent many happy years in Long Island, U.S.A. where Dr. Paddy practised his medical profession, and where three of their six children were born. Later they returned to Cork and U.C.C. Mary's strong faith and good education she passed on to her family, four doctors, an orthodontist, and executive of the World Bank. She never spoke of theirs or her successes. Her daily Mass and participation in parochial organisations and CURA were her primary concerns. May the Lord give her the reward of her goodness.

Margaret O'Brien, (nee Ronan), Lynbrook, Glasheen Road, died peacefully at home on 25th July in her 90th year. A native of Ballingeary, Margaret came to Cork to study medicine in U.C.C. before going to England to work during the Second World War years. Having returned to Cork and married Michael, she focused on her family. In later life, Margaret loved to travel, play golf and cards, especially with her grandchildren. She was a woman of great faith and firmly espoused the values this involved. She will be greatly missed. To her husband Michael, her daughter Mary, sons Ronan, Paul, Kieran and Declan, her many grandchildren, daughters-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends, we offer our sincere sympathies.

Sean O'Leary, Bishops court Road, died on 27th June in St. Patrick's Hospital. He had a strikingly diverse and rich life. While working in Beamish & Crawford Brewery he studied Chemistry & Physics at night. He became Head Brewer and was described as a 'Brewer Extraordinaire' by his competitive peers in a larger brewery. He eventually became Production Director his career in the brewery spanning 38 years. Sean was a founder member of the Cork Lions Club and member of the Cork Scientific Council. He loved scouting and had a long involvement with the Boy Scouts of Ireland. Sean was a very keen photographer, and fishing and shooting were also favourite pastimes. There are many who will remember Sean for his guidance and advice, always given privately and without fuss. He was a devoted family man and will be sadly missed by his wife Kitty, son and daughters, and many grandchildren.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Fr. Finbarr Crowley**, on the death of his father.

NOTICE BOARD

Coffee Morning reopens on Tuesday next 8th in the Parish Office after 10.30am Mass. All welcome.

Learning the Scriptures

Fr. Jerome Murphy-O'Connor will speak in Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross on Wednesday 9th September at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

St. Therese of Lisieux Annual Novena at S.M.A. Church, Blackrock Road, Wednesday 23rd September to Thursday 1st October. Mass and novena prayers each evening at 7.30pm. All welcome.

The Eucharistic Reign of Jesus is Here!

The youth are the future of the Church, and they will gather in Cork City to ADORE! Live the faith with 3 days of prayer and fellowship, September 11-13th at Presentation Brothers College, Mardyke. Guest speakers, live music, workshops, etc. Tel 0863238543; adore2009ireland@gmail.com

Living Well with Arthritis. Course in Brú Columbanus for six weeks commencing Wednesday 16th September, 7.00-9.30pm. To register call 016470206. Cost €20.

Crypt Bridge Club reopens on Tuesday 8th September at 2.00pm. sharp. We hope all our members had an enjoyable summer. The charity Bridge for summer months earned €650 for St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks to all who supported this worthy cause. New member welcome. Tea/coffee and biscuits served. Time 2.00-4.30pm.

Wilton Bridge Club, S.M.A. Hall, reopens on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm. New members welcome - all grades, novices to seniors. Contact 4315806 or 4342376.

Ballineaspig Bridge Club reopens on Monday 14th at 7.30pm. in Bishopstown G.A.A. Club. New members welcome. Tel 4543687.

Camogie for Primary School Girls

Training takes place from 10.30 to 12.00 noon in Bishopstown G.A.A. Club every Saturday morning. Beginners are especially welcome. Bring a helmet and a hurley, if possible. These items may be purchased at the training sessions.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Boys and girls from 3rd class upwards are invited to become altar servers. After initial training, the commitment is to serve one Mass on alternate weekends as well as on special occasions like Holy Week and Christmas.



Training on three Saturdays in the church from 1.00 to 2.00 pm. starting on 12th September.

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