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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 20th
September

First Reading:
Wis. 2:12,17-20

Psalms 53

Second Reading:
Jas 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mk 9:30-37

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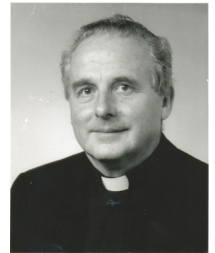
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FR. TOM WRITES



DEBATE OR DIALOGUE

At the moment, NAMA and LISBON vie for first place in the media. Both debates are similar. For the most part, contributors on both sides in each debate concentrate on point scoring and undermining the opposition. The feeble effort to inform or to explain, not to mind admitting the limitations in one's own position, is overshadowed by the emphasis on belittling the opposite view and its proponents by sarcasm, innuendo or worse. The overwhelming objective is to achieve victory. When the goal is victory, truth is the first casualty.

When we downplay truth, we are impoverished individually and as a community. What we need in communal decision-making is not sterile debate but life enhancing dialogue. As distinct from debate, dialogue is speaking the truth in love. It is respecting the other person's questioning as well as their knowledge. It is recognising the other's competence without being intimidated. It is recognising one's own competence without arrogance.

Dialogue is an atmosphere where knowledge is shared, where wisdom guides, where emerging talent blossoms, where honesty is constant and truth reigns supreme. Dialogue is crucial in private life as well as in the public area, in family as in the workplace, in church, indeed wherever two or three or more gather to make a decision. True dialogue is a treasure worth working towards.

Fr. Tom

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Rest in Peace

Mary Barry, (nee Scannell), Bishops court Avenue, passed away peacefully on the 12th August at the Mercy Hospital after a short illness. Mary will be particularly remembered for her great personality and for the kindness and friendliness she showed to all throughout her life. A great testament to Mary's impact on others was the vast numbers who attended her removal, funeral and burial. Mary showed great courage when faced with a terrible sudden illness and her bravery in such adversity will be admired forever. A person of strong faith, Mary had great devotion to Our Lady. She also enjoyed her sport and fashion. Mary's family meant the world to her as she did to them. She will be forever missed and loved by her husband Gerald, her children Gerald, Gina, Jennifer and Karen, her adored grandchildren, her sisters and brothers, relatives and many friends and neighbours. May she rest in peace.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Sean Murphy**, Farranlea, on the death of his brother, Michael in Macroom.
Doris George of Kenley Drive, on the recent death of her sister, Hazel Thomas in England.

COLÁISTE AN SPIORAID NAOIMH

Parents/guardians of prospective entrants in September 2010 are cordially invited to an Open Evening at the college on Wednesday 30th September from 7.00 to 9.00pm when you will be free to take a tour of the school, view its facilities and meet teachers and pupils.

At 8.30pm the Principal and Deputy Principal will address the gathering in the School Hall and give a broad outline of the philosophy of the school and its curriculum. We look forward to meeting you.

Frank McCarthy, Principal

THE ONLY WAY

The only way to heaven is prayer; a prayer of the heart, which everyone is capable of, and not of reasonings which are the fruits of study, or exercise of the imagination, which in filling the mind with wandering objects, rarely settle it; instead of warming the heart with love of God, they leave it cold and languishing. Let the poor come, let the ignorant and carnal come... let the dull or hard hearts which can retain nothing come to the practice of prayer and they shall become wise.

- Felicity Long, *Invincible Spirits*

BIBLE CORNER



FAITH v GOOD WORKS

The second reading on these September weekends is taken from the controversial letter of St. James. Martin Luther was very scathing in his attack on this letter, describing it as "an epistle of straw". For him, it lacked substance and foundation because it did not proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus as any decent apostle should do. Instead, we find the letter this weekend refuting the argument of some cute boys who claimed that it did not matter how one lived as long as one believed in Jesus. They claimed that faith alone was enough for salvation.

James wisely points out, of course, that if one's faith is alive, one will live as a believer, modelling one's life on Jesus, serving those in need.

"Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead."

The challenge in this letter is quite demanding. Read it.

Fr. Tom

NOTICE BOARD

Delivery of Bulletins to homes will recommence in October.

Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 14th in the Parish Centre at 8.15pm.

Friendship Club will reopen next Monday 14th September at 2.30pm. We look forward to meeting all our members at the Parish Centre. New members very welcome.

Annual Coffee Morning in Aid of Marymount at St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road on the Thursday 17th September. All are welcome from 10.30 to 12.00 noon.

Charity Concert in aid of the Presentation Sisters Mission in Pakistan will be held in the South Parish Community Centre, Sawmill Street, on Friday 18th September at 8.00pm. Adm €5. Teas served - raffles on the night. All welcome.

Cardiac Support Group monthly meeting will resume Monday 14th at Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre, 11.00 to 1.00pm. All welcome.

Life Pregnancy Care Service will hold their Church Gate Collection on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September.

Bishopstown I.C.A. returns on Thursday 17th September at 8.00pm at S.M.A. Hall, Wilton. Meetings every Thursday. New members always welcome.