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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES



God's Word

Readings for Sunday 31st
October

First Reading
Wis 11:22-12:2

Psalms 144

Second Reading
2 ~Thess 1:11-2:2

Gospel
Luke 19:1-10

MISSION SUNDAY

Today is Mission Sunday. Among the missionaries worldwide are more than 1,900 Irish in 80 countries. All are sent to bring *'the love of God and one another'* as Jesus instructed His followers. Missionaries are the unsung heroes renewing the face of the earth through the Holy Spirit.

The word Mission comes from the Latin word Mitto, to be sent. In our daily lives people love sharing good news of happy events. Spiritually the good news must be shared. Jesus sent the Apostles and the 72 disciples out to proclaim the Good News of the love of God for us, and that our final destination with Him is in Heaven. Missionaries are the voices of Jesus bringing comfort, healing, peace and strength. All missionaries as children received the Faith through their parents and, inspired by them, responded to the call of Jesus. Many never came back home and went to God among the people they loved.

Maybe today you might contact some missionary, pray for them, light a candle or get Mass offered for them. Pray too that young people will dedicate their lives to God's work.

May God bless all missionaries, especially those from our parish and surrounding parishes, including your families, and grant eternal rest to all who have gone before us.

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or give it to a
friend or neighbour

Holy Souls

Commemoration of the faithful departed takes place on Tuesday 2nd November. Each priest will start a Novena of Masses for the dead on our November list. Envelopes and prayer cards are available in the church. Please return completed envelopes to box at altar rails before Monday 1st. Masses during novena will be at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30pm. - except Saturday 6th when evening Mass will be at the usual time of 6.15pm.

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OBERAMMERGAU'S PASSION PLAY

In 1633 Europe was ravaged by the deadly plague known as *The Black Death*. An estimated one third of the population died. The small town of Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps suffered more than 80 deaths. The names are recorded in the parish register. Praying to God the people begged that they be spared - in return they made a solemn vow that they would "portray the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ every ten years until the end of time."

Gradually the play gained recognition, moving from performing in the cemetery near the burial place of the plague victims to a theatre which accommodates more than 4,800 people. This year the play opened in May and ended in October 3rd with over 100 performances, watched by half a million people. Some 2000 inhabitants of Oberammergau are involved in the production.

There are many diverse reasons for the huge influx of visitors. One is the unique nature of this play, It is a mystery that illuminates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, both as a drama and an opportunity for meditation.

Beginning with Jesus being greeted triumphantly as he enters Jerusalem, the actors, musicians and singers combine to link the events of Jesus' life. Slowly the mood changes and the tension increases. Caiphas and the high priests see Jesus as a threat and want him dead. Judas agrees to betray Jesus and has him arrested by the Roman soldiers. Jesus knew what was to happen, yet willingly accepted that his death would bring about the reconciliation of God and man. This was his destiny. Scourged and humiliated, he is crowned with thorns and endures the mockery of a trial before being crucified between two thieves.

The final scene portrays the resurrection of Jesus with the *Alleluia* being sung triumphantly. Scores of believers light candles from the symbolic fire as Jesus leads them into paradise.

Soon the first snow of winter will arrive in Oberammergau and life will return to normal. The passion play was a profound spiritual experience and will, no doubt linger for a long time with all those who witnessed it. The next production is scheduled for May 2020.

Arthur O'Callaghan

Bible Corner



TIME TO GO

For Paul, life is slipping away rapidly. He writes to Timothy whom he expects to carry on the work to which he himself has given his all. His emotions are mixed. He is a prisoner in Rome, somewhat alone. The pain of being let down in time of trial still lingers. But overall, he is conscious that great things have been accomplished through his dedication. In a few years the good news about Jesus Christ has been proclaimed throughout the Empire even in Rome itself.

"I have fought the good fight to the end. I have run the race to the finish."

While accepting his own key role, he is most anxious to remind everybody that the credit for all the achievements must be given to Jesus through whom everything worthwhile has been accomplished. It is to this same Jesus that Paul entrusts himself with total confidence.

"To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Fr. Tom

NOTICE BOARD

Women Supporting Women

The Equality Development Project for women is starting a new training course for mentors and will focus on young women who are parenting alone and on older women in the community who have lifelong practical knowledge and wisdom. Are you a mature woman willing to share your experience, knowledge and understanding of life skills with other women in the community? If so, please contact Catherine at 4391108 for further details.

Over 50s Fitness Classes

In Bishopstown GAA Club every Friday 11-12. One hour only, no term, just pay as you go. Ideal for men or women looking to lose weight and get fit before Christmas.

Classes also suitable for those with arthritis, osteoporosis, diabetes, high/low blood pressure.

Classes run in a relaxed environment - just do as much as you feel you can.

For more information phone Alan 087-7641998.

Congratulations to parishioners

Kenneth Kelleher and Aisling Walsh, both of Leesdale, Model Farm Road, who were married last week.



WEEKEND PSALM

Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time - Year C

Patrick Killeen

