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SPEAK NO EVIL

Blaming somebody else must be the fastest growing sport in Ireland except, of course, that it is not a sport. It is much more serious than sport. It is a matter of fact or fiction, of truth or lies, of justice or injustice, of righting wrong or settling scores, of transparency or cover up. It can be like a forest fire destroying all in its path, the innocent and the guilty.

It is very important that wrongdoing in all its forms is exposed and that the perpetrators of serious crimes are held to account and make atonement for their misdeeds. Such vigilance is often necessary for all our protection, expensive though it may be.

But trial by media is like dynamite. Dynamite can do extraordinary good like removing dangerous buildings and clearing obstacles, as we saw in earthquake situations. On the other hand, such explosives can destroy life and property indiscriminately as we know only too well. Dynamite can easily become unstable and wreak unforeseen and uncontrollable havoc. Public blaming of others can be a bit like that. Innocent lives can be destroyed. People who have no responsibility for wrongdoing can be tarnished. False accusation can stick like mud. Just as the use of dynamite is best left to trained personnel, maybe judging and blaming should be left to the courts and other duly appointed regulatory authorities. Blaming needs to be based on truth, justice and competence. It needs to be grounded on fact rather than opinion and permeated by wisdom, sensitivity and, indeed, forgiveness. Few have all these qualities.

Remember that without loving forgiveness there is no lasting healing of hurt.

As followers of Jesus, we live in challenging times.

Fr. Tom

Thank You

It is now three months since devastating floods hit Pakistan and Trócaire expresses sincere thanks to dioceses and parishes for their extraordinary response to its emergency appeal. Over the past few months people have generously donated over €5.5million to help survivors of the disaster. Almost half of this was raised as a result of the church collections that were held around the country in August. This figure is expected to increase to €4million (£3.6m) in the coming weeks.

Trócaire was able to rescue over 20,000 people from the floodwaters in the first weeks of the disaster and provide more than 100,000 people with food, water, hygiene kits and other essentials. Trócaire is now providing seeds, tools and other essentials so that families can begin to recover and rebuild their livelihoods.

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Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to

Daughters Mary and Frances, and son Pat, of the late **Sheila Walsh**, Laburnum Park.

Parents Terence and Alice, brothers Martin, Tony, Paul and sister Vanessa, of the late **Yvonne Randall**, Greenfields, Model Farm Road.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a nanamacha dílse.

Feast of All Saints

Monday, 1st November is the feast of All Saints. Masses at 9.00, 10.30 and 7.30pm. No Vigil Mass on Sunday 31st in this church, but there will be a Vigil Mass in the Sacred Heart Church at 6.30pm.

Cemetery Prayers and Blessings in November

St. Oliver's: Saturday 6th at 2.00pm. (Mass also)
St. Finbarr's: Sunday 7th at 2.30pm
St. James's: Sunday 7th at 3.00pm.
St. Michael's: Sunday 7th at 3.00pm

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament next Friday from 10.30 to 7.30 pm.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society monthly meeting in the Parish Office on Thursday 4th at 3.00pm.

St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection at Masses next weekend.

Cork Theology Forum

Stem Cell Research and Theology: Opening up the Conversation. Saturday 20th November 9.30am to 1.15pm at Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road. Speakers Dr. Agneta Sutton and Dr. Pádraig Corkery. Fee €15. Further details corktheologyforum@gmail.com

All Night Vigil of Reparation and Adoration at South Presentation Chapel, Douglas Street, next Friday. Rosary starts at 10 p.m. First Friday Mass at 10.30 p.m. First Saturday Mass at 6 a.m.

"Could you not watch one hour with me"

MISSION SUNDAY PHONE CALL

Parishioners attending the 12.15pm Mass on Sunday last witnessed a unique event. To mark Mission Sunday, Fr. Kieran arranged a phone link-up with Fr. Ollie Noonan, SMA, at our sister parish in the Turkana desert in Kenya.

Sounding cheerful, Fr. Ollie was delighted to speak to his many friends and neighbours in the congregation. In temperatures reaching 48°C, he outlined some of the challenges his parish faces at present.

Marauding tribes frequently attack the village, plundering and stealing animals for food and terrorising the people. Many of his parishioners are very poor and depend on the animals as a means of supplementing their income.

Fr. Ollie expressed his sincere gratitude for the support, both financial and spiritual, coming from the priests and people of The Descent of the Holy Spirit parish. "Each week we remember you in our prayers and Masses and we are aware that you are in solidarity with us at the 10.00am Mass on Wednesdays. May God bless you and your families."

These final remarks were greeted by a resounding round of applause from the congregation. Missionary workers today seek justice for their people, often at great risk for themselves. According to Vatican sources, thirty-nine missionaries and helpers have been killed in the past two years - we remember them in our prayers.

We welcome into our Christian community

Louise Kate Fitzgibbon
Jennifer Quinn
James Nicholas Daniel Sommerfield



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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 7th November.

First Reading
2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14

Psalm 16
Second Reading

Thess 2:16-3:5
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Please take a copy of the Bulletin home or give it to a friend or neighbour

WEEKEND PSALM

Thirty-First Sunday in ordinary time - Year C

Patrick Killeen



I will bless your name for - ev - er. O God my King.