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THE DEAN WRITES

MASS TIMES

Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays

9.00, 10.00

Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

Holydays

9.00, 10.30

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GOD'S WORD

Readings for Sunday 27th
March 2011

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

Psalms 94

Second Reading
Rom 5:1-2,5-8

Gospel: Jn 4:5-21

HAIL GLORIOUS ST. PATRICK



We have grown so accustomed to celebrating St. Patrick year after year that we may well lose sight of the fact that he was truly an extraordinary man of great spiritual and natural talents.

The bonhomie and legends associated with the celebration of the feast are fine, but they may overshadow the real greatness of the man. Here we are not talking about driving snakes out of Ireland or facing up to the High King at Tara, but the facts of his life.

We might summarize these under three headings:

1. Patrick was a man of deep Faith. He writes, "Today among heathen people I praise and proclaim the Lord's name in all places, not only when things go well, but also in times of stress. Whether I receive good or ill, I return thanks equally to God, who taught me always to trust Him unreservedly."
2. He was a man of Prayer. He tells us himself that as a young teenager he was not very religious, but when taken slave at age of sixteen he turned to God. "A hundred times a day I prayed to the Lord - and more than that at night. How did I come by this wisdom, which was not my own? What was the source of the gift I got later of knowing and loving God, even if it meant leaving my homeland and family?" "I came to the Irish heathens to preach the Good News, and put up with insults from unbelievers. I heard my mission abused. I gave up my free-born status for the good of others. Should I be worthy, I am ready to give even my life gladly for His Name."
3. He was a humble man. "It is in Ireland I wish to spend my life, if the Lord should allow me." "God inspired me to undertake this holy and wonderful work in spite of my ignorance, and to imitate in some small way those who, as the Lord foretold, would preach his Good News to all nations before the end of the world."

The amazing thing was the fact that the Irish accepted the teaching of Patrick so rapidly and universally. Not only that but large numbers of dedicated Monks and Priests left Ireland in the very early ages to spread the Gospel throughout Europe - this missionary spirit blossomed anew in the last century - Priests, Sisters, Brothers down to our Mission in Peru left their homes and families to spread the love of Jesus and share their lives with peoples far from home.

What will I do to ensure that this sharing of the Good News does not die with our generation?

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

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Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy on the deaths of parishioners:

Sheila Coughlan, late of Laburnum Park, to her niece and relatives.

Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald, late of Model Farm Road, to his sons Richard, Alasdair, Brian and Desmond, and his daughters Patricia and Margaret.

Aris Dalkalakis, Farranlea Grove, to his wife Patricia and daughter Estella.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh nanamacha dílse

BIBLE CORNER

YOUR CALL



Mobile phones have an ever increasing variety of ringing tones. You can select one that immediately identifies your phone ringing at home, in the noisy night club, on a bus or, even, in church! The call is for you, bringing good news, bad news, a reassurance, a concerned query, an invitation or a challenge. Or it may be just making a contact call. It is for you. You can, of course, turn off your phone or put it on silent. You can ignore the calls.

God's calls are similar. Unique personalised calls are a large part of our salvation story. Some such calls have been key turning points in human history like Mary's call at the Annunciation, or Joseph's dream call to take Mary home, or Peter's call to leave the fishing and follow Jesus full time. Different calls come in different ways.

One of the earliest recorded foundational calls is told in this weekend's first reading. God Calls Abram to leave the security of his place and become the founder of the Hebrew people for whom God had his specific hopes and plans. Abram answered God's call.

Do I? Maybe the ringing tone on my inner receiver is drowned out by fear, anxiety, selfishness, guilt. Or, maybe, I do not expect God to have any call for me.

Lent is a time to tune in again, to enter my unique personal pin number with the Lord and await his call in a quiet moment.

Fr. Tom

NOTICE BOARD

Delivery of Bulletins to homes has been deferred until next weekend.

Making the Exam Dyslexic Friendly. A Junior Certificate Maths and English Workshop on Saturday, 26th March from 10am to 1.30pm in Bishopstown Community School. For more information, please contact Liz Forde (086) 3858463 after 6 pm.

Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle monthly Recital on next Wednesday 23rd March will be given by Jim Aherne at 2.30pm. in the Crypt of our Church. An afternoon of glorious music is assured, so do come and join us.

Choral Concert in aid of Lions Club charities, on Sunday 27th March at 8.00pm in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen, featuring four choirs, Soloists and a String Quartet. Tickets €10 at Credit Union and Wilton Post Office.

Faith in Action Group

The *Faith in Action Group* suggests 5 things to do at least once during Lent:

1. Visit a neighbour.
2. Go without something you like and donate the money to a charity.
3. Do a clean up of your immediate neighbourhood.
4. Switch from at least one of your normal brands to a Fairtrade one.
5. Advocate on behalf of the disadvantaged (e.g. a letter or phone call on homelessness or asylum seekers)

Fairtrade Competition

Thanks to all who entered the recent Fairtrade Quiz and congratulations to the winner, Patsy Teahan. A Fairtrade Easter Egg will soon be yours, Patsy!

Look out for the Logo!



ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS

"Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come to me: for the kingdom of heaven is for such" (Matthew 19:14)

The "Do This in Memory" Program is well underway and the girls and their families will be attending their 7th Mass on March 26th next. This Mass will be preceded by the First Penance Ceremony. This is a great occasion for our school and our parish. We would like to sincerely thank all the Dennehy's Cross parish Team who work so tirelessly for the faith community. We don't know where we would be without them. Their help & support in preparing our First Holy Communion Class of 2011 is greatly appreciated.

Our 6th Class girls make their Confirmation on Wednesday, April 13th at 10.30 a.m. and the girls have now chosen their sponsors, their Confirmation names and are busily practising for this important ceremony in their lives. We ask your prayers for all of the staff, pupils and families involved in this critical task of faith formation.

LENTEN CORNER

Sacred Space



Prayer, penance and almsgiving are the cornerstones of our Lenten observances. As well as almsgiving, think about 'Time-Giving' - call to a neighbour living alone, offer to take someone shopping, visit a sick person, write a letter to a family member living abroad. This week put a little clock in your 'Sacred Space' symbolising the giving of your time.

We pray: "Teach us Lord to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost."

WEEKEND PSALM

Lent 2 - Year A

Patrick Killeen

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May your love be up-on us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.