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corruption but that does not give us the right to opt out completely of our responsibilities to society and to government. It would seem that the best antidote to corruption and tyranny is a form of democracy where a nation is run on the principal of government for the people by the people combined with an agreed constitution that all are subject to.

Jesus paid his taxes and urged his followers to do the same for the sake of the common good. He lived under a government that was not democratic and was in many ways corrupt. But at least Pax Romana kept order in society and provided for the basic need of its citizens. It was better by far than having an utterly chaotic situation of rampant criminality and tribal wars. Christ's general principal was to be critically obedient to the authorities but obedience to God first. There were those who advocated violent revolution against Rome by Jesus remained aloof and what a wise course of action it proved to be. The most famous rebel against Rome was Spartacus who led the slave revolt and held out against the might of the Roman army for 2 years before he was eventually defeated. The heroic Spartacus warrants but a footnote in history while Jesus and the religion he founded has outlived all empires either before or since. The early Christians changed the Roman Empire not by war and revolution but by enculturation and assimilation. In other words they Christianises what was good in paganism. They gave good example and they fought evil by doing good. They did not use the weapons of swords, spears and daggers but rather the weapons of love, truth and beauty.

So finally it is a good thing that we pray for our government and public

representatives. They do not have an easy job. We ask the Lord to help us to have the generosity to support then when they do what is good and the courage to criticise them when they don't. Above all we pray that we will be a good example to all we meet and have the courage to fight evil by doing good.

Fr. Padraig

ESKER CEMETERY SUNDAY

Mass and Blessing of Graves will be held in Esker Cemetery today at 3pm – weather permitting – and all are welcome.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Betty Byrne and Rebecca Duggan
Altar Linen: Nuala Carroll
Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove, 5th September (Wedding Thursday)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jack Quinlan is again this week's winner. Congratulation Jack and "thank you" for constantly being an entrant! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says "Try your best.....to what?"



Your entries to the Sacristy by Wednesday morning or by email – ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net by Tuesday evening.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Notices and submissions for the Newsletter must be received before 10.30am on **WEDNESDAY** morning to be considered for inclusion into that week's edition. Envelopes marked "PARISH NEWSLETTER" should be left into the Sacristy or Parish Office.

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PAYMENT OF TAXES – GOD AND POLITICS

Jesus said very little about politics during the 3 years of his public life but on the rare occasions when he did the issue of taxation was the starting point about what he taught. Even though he never involved himself with politics Christ did not condemn it either, in fact he gave strong indications that political systems are necessary for the good of society. Thus being Christian has a responsibility to support their government and pay their taxes. This is said in a general sense as not every government is good and not every tax is fair.

"No man is an island" the poet John Donne wrote. We need other people for friendship and support. First of all it goes without saying we need our families. But families also has need - they need society to provide for the common good. Parents cant do major surgery on their sick child, they need hospital to do that and a hospital can only be provided by a government. Most parents are busy with house, home and earning a living and they do not normally have the time to provide fully for the educational needs of their children. They need the support of an education system which can only be provided by a government. Every society needs a legal system to protect the rights of it members. Only a government that is orientated towards getting the balance right between individual rights and group rights can do that. Once an agreed legal system is in place a police service is needed to maintain it and protect society from criminality. Only a government can do that. In a nutshell we could say that its main function is to oversee the sharin out of resources that are necessary for the flourishing of the community and the nation. In order to do this governments need money from those they govern to pay for it all.

Hence we have taxes and it is good and necessary we pay our taxes. Of course no government is perfect and no taxation system is perfect either. Both are vulnerable to

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WEDDINGS



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Deirdre Ennis and John Kelly
Ciara Byrne and Kenneth McDonagh
Caroline Gill and Gareth Salinger

recently married.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 29th August Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **in the: Church** : from after 10am Mass to 11.45am
Church: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome.

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday 28th August the Missionary Rosary will be recited in the Prayer Group at 7.30pm, prior to Prayer Meeting starting at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre and all are welcome.

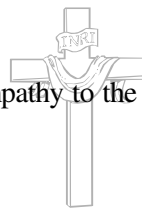
CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Legion of Mary is hosting a two-day conference in All Hallows College, Gracepark Road, Drumcondra, on the 31st August – 1st September. Guest speakers will include Papal Nuncio, The Most Rev Charles John Brown, Fr John Harris and Fr Pat Deegan. Fees are €40 for non-residential and €55 for residential. For further information please contact Liam on 086-8888918 or www.facebook.com/deus.patria. All Welcome

NOTICES

Monday 26th August
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.
Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

DEATHS



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

Paul Guidon, Boot Rd

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

Monthly meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will be held on Wednesday in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary and new members are always welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We extend heartiest congratulations, prayers and support to all the young people who received the Leaving Cert results recently. Those of us who received ours decades ago can vouch that these results do not determine who we are or put limits on what we can achieve.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”.
Jeremiah 29:11

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 26th August
10.00am Nicholas McNulty, MM

Sunday 1st September
7.30pm (Vigil) Carmel Robertson
12 noon Michael Hynes
Mary Connolly
Liz Walsh, 1st An
Hugh McPartlan, 30th An

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Sunday 25th August

11.00am Pauline Fallon An.
Eddie Harris An.
Matthew Faye 21st An.

The Smith Family of Michael Collins Park would like to express their sincere gratitude to all their Family, Neighbours and Friends for their heartfelt sympathy and help during the recent passing of James (Jim) Smith, Father of Thomas and Terence.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Amy Van Eekeren this week's winner. Your prize can be collected after Mass today.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,486 – your planned giving contributions this week.

NEW FEAST DAY

Being inquisitive as to the celebration of the new Feast Day of Our Lady of Knock on the 17th August I discovered it was included in the New Missal which came into use last Advent.

Regarding the new missal, in my investigation I found this head line in a national newspaper “November launch for contentious new missal” and continuing “The controversial new missal will be introduced...”

It is difficult to believe that we have the new missal almost a year without “controversy or contention”. In truth it seems to me that the new missal has always been with us.

Incidentally St. Pio and St Edith Steins are among other new saints included in the new missal.

ST. JOHN WALL

On Thursday, 29th August, we celebrate the Feast of St. John Wall – no **not** our Fr. John.

St John Wall was born in 1620 in Preston, Lancashire. He entered the English College, Douai (in modern-day northern France) in 1641, and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1645. He returned to his homeland for several years, saying Mass for the Catholics who stayed loyal to the papacy.

In 1678, after 22 years of ministry he was apprehended under suspicion of being a party to the Titus Oates plot and sent to Worcester jail. After being sent to London he was brought back to Worcester and executed for being a Catholic priest and exercising as such.

He steadfastly refused to forsake his religion, was hung drawn and quartered on 22nd August 1679

He was canonised on 25th October 1970 by Pope Paul VI

SOCIAL INCLUSION

The Social Inclusion Unit and the Arts Office of South Dublin County Council are excited to host “CELEBRATION” (Social Inclusion through the Performing Arts) which will take place in the Civic Theatre, Tallaght on Sunday 17th November at 8pm.

“Celebration” is a spectacular event that showcases all talent and creativity in the South Dublin County.

We would be delighted if you could circulate this letter on our behalf and encourage everyone to participate. Application forms are also available on request.

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