ST EDITH STEIN – CONVERT, MYSTIC AND MARTYR

A few weeks back I wrote about Thomas Merton and his contribution to Catholic Mysticism in the 20^{th} Century.

This week we look at St. Edith Stein who had similar experiences as those of Merton in her faith journey. Edith Stein was also intellectually gifted in that she was a high flier in the Philosophy Department of the Freiburg University she worked in. she was a woman and she was Jewish and some of her male colleagues did not treat her with the respect that was due to her. Nonetheless she wrote quite a number of academic articles on her area of speciality which had a powerful influence even in her day. Edith Steins' conversion was similar to Merton's – she read a book. It was the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, the female contemporary of John of the Cross in the tradition of Catholic mysticism. She went on to become a Carmelite nun and was martyred in Auschwitz in 1942 by the Nazis. Edith Stein was canonised by Pope John Paul 11 in 1998.

Both Thomas Merton and Edith Stein were caught by Christ through reading a book. Mind you the books they read would not be for every one – they were not her high brow. All of this goes to show how conversion is both varied and possible. Some are converted gradually, some quickly. Some are converted by very simple things and others are converted by more extraordinary means. For some it is the example of committed Christians, for others it is the experience of Mass, prayer or some mystical experience. In the light of this we pray for those who are thinking of converting that the Lord will give them the grace to do the right thing and that they will be open to receiving His Grace.

"SEAMLESS ROBE"

Sruleen's Fr Michael has recently published a new collection of his poetry to coincide with his Silver Jubilee of ordination. Copies of "Seamless Robe: New & Collected Poetry" are on sale in the parish shop. Proceeds from sales will go to the Sacred Heart's Missions. Books are available from the Parish Shop.

"THANK YOU"

I would like to thank my neighbours and friends for all the Mass Bouquets, get well cards, visits and enquiries during my recent illness – all are very much appreciated. Mass has been offered for all your intentions. "Go raibh míle maith agaibh arís! Elsie

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Eimear Monaghan is this week's winner. Congratulations Eimear! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today

This week's quiz



In 1917 Our Lady appeared to three children in Fatima. Can you name them and what age were they at the time? (The picture shows the three children)

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

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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what is your image and understanding of the Mission of the church? Is it one of committed priests, religious and lay people going to the developing world preaching the Gospel or engaged in development projects? Not everyone can leave their homes and families and spend months or years away from home. So does this mean that we have no part in the Church's mission? Our call to mission comes from our baptism where we are mandated to be witnesses for our faith and to reflect on how we can answer this call and how we can respond to the mission activity of our parish.

Pope Francis has asked that we be "missionaries of God's love and tenderness and mercy." This isn't just in areas of the developing world but in ALL areas of our lives. For example, Christian parents are challenged to share the Good News of the Gospel with their children and to encourage and support them in their faith journey. We can see mission in the ordinary ebb and flow of life or in the struggle to find a faith filled response to a terminal or long term illness, like Pope John Paul II.

So, your mission (should you choose to accept it!!!!!!!!) is to be more aware of the ways in which you already undertake this mission and to seek out new opportunities for mission during October.

Good luck! (This newsletter will NOT self-destruct in 5 seconds!)

Fr. Damian

Fr. Padraig

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome tor

Hayden Patrick Caulfield, Deansrath Rd Seán Gavin Ryan, Willow Grove Lily Kate Smith, Woodford Park Rd Sophie Beatrice Buchanan, Pearl St, Newtown, Sydney, Australia Sofia Evelyn Elizabeth Clancy, Riversdale Park Aidan James Matanes, Newlands Manor Park

recently Baptised.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 10th October Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **in the Sisters' Oratory:** from after 10am Mass to 11.45am, **and from** 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Veronica Bayly, May Stynes **Altar Linen:** Angela Minihan **Flowers:** Aileen Skelton, to 17th October

"WELCOME"

The children of Scoil Áine will join the regular 10am Mass goers on Tuesday, St. Joseph's on Thursday and Scoil Íde on Friday.

NOTICES

Monday 7th October

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

Tuesday 8^{tht} October

Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

DEATHS

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

Terry Coleman, Cherrywood Avenue Margaret Fanning, Yellow Meadows Park

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

EARLY START TO THE PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday, 9th October the Rosary, Mysteries of Light 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

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 7th October

7.30amMaisie McGann10.00amEdward Daniel McGarty

Tuesday 8th October

7.30am Tomás and Brid Davitt 10.00am Betty Mooney

Wednesday 9th October

10.00am Bobby Rumgay

Friday 11th October

10.00am Carlie Brennan Breen, 2nd An

Sunday 13th October

7.30pm (Vigil) Paddy Boggans Patrick Stynes and deceased members of the Stynes Family William Carroll, MM Paddy Looney
10.30am Joe McConville
12 Noon Luke Nolan Sean Murphy Ronnie McNulty Liam Halpin Sean Mooney Patrick Ward, 1st An

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Sunday 6th October

11.00am Ned and Margaret Hughes An.Paddy Joe and Mary Lenahan An.Alice Quinn An.Winnie Mulheir B.R.Michael Byrne B.R.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to competition winners Ciaran and Cormac Gavin your prize can be collected after Mass.

CHURCH CLOSING

Please note: the church will close after 10am Mass tomorrow and Tuesday and possibly Wednesday (depending on progress) for necessary upgrading of electrical facilities.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks $\notin 2,165$ – your planned giving contributions this week.

MONDAY CLUB

We had a great turn out for our Bingo Session last Monday morning. It was great to have so many people back after our long summer break and holidays.

Apropos the "Coffee Morning" some very generous people came along afterwards to donate and we finally paid in \notin 480.

Next week "Doc Morris" from the Mill Centre will send a representative to talk to us about a topic which is very necessary especially for Irish people and that is "skin care". Please come along for this very informative talk.

Looking forward to seeing you!

THOUGHT FOR YEAR OF FAITH: the Lord will not fail or desert you. He will be with you always.

THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN 13TH OCTOBER 1917

The Miracle of the Sun was an event on 13th October 1917 which was attended by 30,000 to 100,000 people, who were gathered near Fatima. Several newspaper reporters were in attendance and they took testimony from many people who claimed to have witnessed extraordinary solar activity. This recorded testimony was later added to by an Italian Catholic priest and researcher in the 1940s.

According to these reports, the event lasted approximately ten minutes.

The event was officially accepted as a miracle by the Church on 13th October 1930. On 13th October 1951, the papal legate, Cardinal Tedeschini, told the million people gathered at Fatima that on 30th and 31st October, 1st and 8th November 1950, Pope Pius XII himself witnessed the miracle of the sun from the Vatican gardens.

The people had gathered because three young shepherd children had predicted that at high noon the "lady" who had appeared to them several times would perform a great miracle in a field near Fátima called Cova da Iria. After a period of rain, the dark clouds broke and "the sun" appeared as an opaque, spinning disc in the sky. The sun was reported to have careened towards the earth in a zigzag pattern, frightening those who thought it a sign of the end of the world. Witnesses reported that their previously wet clothes became "suddenly and completely dry, as well as the wet and muddy ground that had been previously soaked because of the rain that had been falling".

Next Sunday, 13th October the 96th anniversary of the event will be recalled when Pope Francis will renew the 1984 consecration of the world to Our Lady