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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Masses this Week

Monday: 9.00 am Tuesday: NO MASS

Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9.00 am

Sat: 10.00 am

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of September. Calls to the sick and housebound will be made during the week.

Young at Heart

Resumes on Thursday 20th September 2.30 to 4.30. All welcome. Contact Christine Chapman.

Bereavement Information Evening

Anam Cara Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 5th September at 7:30pm in the

Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 4th September or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Jesus gives us the truth. He did not vacillate nor did he mince words. He calls a spade a spade. In our first reading today from Deuteronomy, Moses says, "In your observance of the commandments of the Lord, your God, which I am commanding you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it". The Pharisees were definitely guilty of this self-deception, and worse, also of deceiving others. They were guilty of adding, subtracting and distorting God's commandments in

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Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8 order for them to look good and to readily condemn others.

The world nowadays has been very successful in deceiving us. We have learned to live with ambiguity, double meanings and double standards, especially in matters of morality and spirituality. We have managed to justify our sins and make them appear and sound harmless by the adroit use of words and expressions. Abortion is no longer called murder, but "reproductive rights"; euthanasia which was called "mercy killing" (a contradiction in terms) is now referred to as "compassion for the terminally ill"; greed is "retirement planning"; deceit is just "a few white lies" or "face saving"; unchastity is just one "lifestyle"; and pride or arrogance is considered as "selfesteem." This is the bitter fruit of what Pope Benedict XVI called "the dictatorship of relativism." We have learned to live with immorality and lies for we ceased standing up for truth and goodness. We have compromised our Christian principles and values in favour of this world. This is aptly expressed in an old adage: "Unless we live in accordance with what we believe, in due time we will believe according to what we live."

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St Monica

We celebrated St Monica's feast day last Monday. She is one of the patronesses of mothers because of the intensity of her prayers for the

conversion of her son Augustine. It took Augustine seventeen years before he embraced the Catholic faith but his conversion was so complete that we know him today as St Augustine.

When Monica was dying, she overheard Augustine and his brother discussing where she should be buried and her reply has become an inspirational quote: 'All I ask is that you remember me at the altar of God'

Prayer to St Monica

Blessed Monica, mother of St. Augustine, we give thanks to our Father in Heaven who looked with mercy upon your tears over your wayward son. His conversion and heroic sanctification were the fruit of your prayers.

Dear St. Monica, we now ask you to pray with us for all those sons and daughters that have wandered away from God, and to add your prayers to those of all mothers who are worried over their children.

Pray also for us that, following your example, we may, in the company of our children, one day enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in Heaven. Amen.

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins:killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie or to Fr Cremin: mail@frcremin.com.

Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm.

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