

IRISH MEMORIES?

Michael Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest almost fell down when he saw him. He'd never been to church in his life. After Mass, the priest caught up with him and said, "Murphy, I am so glad to see you at Mass. What made you come?"

Murphy said, "I've got to be honest with you Father, a while back, I misplaced my hat and I really, really love that hat. I know that Seamus McGlynn has a hat just like mine and I knew he came to church every Sunday. I also knew that he had to take off his hat during Mass so I figured he would leave it in the back of church. I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat."

The priest said, "Well, Murphy, I notice that you didn't steal McGlynn's hat. What changed your mind?"

Murphy replied, "Well, after I heard your sermon on the 10 Commandments, I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all."

With a tear in his eye the priest gave Murphy a big smile and said; "After I talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' you decided you would rather do without your hat than burn in Hell?"

Murphy slowly shook his head. "No, Father, after you talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery' I remembered where I left my hat.