



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### PROGRESS REPORT - PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

As this issue of the Parish Newsletter goes to print we are delighted to report that the house to house collection to date has topped the £11,000 mark.

Over 75% of the homes in the Parish are contributing to the collection. Many are contributing on a weekly or monthly basis while some Parishioners have elected to contribute quarterly, half-yearly or on an annual basis.

That so many homes are contributing at a time when there are very many demands on the Family income, is an indication of the high priority in which Parishioners place their Churches and Schools.

The Parish Clergy are most heartened by the response, as are the Parish Finance Committee. However, the achievement so far would not be possible without the magnificent effort which is being put into the collection by the actual Collectors themselves and the Area Agents. Over 150 people are giving up a part of their free time to physically collect the money, in addition to a small but vital group of people who count the collection each week.

It is important that we do not rest on our laurels during the summer months. Accordingly, the Finance Committee requests that all Parishioners endeavour to

come to a suitable arrangement with the Collectors to keep the continuity of the collection going during the holidays.

DERMOT HOPKINS - P.R.O. - PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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The Management Board of Bishopstown Boys' School was established on October 13th, 1975. The members are Very Rev. T. McSweeney, P.P., Marie O'Carroll, Tomas O'Laoi, Frank Murphy, Agnes Jones, Muriel Doolan and Chris Synott. Three additional members are to be appointed in the near future - one member of the teaching staff and two nominees of the Patron.

The aim of the Board is to provide the most favourable environment possible for the education of the children of this community. To establish liaison between the Board and the community at large, in particular in educational affairs in the area, the Board has a representative on the Education Committee of the Bishopstown Community Association.

Ten Board meetings have been held to date. It was found necessary to form a number of sub-committees to transact the complex affairs of this large urban school. In all, five sub-committees are dealing with, or have dealt with, the organisation of the finances, the re-organisation of the school cleaning system, problem floors in the newest pre-fab classrooms, oil and electricity costs, and the painting of the school premises.

Recent visitors to the school will have noticed the bright newly-painted walls of the entrance corridor. Painting started during the Easter vacation, and it is planned to have all the interior re-painted by next September. It has also been necessary to repair damage caused by vandalism to the tiles on the ground floor corridor. The contract has been awarded and this work will commence soon.

The Board and teaching staff are worried by the continual trespass outside school hours on the premises and grounds by local youths who cause damage to the property and write obscene graffiti on the walls. To preserve the school precincts from such acts of vandalism, the

co-operation of parents and others would be welcome.

The school has felt for some time the lack of adequate audio-visual equipment - deemed to be essential if the teaching staff is to meet in a satisfactory way the requirements of the new curriculum and to stimulate the interest of the children of to-day. The Board has now acquired for the school two slide/film strip projectors, transparencies for existing overhead projectors, three tape recorders and a heat copier. The Board has also assumed responsibility for the provision of day-to-day classroom requisites - chalk, inks, stencils, duplicating paper, materials for remedial teaching, etc.

The Board is particularly interested in, and has assisted in the promotion of games in the school by providing jerseys for the school teams and trophies for the inter-class leagues and school sports.

As time goes by, the Board hopes to become more involved in providing pupils and teachers with the best possible facilities and conditions to enable them to do fruitful work.

The Board of Management appreciates the interest shown by parents and is grateful to the Editor of the Parish Newsletter for giving it this opportunity of communicating with the parents of the boys in the school.

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CONGRATULATIONS

The Episcopal Ordination of Most Rev. Dr. Michael Murphy was greeted in the Parish with somewhat greater enthusiasm than elsewhere. Perhaps the reason was due to the fact that "The Brother" is one of our own and living in Firgrove.

Congratulations to Mr. Tim Murphy and his Family.

The Parish was officially represented at this Great Liturgical Event.

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EDITOR.  
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CONTRIBUTIONS : We welcome articles from Parishioners and Parish Organisations for publication in our Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER SUB-COMMITTEE Mrs Jo Reardon, Woodlawn, Model Farm Road; Brian Sloan, Bishopstown Post Office and Billy Pope, 26 Westgate Park Avenue.

## GETTING MARRIED

Because of their importance, we reprint the guide-lines in these dioceses regarding the arranging of a marriage. They appeared in the January issue of "The Fold".

Getting married is not something to be done on the spur of the moment. If ever the warning "look before you leap" applies it applies to marrying, for, who you are married to will mean so much to you for the whole rest of your life. And of the marriages that turn out badly, how many are of couples that people who know them say were never "meant for each other". No, your marriage should be a prepared one and not a rushed whirlwind one. It calls for a long, hard look at yourself and your intended to see whether you are well matched or not and to size up what the future holds for you.

And the younger you are or the more pressing the reason you have for the marriage, the more this is so.

When you go to the priest to arrange about your marriage, he has to satisfy himself and the law that you are free to marry and fit to marry - and he has to talk to you about the opportunities and responsibilities that go with Christian marriage. All that takes time - and gives you food for thought so to speak - and time to digest it as well.

For that reason it is expected now in this diocese that those contemplating marriage will come to the priest some THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING DATE they have in mind. In the case of a boy or girl under age, this in fact is a rule and not just a recommendation. Indeed so much a rule is it that in the case of one under eighteen years of age, the priest has to refer to the Bishop if the marriage is to take place any sooner.

THE FOLD.

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### AREA AGENTS

WHAT IS AN AREA AGENT?

WHO ARE THE AREA AGENTS?

These are questions that many Parishioners may be asking. The Area Agent is the link between the Collector and the Finance Committee. The Agent is responsible for the smooth and efficient organisation of the collection in his/her area covering 150/300 homes. He/She has up to twelve

Collectors in his/her area. The Area Agents and their respective area are as per list below. If you as a Parishioner have been overlooked in the Collection, or have just moved into the Parish, we suggest that you contact your Area Agent and he/she will arrange for the Collector to call on you.

	<u>AGENT</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
1.	John Cogan, "Consilio" 53 Summerstown Drive.		45870
2.	Mrs O'Sullivan, 27 Summerstown Gvr.)	Summerstown	
3.	Mrs. Noreen Fenton, 10 Riverview Est.	Riverview/ Clashdubh	-
4.	Tom Sheehan, 12 Liam Lynch Pk.	Glasheen Rd.	-
5.	Mrs Joan Leonard, "Auburn" Wilton Road.	Wilton Rd.	41703
6.	Mrs. Eileen O'Mahoney, "Rossbeigh" Bendemeer Park.	Magazine Rd.	45863
7.	Mrs Eleanor O'Flynn, "Jacinta", Farrenlea Grove		41840
8.	Henry Matson, "Nyra", Farranlea Pk)		41176
9.	Mrs. Sheila O'Sullivan, "Tuar-an-Fhiona", Victoria Cross.	Victoria X	41619
10.	Mrs Mary Ford, "Monamville, Victoria) Cross		41619
11.	Jim O'Sullivan, 7 Woodlawn, Model Farm Road.	Woodlawn/ Model Farm	-
12.	Tim Bowen, "Villa Maria" Wilton Gardens	Wilton Gdns.	-
13.	Mattie McDonnell, "Branscombe" Bishopstown Avenue	Woodleigh/ Laburnum/ Highfield	43135
14.	Cyril Neville, 6 Bishopscourt Lawn.	Bishopscourt	-
15.	Jim O'Mahony, 23 Woodbrook Rd.	Woodbrook	-
16.	Seamus Murphy, 30 Central Ave.	Firgrove	42280
17.	Joe Murphy "St. Joseph's" Melbourn Road.	Melbourn	41500
18.	Frank Chambers, 26 Uam Var Grove		42354
19.	John O'Mara 68 Uam Var Avenue	Uam Var	44807
20.	Martin Hayes 51 Uam Var Avenue		42023
21.	Pat McGrath 73 Uam Var Avenue		43714

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22.	Dermot Hopkins, 45 Halldene Avenue.	Halldene/ The Rise/ Benvourlich	45131
23.	Mrs. Mary McQuillan, "Nyunza", The Rise.	Waterfall Rd/Dunville	42521
24.	Jim O'Shea, 20 Model Cottages, Curraheen.	Curraheen Rd/ Bishopstown Rd.	-

W.O'NEILL - SECRETARY. PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

THE AFRICAN MISSIONS COLLEGE AT ST. JOSEPH'S WILTON.

In 1883 a Fr. Zimmerman came from St. Gall in Switzerland and resided at the African Mission House at Blackrock Rd. Cork. It was he who founded St. Joseph's College in Wilton. An interesting story is told about the way in which he got the needed finance.

A Papal Count Blake, a last surviving member of the Landlord class in Galway, was interested in supporting deserving charities. He used to send small donations of 2/6d to various charities and await the replies. He sent 2/6d to Fr. Zimmerman for the missions and was so impressed with the reply that he sent a large sum of money to the Father. He died in 1916 and is buried in Wilton.

With the money, Fr. Zimmerman bought a house and some land at Wilton, Bishopstown in 1890, which became St. Joseph's College. The property had been owned by the Leslie Family - hence the junction between Wilton and Glasheen Rd. is called "Leslie's Cross. It is said at one time the house had been the residence of the Sheriff of Cork. Two probable temporary cells can be seen under the main door. A walled orchard, a farm, stables and a coach-house were built. In 1897 the Chapel was opened. Extensions were added to the main house later. The tall trees which give the grounds that serene atmosphere are about 80 years old. St. Joseph's was used as a Secondary College up to 1853. From then until 1968 it was used as a Hostel for the African Mission students attending U.C.C. From 1968 to the present day it was a "Spiritual Year" House for students and continues to be so.

BRENDAN MCENIRY - Melbourn Rd. (Aged 15 years).