

NOTICE BOARD

SPECIAL FEAST

MONDAY NEXT, 8TH DECEMBER, IS THE SOLEMN FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION. THE VIGIL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 7.30 P.M. THIS SUNDAY EVENING. MASSES ON THE HOLYDAY ITSELF WILL BE AT 9, 10, 11, 12.15 AND 7.30 P.M.

SENIOR CHOIR NEWS

A GREAT TREAT AWAITS US THIS CHRISTMAS, WHEN THE SENIOR CHOIR SING AT OUR MIDNIGHT MASS (WHICH, UNLIKE OTHER CHURCHES, WILL BE AT 12 MIDNIGHT!)

I HEAR THAT A 'PREVIEW' WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT THURSDAY EVENING, WHEN THEY SING AT TOGHER CHURCH. ALL THEIR MANY FANS, PLEASE NOTE!

ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED

IF YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED AND HAVE A FEW FRIENDS WITH WHOM YOU COULD WORK, THEN THIS NOTICE IS RELEVANT TO YOU.

THE 'COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT COURSE' WILL START HERE IN CORK SOON. THE COURSE IS DESIGNED FOR GROUPS OF UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO WORK TOGETHER TO SET UP A BUSINESS VENTURE, IN AN AREA IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUALS HAVE SOME SKILL OR EXPERIENCE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS COURSE, PLEASE PHONE MIKE HARDIMAN AT 274660.

AHOY ALL MINISTERS!

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER HAS BEEN SET APART AS THE MEETING NIGHT FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND THE EUCHARIST.

THE MINISTERS OF THE WORD WILL MEET IN THE C.P.CENTRE ON THAT NIGHT AT 8, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST WILL MEET IN THE CRYPT. SO PLEASE, MINISTERS, SET THAT NIGHT ASIDE FOR OUR PRE-CHRISTMAS MEETING.

* NEW ROTAS FOR THE READERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY.

REPENT FOR ADVENT

YOU WILL HAVE A UNIQUE CHANCE TO REPENT NEXT SATURDAY EVENING AT 3.00 P.M. ON THAT DAY, THERE WILL BE A PENANCE SERVICE FOR THE CHILDREN OF 2ND AND 3RD CLASSES IN ST. CATHERINE'S. PARENTS AND ANY OTHER ADULTS PRESENT WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF CONFESSING THEIR SINS FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE PRIEST, OR IN THE CONFESSION BOX. YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE GOD'S MERCY AT THIS SPECIAL AND UNIQUE OCCASION.

MONSTERS FOR SALE (?)

BISHOPSTOWN BOYS SCOUTS HAVE A 'MONSTER CHRISTMAS BAZAAR', AT BISHOPSTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY (7TH) AT 2.30 P.M. LOTS OF STALLS ARE PROMISED, INCLUDING SANTA, FORTUNE TELLER, PAINTED FACES, ETC ETC.

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NO. 58

Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross.

SUNDAY MASSES:

7.30 (SAT.), 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 & 12.15.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

9.00 A.M., 10.00 A.M. & 7.30 P.M

PASTORAL TEAM:

CANON DENIS O'CONNOR P.P. (Tel.42972)

FATHER TADIIG Ó MATHÚNA S.C. (Tel.41572)

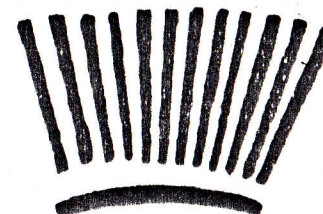
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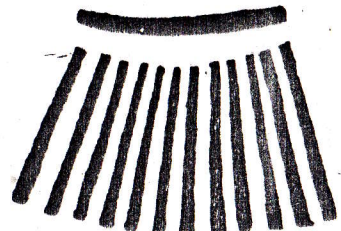
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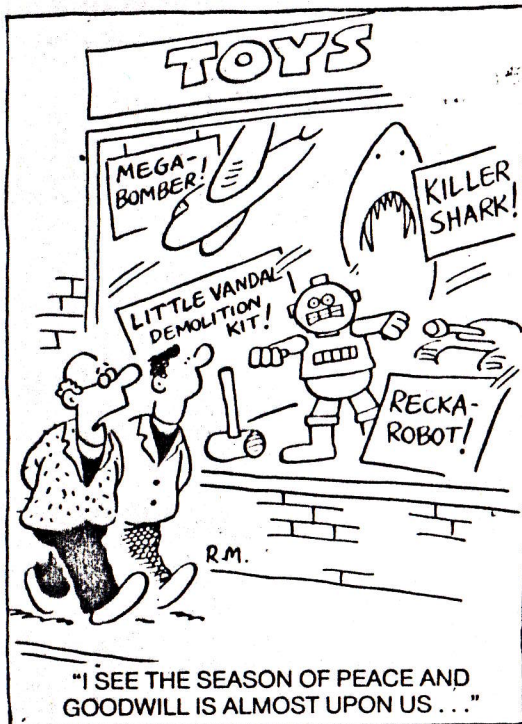
Second Sunday of Advent



**PREPARE A WAY
FOR THE LORD**



All notices to the Editor before Thursday, please



Interesting Statement

FROM THE Canadian Bishops, issued in 1982:-

"It is a sad paradox that games of violence are being promoted and accepted as Christmas gifts. What a terrible way to celebrate the feast of the Prince of Peace!

We need to build a world in which people learn to work for peace. Children have a central part in such a project.

Toys and games affect how they will develop as persons. Violence is violence, no matter what fantasies are built around it. We create a dangerous situation when we make violence fun.

When purchasing Christmas gifts, think about the meaning of the feast we celebrate, and about the lesson the gift will teach. Peace is everyone's responsibility."

"Give a Little..."

BEING THE Christian nation we are, our thoughts always turn to those who are poor or lonely at Christmastime. And to that great friend of those in any need, the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Members of the Society visit those in distress every week. They bring financial help, and support, and friendship. Life made a bit more tolerable for the old, the sick, the lonely and the poor, as well as for deserted wives and husbands, and those in prisons and other institutions.

The money collected in the Society's monthly collection goes direct to the needy in many cases, as well as helping repair old people's houses, providing holidays for children, maintaining a hostel for the homeless and buying coal for winter heat.

The Conference of the Holy Spirit is assisting 14 families at the moment. The number is always growing, because of unemployment, and at Christmas demands for its assistance are greatest and most urgent.

YOU can help the Society in its universally acclaimed good work, in one of two ways:-

- 1) By supporting the monthly collection. The December one will be taken at Church doors next Sunday, and the Society need help now more than ever.
- 2) By giving your time and energy to the work of the Society. The Conference of the Holy Spirit badly needs new members, men and women. They meet each Monday at 7.30 P.M. in the Crypt. They would love to see you there.

Ballineaspig News



Structural Problem

YOU HAVE PROBABLY already noticed that we have a problem in a few places in our lovely Church. The problem is with the roof. It's leaking, in four different places.

This is happening in two places in the left transept. And you can dark streaks on the right wall of the nave - that's lead brought down by water from the roof. So you will agree we have a problem. It's not too bad at the moment, but if left unrepaired, it could turn serious.

The experts are 'looking into' the problem. We should have a report on it soon. As they say, "watch this space".

Penultimate Instalment

MORE OF THE NAMES OF our Parish-wide network of contact people are given today:-

Kenley Road

(1-10) Mrs. Jean Barry-Murphy 44577

(11-25) Mrs. Mary Healy 43387

Kenley Drive

(1-12) Mrs. Peggy Scriven 42268

(13-26) Mrs. Ella O'Leary 341636

Kenley Avenue

Mrs. Carmel O'Shea 45781

Kenley Close

(1-16) Mrs. Betty Nagle 45600

(28-41) Ms. Ruth Murray 43056

Kenley Heights

Mrs. Maria Doherty 45697

Mrs. Olive McHugh 42892

Kenley Circle

Mrs. Helen Rooney 41530

Kenley Crescent

Mrs. Eileen Buckley 44119

Wyndwood, Model Farm Road

Mrs. Ruby Newton 41172

Woodford, Rossa Avenue

Mrs. Kathleen Dalton 46185

A Reflection

THIS IS A STORY about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done!