

Notice Board

WEEK OF DIRECTED PRAYER

February 28th. - March 5th.
at La Retraite the week of
directed prayer invites you
to spend a period of "Retreat"
with God, while continuing
your daily activity, work or
study. If you can't get away
for a retreat, then this might
be the answer for you, a
personal retreat to suit your
needs. For further details
contact:

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La Retraite, College Road.
Tel: 546756.

Celebrate Shrove...

QUIZ FANS will have a chance to
show their mettle very soon. For
on Shrove Tuesday, a 'Table Quiz'
will be held in the Crypt.

The idea is that teams of
4 will gather around tables, and
try to answer team questions
together. No individual questions!

Maybe it would be possible
for the twelve areas of the
Parish to each enter a team.....
maybe the Parish Team might enter!
It promises to be an entertain-
ing evening. More details next
Sunday!

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE on
decorative gardening by Mr.
Tom Mulqueen in St. Cathérine's
School Hall on Tuesday 9th.
February at 8.00 PM.
Admission £1.00.
In aid of Child Care Unit.

Lent

Ten Days To Go to Lent

THE GREAT Penitential season
approaches. And we plan to mark
it in many ways this year.

For the first full week of
Lent (Sunday 21st - 28th Feb) we
will be renewing our commitment
to each other as a Community.
Features of the week will be a
special homily at each Mass, as
well as special prayers for the
Parish.

Beginning on Tuesday 1st
March, Fr. John Newman will be
sharing his Scriptural expert-
ise with us, in a course on
the Gospel of Mark.

And for the last week before
Holy Week, an unprecedented joint
venture with Wilton Parish is
planned. For those interested in
deepening their prayer-life,
there will be a 'Week of Direct-
ed Prayer in the Parish'.

More details of each of the
above will be available later.

LAST CONSIGNMENT of 1988
Diocesan Directories at
C.P. Centre.

The Fold

THE FEBRUARY edition of
the Fold will be on sale
this Sunday in the C.P.
Centre.



In the Lord I take refuge.

Psalm 11:1



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PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

THE main topic at the 7th
meeting of the Pastoral
Council was the question of
sub-groups.

Fr. John singled out some
of the areas where the
Council felt there was a
need. Top of the list
was YOUTH. Could a youth
centre be set up? Then,
UNEMPLOYMENT - could some
form of support be devised
for those who have no work?

There would also be a
need for groups to deal
with communication and edu-
cation. More and more
people are asking questions
and want more and more
answers.

Very important areas
would be care of the sick,
housebound, the bereaved,
the elderly. Our aim will
be to have eight sub-
groups.

In a truly democratic
ballot, Rosarie Murphy was
elected Chairperson and
Elsie Harris Secretary for
a period of two months.

Finally, some real hot
news. A Parish social is
being planned for April 19.
Already wheels are being
set in motion for this great
event.

UNEMPLOYMENT OUR GREATEST CONCERN

PEOPLE OF ALL AGES in our Parish
put unemployment at the top of
their list of concerns. This
striking fact was revealed during
the week by the Family Ministry
team, as they began their analy-
sis of the Family Questionnaire.

Alcoholism and money prob-
lems both figured in the top
three needs and concerns exp-
ressed by all age-groups. A
significant number in the 50-65
age-group rated materialism an
important concern, while in the
Over 65 age-group, lack of
respect for life figured highly.

The Questionnaire, which was
circulated to each house in the
parish, had been completed by
just under 1,000 parishioners.

Other tensions and concerns
which figured highly included;
lack of time, parent/child comm-
unication, child abuse, drug
abuse, lack of forgiveness and
unreal expectations in marriage.

NEXT WEEK: Possible solutions
to these problems - what our
parishioners suggested.



Rest In Peace

JOHN SHEPPARD, Wilton Gardens, died suddenly last weekend. He and his dear wife, Mary, had celebrated 50 years of marriage last August. A regular 10.00 AM Mass attendant, it was appropriate that the 10 Mass on Tuesday last should be for his funeral. A large crowd paid tribute to the esteem in which the family is held.

DICK TOBIN, "St. Bernard", Magazine Road, died suddenly last Tuesday at the age of 52. He leaves a wife, Mary, nee Carr, Bendemeer Park, and a family of five. His removal and funeral were occasions of great grief for his family and many friends. May he rest in peace.

THE OBITUARY list in the Diocesan Directory reminds us that Father Jim Bryne will be five years dead on 11th February. Fr. Bryne, who died as P.P. in Passage West, was curate here from 1971 to 1977.

BAPTISED

AOIFE TERESA LEHANE, 6 Kenley Avenue, became a member of our Community last weekend. She is daughter of Ann and Eoghan (formerly of Wilton Gardens).



"MARY FOR TODAY", written by Hans-Ur von Balthasar, is published by St. Paul Publications. Price: £ 2 sterling. (On sale at Veritas, Bridge St., or on order at the C.P. Centre)

"WHAT DOES Mary mean for today's men and women?" is the question this book tries to answer. And in an approach solidly based on Scripture, the author succeeds to some extent.

It is a work written out of an obvious love for Our Lady, and aimed at those who love her. The author uses some interesting images to convey her role, and to bring us closer to her.

In the section called 'The teacher of the church' (p. 41ff) he tells us that Mary lets the Church share her memory. Thus, in saying the Rosary, "we put on Mary's spectacles, in order to see exactly" (p. 44)

Attractive images like the above are mixed with strange ones, like those of Chapter 12 of the Book of Revelation, with which the book opens, or the images of 'fruitful celibacy' contained in Chapter 2 (p. 24ff) Feminists may not like his defence of Paul (p. 54-5)

It is not an easy book to read. Though it is short (70 pages) it is packed with difficult words and ideas. However, those with the patience to study it prayerfully will find it a rewarding experience.

Bernard Cotter C.C.

Focus On.....

The Poor Clares

HOW HAS THE POOR CLARE LIFE CHANGED OVER THE PAST 60 YEARS?

Surprisingly enough, there are not as many changes as might be expected. Maybe the change which affected most Religious was the translation of the Divine Office from Latin into English.

Comparing the Horarium today with an old one shows up two items which were unheard of long ago. One is half an hour's time for Recreation and the other is a special hour in the afternoon called "Study Hour". This gives each Sister a chance to be alone to do some extra reading or private prayer, or to develop any talent she may have in the way of printing, art, music. Recreation is found to be most helpful and necessary in giving the Sisters a chance to relax together - happily and joyfully sharing bits of news and views and in bringing a healthy balance into the day's rule of silence and recollection. With the introduction of a daily recreation has been that of playing music, so that a young girl entering now may bring her own guitar or any instrument she can play. There is plenty of scope, more now than ever before, for every talent.

*MEDIA COMMENT

FREEDOM MIGHT BE SAID to have been the dominant theme in this week's media coverage.

The Appeal of the 'Birmingham Six' ended in their appeal being dismissed. Thus, their bid for freedom ended in disappointment, surprise and some anger.

The Stalker/Sampson Report was published and has led to a questioning of R.U.C. procedures and a reluctance to act positively on them. Men were deprived of their right to life - the ultimate freedom - and it would seem that the perpetrators will be allowed to walk away from their personal culpability in the matter, as will their political masters.

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HAPPILY, FREEDOM TO protest at the perceived risks on nuclear experiments has had some success. It should give hope that public opinion does, after all, carry some weight.

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FINALLY LET US HOPE we still have the freedom to disagree with Senator Brendan Ryan. I admire his work tremendously, but he doesn't have all the answers - no more than the rest of us!!

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