

NOTICE BOARD

Emigrating ?

A PARISH INFORMATION night on Emigration is being held this Monday, 14th March, at 8.00 in the Crypt. Bro. Seán Murphy OFM will attend. (He's the Diocesan Chaplain to Emigrants)

We invite all who may be interested in this issue. Also returned emigrants, whose contributions would enrich our discussion.

Lá 'le Pádraig

OUR FLAGS will be up on Thursday next for the feast of our National Patron, St. Patrick.

His feast is a Holy Day of Obligation, with Masses at 7.30 on Wednesday evening, and 9, 10, 11 and 12.15 on the day itself.

There will be no 7.30 P.M. Mass on Thursday because, like Christmas Day, this feast is not a working Holyday.

Distributors Ahoy!

A REMINDER THAT next Sunday is the Third in March, and so, with your help, Bulletins will be distributed to each home in the Parish. We hope to have the Easter Dues letters/envelopes available too.

Ministers...

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS are reminded of their monthly meeting on Monday 21st March. Readers will be meeting in the C.P. Centre on the same night.

Your Last Chance...

A FEW MORE Names will be taken at the C.P. Centre, for our 'Week of Directed Prayer', which we are undertaking jointly with Wilton Parish.

PAUSE for THOUGHT

A MOTHER'S LOVE

Some day when my children are old enough to understand, I will tell them:

I LOVED YOU ENOUGH to ask you where you were going, with whom and what time you would get home.

I LOVED YOU ENOUGH to insist that you buy a bike with your own money, even though we could afford to give it to you.

I LOVED YOU ENOUGH to make you return a 'Milky Way' - with a bite out of it - and to confess "I stole this".

I LOVED YOU ENOUGH to let you see hurt, disappointment, disgust and tears in my eyes.

I LOVED YOU ENOUGH to admit I was wrong and ask for your forgiveness.

I LOVED YOU ENOUGH to let you stumble, fall, and hurt.

But most of all, I LOVED YOU ENOUGH to say NO when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.

(Author unknown)



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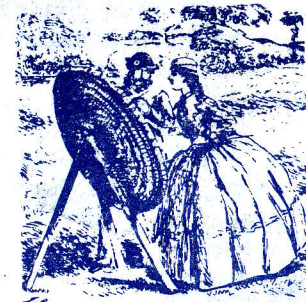
CAN YOU FILL THIS SPACE?

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Your day has come! We're looking for a work of art to adorn the front cover of the Special 8-page Easter Bulletin.

It's not a beautiful oil painting we're looking for - that wouldn't come out so well in black and white!

Just a sketch would do, in pencil or pen, with black or red being the easiest colours to copy. It should be the right size to fit into the frame around this article.



Next Sunday is the deadline for entries, which we ask you to drop in to the C.P. Centre. Drawings on an Easter theme would be especially welcome.

Themes like joy and peace and victory spring to mind, though we appreciate that there's no limit to the artistic imagination!

The Bulletin Team will look over all the entries, and decide which is the most suitable. And we'll publish the winning entry on the front cover of the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

17th March, 1988.

"ON THE feast of St. Patrick, men and women all over the world rejoice. We pay tribute to the faith of generations of Irish people.

Today we are also conscious of the great tragedy continued conflict has brought to Northern Ireland. As leaders of the Catholic communities in Ireland, England and Wales and Scotland we, once again, express our longing for peace.

Violence has brought nothing but sadness and tragedy into many homes, both Catholic and Protestant, in Ireland. It has divided still further the Northern community. There is, however, another way - of forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. That is the Christian way.

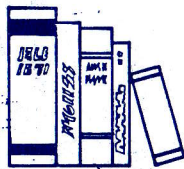
At this time we call on you to renew your prayers for peace. St. Patrick, born and brought up in Britain, and fulfilling his life's work in Ireland, was the messenger of God's love for all. We pray that we too may be instruments of peace to those around us."

+ TOMÁS CARDINAL O'FIAICH
President
Irish Episcopal Conference

+ GEORGE BASIL CARDINAL HUME
President
Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

+ ARCHBISHOP THOMAS J. WINNING
President
Bishops' Conference of Scotland

BOOK REVIEW



"ARISTOCRACY OF SOUL - Patrick of Ireland", written by Noel Dermot O'Donoghue, is published by Darton, Longman and Todd at £ 3.95 (sterling)

THIS IS A fascinating, though not easily read book, based on the Confessions of St. Patrick, and his letter to Coroticus.

We discover a robust Patrick, very conscious of his lack of education, with no foundation in theology.

The author, a Carmelite priest who grew up in the Kerry hills, compares St. Patrick with the Prodigal Son. Both were slaves who, in time, fully realised their degradation. Thus Patrick is led to the discovery of God the Father, through Jesus, in the Spirit.

In this book we meet Patrick the dreamer, Patrick the mystic and a Patrick whose knowledge of Scripture was gleaned (p47) from 'continued meditation on the gospel he preaches'.

For a man so concerned with his 'littleness', he succeeded very well: "It was not my ignorance that did this work, rather it is a gift of God."

Worth reading, first using the author's references, then without.

P. Lemasney.

MEDIA COMMENT

Letters



Dear Fr. Cotter,

I couldn't agree more with 'Peacemaker' regarding the sign of peace at Mass. I believe it strengthens the family bond and extends beyond it to the wider Parish Family.

But why wait to be 'invited' to 'wish each other peace'? Why not be really innovative and spontaneously wish peace to those about you - at every Mass?!

"PEACE BE WITH YOU"
Laburnum Park.



With Love...

TO ALL the hard-working mothers of Ballinaspaig, we send our warmest regards... and a Happy Mothers Day!



IN AN IMPRESSIVE ceremony, we saw the ordination and installation of the new Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev. Dr. Desmond Connell.

Described as a 'gentle and holy man', he spoke impressively about the over-coming of injustice, selfishness and indifference and said he came to preach life, not death.

WE WITNESSED a further deterioration in Anglo-Irish relations and we were treated, as we will be for months to come, to all the razzmatazz of the American political machine.

AND WE ARE TOLD that ex-kidnapp victim Dr. Tiede Herrema gives his 'full support' to the early release of Eddie Gallagher. Whatever we might think of his captor's early release from prison, we must surely admire Dr. Herrema's unqualified spirit of forgiveness.

International Womens Day:

There was a focussing on women's role in the Church. My quote of the week certainly goes to the lady whom Kevin C. Kelly interviewed in 'To-Day To-Night'. She claimed, "I'm sure it was the women who prepared the Last Supper!"