

NOTICE BOARD

PARISH SOCIAL on Tuesday, April 19, in Jurys Hotel. Tickets £5 available th the C.P. Centre or from your area representative.

TELEVISED MASS - The 7.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 23, will be televised for broadcasting on the Multi-channel network on Sunday, April 24, at 9.45 a.m. Let our spoken responses and our singing be heard. Wake up and celebrate joyfully!

EASTER COMPETITIONS

THIS Sunday (April 10) is the last day for competition entries. Results will be printed next Sunday.

WOMEN - HOPE OF THE FUTURE

A PUBLIC lecture will be given by Maria Reilly (Centre of Concern) Washington D.C., on Wednesday, April 11, at 8.00P.M. Connolly Hall. Tickets £1.50.

HOW TO BE BORN

A "BIRTH DAY" conference of interest to parents, midwives, doctors, and health professionals, on Saturday, April 16, Boole 1, U.C.C., 9.45 to 5.30.

Conference £5, lunch £5. (Association for Improvements in the Maternity Services).

LATE VOCATIONS FOR NUNS - An interesting article in the April edition of THE FOLD, which is now on sale.

AFTERMATH OF HOLY WEEK

THE huge crowds filling our church are ample evidence that the Holy Week liturgies are important to many people. Good liturgy encourages faith.

Listening to comments here and there, a few words that come to mind regarding these ceremonies are "meaningful", "moving", "exhausting", "deeply spiritual", "too long", "depressing and uplifting in turn".

No doubt, Holy Week was all these things to Jesus. It was our opportunity to experience in some way what He went through. Any of us with a guilty feeling of being glad it's all over might console ourselves with the thought that Jesus surely was!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!



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PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

OF COURSE, everyone will want to know what the new sub-committees of the Parish Council are doing and planning. Briefly, this is what is happening.

BEREAVEMENT AND COUNSELLING - This group are concentrating on the Contact People. Advice and help are being planned for them. This group is also studying the subjects of bereavement nad broken marriage. They have co-opted Mrs. Helen O'Hea. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION - First priorities are adequate staffing of the C.P. Centre, provision of a clear and fully informative church notice board and, eventually, a Parish Information Directory.

The EDUCATION COMMITTEE are planning a course for parents of teen-age children. The main issues will be alcoholism and drug abuse.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND EMIGRATION - This group are examining the whole area of unemployment, its problems, its anomalies. A course is being planned for wives of the unemployed. Surprisingly, there was a small turnout to their information night on emigration.

FAMILY MINISTRY are forming a group of couples in the 30-50 age bracket to discuss parenting and marriage relationships.

YOUTH - This committee and about 50 young people from Leesdale Park are working towards organising a youth group. Emphasis here is on the personal initiative of the young people themselves! Their immediate problem is- where to meet.

MASS FOR FARRANLEA RESIDENTS

THE 7.30 p.m. Mass on March 30 was celebrated by Fr. Newman for the people in the Farranlea area. It was gratifying that such a large number attended. Top marks to the organizers. A special welcome was extended to any of our non-Catholic neighbours who were there. Our priests would be available to facilitate any other area, street, park, etc., who might like to have a similar celebration.

BAPTISED

CONGRATULATIONS to our three newest parishioners:

STEPHEN DANIEL O'LEARY, son of Simon and Mary, Cherrygrove, Bishops court.

EMER KATE MYERS, daughter of Christy and Phil, 90 Leesdale.

VERONICA ELIZABETH MCLERNON, daughter of Bill and Mairin, 5 Kenley Avenue.

Rest In Peace

THE sudden death of Con O'Toole, Liam Lynch Park, on Holy Saturday was received with great sadness in the parish.

Well-known and popular, he was much appreciated as cantor at the 11.00 a.m. Mass in recent years. We extend our sympathy to his wife Ann, and his family.

A Reflection

WHAT IS CHARITY?

It is SILENCE - when your words would hurt.

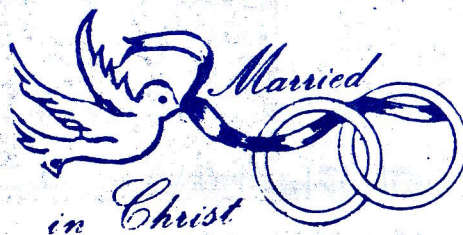
It is PATIENCE - when your neighbour is curt.

It is DEAFNESS - when a scandal flows.

It is THOUGHTFULNESS - for others' woes.

It is PROMPTNESS - when duty calls.

It is COURAGE - when misfortune falls.



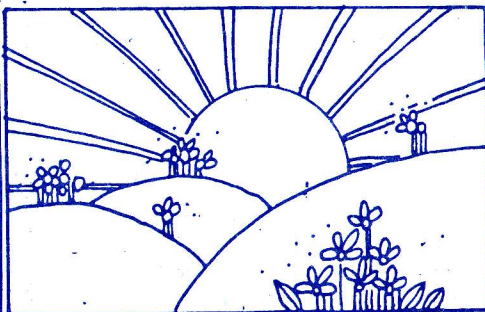
STEPHANIE MARY POWELL, of "Clarendon", Magazine Road, married John Patrick Ketch of Blackrock Road, on March 18. Stephanie is a daughter of Pat Powell, the County Sheriff. We send them our best wishes.

OONAGH MCAULIFFE, Bishops court Lawn, married Mark O'Driscoll, Ballyvolane, on Tuesday, April 5.

NIAMH CONNOLLY, Highfield Lawn, married Michael de Courcy Williams of Dublin on Tuesday, April 5.

ORLA FITZGERALD, of Bishopstown Avenue, and Marcello Cali, of Lee Road, were married on Wednesday, April 6.

To all of these we extend our best wishes for their future happiness.



Love one another.

MEDIA COMMENT

BY FAR the most popular people in all the media this week have been the meteorologists. Their optimistic forecast for the week-end and the days following proved to be so right!

"Night truly blessed", said the Exultet at the Holy Saturday Vigil. "Oh, Happy Week-end", said the Met People. We can truly say "Thank God" for both!

HOW SAD to see Easter marred in the Holy Land by continued Arab-Israeli violence. It seems sacrilegious to engage in conflict where Jesus walked and preached and cured. How destructive man is!

We can only hope and pray that the efforts of the peace-makers will bear fruit.

THAT ALMOST-FORGOTTEN spiritual leader of the Tibetan people, the Dalai Lama, is briefly back in the news. Almost thirty years after he was forced to flee to India, the puppet Panchen Lama is quoted as saying that the Dalai Lama is welcome back provided he refrains from "engaging in any activities aimed at splitting the motherland".



"FREE TO BELIEVE", by Michael Paul Gallagher, S.J., is published by Darton, Longman and Todd, London. Price £3.95 sterling.

THE whole theme of "Free To Believe" is an invitation to escape from a false self imprisoned in negative and superficial attitudes. In order to discover the true self he brings the reader through ten stages - transitions from half believing to really believing.

It is not a book for those who are comfortable with their faith. It is for the searcher, the restless mind. Fr. Gallagher stirs the conscience. He invokes awareness, not only of self, but of the injustices and superficialities of our time. He describes advertising as "a continuous propaganda for artificial needs".

He does not set out to prove God's existence but leads us away from cold logic to a sense of wonder, and finally to a personal loving God, through the "love story" of Jesus Christ.

Jean Vanier, in a foreword, describes this book as a journey in three parts - opening the doors of a prison, starting out on a quest, and finishing in an encounter.

-E. Harris