

NOTICE BOARD

FASHION SHOW at Jurys Hotel on Monday, 2nd May, at 8 p.m.

Fashions for all the family - ladies, gents and teens. Celebrity compere: Mary O'Sullivan of the Late Late Show.

Proceeds to Care Unit for Itinerant Children (St. Catherine's School).

Tickets £5 available at door.

GALA CHARITY CONCERT in aid of the Cardiac Department of the Cork Regional Hospital will be held at Jurys Hotel on 15th May, 1988, at 8 p.m. It will be given by the Irish String Trio (Sheila O'Grady, Constantin Zanidache, Moya O'Grady), Geraldine O'Grady (Violin), John Feeley (guitar), and Joseph Calef (cello).

Music by Schubert, Scarlatti, Bach and Paganini.

This promises to be a delightful concert, and all the performers are giving their services free of charge for this worthy cause.

The proceeds will go towards replacing diagnostic exercise equipment which is more than 10 years old and in a poor state of repair.

Tickets £10 available from Cardiac Dept., Cork Regional Hospital, tel. 564400 ext. 348 and 489; Shanahans, and Pro-Musika (formerly McCulloch Pigott).

For further information phone 543126, 543023.

FRIDAY next is the First Friday of May. Confessions on Thursday night after Mass. Calls to the sick will be made on the usual days.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

THERE will be a meeting on Thursday, 5th May, at 8 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

MICROWAVE COOKERY COURSE

MAKE the most of your microwave oven. A course will start in Highfield R.F.C., Model Farm Road, on Monday, 16th May, at 8 p.m. For details phone 870229

WIN A WEEKEND IN ROME

FOR details see "Word Alive" in the "Universe" this Sunday.

CORK POLIO AND GENERAL AFTER-CARE ASSOCIATION, GLASHEEN COMPLEX

AN extensive programme for sport, leisure and social activities is being developed in this complex, for mentally handicapped adults.

Are you over 18 years of age?

Are you willing to give a little of your spare time?

Are you willing to help with the above programmes, in a voluntary capacity?

The Association would like to hear from you. For further information - please contact Una Brennan, Administration Office, Glasheen Complex. Tel. 342101 Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.



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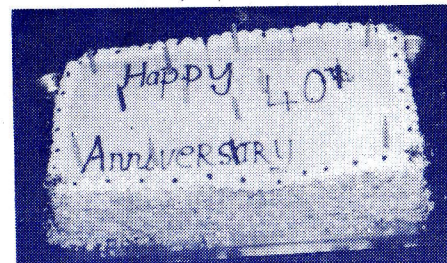
PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*



All smiles - Tim Bowen and Fr. Cotter.



Sr. Frances in a party mood.



Happy anniversary to the Dean courtesy of Jurys.

ALREADY plans are being made for the 1989 Lenten Mission. This was one of the items that emerged from the Council meeting on Monday night. The Mission will be given by the Oblate Fathers, who are functioning very successfully in this capacity in Inchicore, Dublin. The date has been set for 5th to 12th March.

A subject for more immediate consideration is the Seamus Murphy sculpture of Mother and Child in the grounds of our church. Many of us will have seen it on television last Sunday, and some have admitted that they never noticed it before! The question is, how do we make the most of it? Its surroundings do not do it justice. Could we do something about it, this being the Marian Year? Ideas and suggestions will be very welcome.

It was decided to write to Cork Multi-Channel showing our appreciation for the courteous and efficient way in which they handled the television Mass.



OUR PARISH ON TELEVISION

ANY of us who have seen the televised Mass at our church will certainly have been impressed.

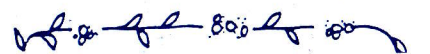
The preliminary documentary did justice to the church itself, both inside and outside.

Fr. Christy Walsh, P.P., Monkstown, provided a film of the opening of the church, and Fr. Liam O'Driscoll gave a run-down on its history. Those interviewed included Bessie Dunne, whose uncle gave the land. Also interviewed were the Dean; Rosarie Murphy, chairperson of the Pastoral Council; and Dr. Paddy Ryan, who made a great impact with his report on the Week of Directed Prayer.

We saw the Parish Team and the Pastoral Council in session.

There was a great atmosphere at the Mass. Both choirs were in splendid form, encouraging a spirit of active participation in all present.

The whole project certainly has generated lively interest throughout the parish.



Parish News

RESIDENTS of Wilton Ave. recently mourned the death of their Church of Ireland neighbour, Myra Gilbert. We join our sympathy with theirs.



FOLLOWING the example of other areas in the Parish, the Farranlea residents held a meeting on Tuesday night to consider the idea of forming a Neighbourhood Watch. Sgt. Kirby from the Bridewell, and Garda Hayden kindly came and explained the whole idea. They stressed that there was no patrolling involved. What is required is to be observant, alert, even suspicious. Homes should be secure, and we should know our neighbours.

Questionnaires are being sent around to all the houses in the area, and if there is a good response a garda will be assigned to Farranlea. It is up to the residents to show interest and co-operate, and so improve the security of the area.

There will be a further meeting and more information as soon as the project gets under way.

Farranlea seems to be a regular contributor of news. We would be delighted to hear from other parts of the parish.

Special Events

PAT ORGAN reports a Mr. Myles Byrne trying to arrange a baptism for his new daughter. Fr. Devereux can't do the job!!

For your information

WHAT do the Good Shepherd Sisters do?

Their mission is caring for homeless girls, women and children. They provide accommodation and support for a wide range of people as well as training in basic skills and training for employment for some. Approximately 450 people were helped last year.

Their services include:

EDEL HOUSE: night shelter.

TERMON: day centre for mothers and children.

BRUAC: day centre for homeless unemployed girls.

HEARTH: accommodation for homeless mothers and children.

FINANCIAL NOTES

RESUMPTION of reports:

Collection for April 12 £980

" " April 17 £938

" " April 24 £950

Lenten Collection for Trocaire £1664



DR. OLIVIA O'CONNOR-CONSTANT of Bishopstown Avenue recently married Andrew M. Higgs of London. We extend our best wishes to them for their future happiness.

MEDIA COMMENT

POLLS.FIGURES.STATISTICS: the Media has not been short of them in recent weeks. The American and French presidential elections have provided their share of them. Our own political parties and their leaders have featured too.

"Fifty killed in car bomb", reads the headline. The bomb was timed to go off at 9.00a.m. in a crowded market.

The Israelies find John Demjanjuk guilty of war crimes. He is sentenced to death. Justice seen to be done? At the same time, they assassinate Khalil al-Wazir. Justice?

IT IS DIFFICULT to reconcile the spending of huge sums of money on war technology while people hunger and die.

The child who dies in Ethiopia is a statistic - yes. But he or she was loved by God and betrayed by man.

The prisoner who languishes in a Beirut prison or the citizen who simply disappears in Colombia is a statistic too.

God cares. But do we? We are challenged to share the second coat, walk the extra mile. It's not easy being a real, live Christian in 1988, is it?
