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AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST!

SAINT PAUL'S words to his friends serve as advice to all holidaymakers:

"I IMPORE YOU to lead a life worthy of your vocation.

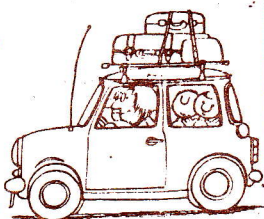
Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience."

And, in another place, he wrote:

"BE AN EXAMPLE TO ALL in the way you speak and behave..."

We must do all this, wherever life takes us for, as St. Paul said:

"WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST."



From the
Editor

My dear friends,

Another Bulletin year has ended! And our little publication has grown up a lot since last September! Not many Parish Bulletins can claim a weekly columnist - or indeed book or film reviews!

Before the typewriter is switched off until September, I'd just like to thank all those who worked so hard on it over the past months.

Thanks to our Printer; to those who fold and allocate the Bulletin; to all who contributed to it, whether as reviewers or crossword planners; and thanks, too, to the many who helped distribute it, both at the doors of the Church, and to the homes of the parish.

And thanks to all of you - without your support and encouragement, there would be no Bulletin!

Until we meet again - God bless!

Bernard Götter C.C.

Bulletin survey

THERE HAS BEEN a great response to the Bulletin Survey published in last week's Bulletin, with many of those replying expressing delight with the new, larger-sized edition.

Many other comments were made as well, and all will be taken into account by the Team.

Here are a few of the comments:

"I appreciate the Bulletin very much; the quality of print is a great help when vision is weakening."

"I enjoy the Bulletin and find it useful. Media comment always annoys me. It always disagrees with my point of view."

"The larger format has the advantage of allowing for graphic work (which is excellent) and photos (sparingly)."

"New size too big for handbags."

"Printing colours used should be dark ones for easy reading."

"Long may it bind us all together."

A local Post Office employee could not resist a 'plug':-

"Sincerest thanks to all for a very worthwhile publication. It's almost as good as An Post for keeping us all in touch."





MEDIA COMMENT

AS I WRITE THIS, the final 'Media Comment' column before the summer holidays, all seems right with the world.

God's sun shines down from a sky that is bluer than blue. The miracle of growth is all around us. Thank God for it and let us do nothing to blemish it.

NELSON MANDELA'S 70th birthday was celebrated by 70,000 young people in Wembley Stadium. They reacted with joy and emotion to the words and music of the big names in the pop musical scene. Is it too much to hope that the powers that be in South Africa might react to this human cry and release Nelson Mandela?

IRELAND'S GREAT WIN over England in the European Championship has given us all a National morale-booster. And, who knows what the final outcome might be!

PERESTROIKA TAKES ON yet another face as the celebrations to mark 1,000 years of Christianity in Russia continue. A meeting between Pope John Paul II and Mikhail Gorbachev? A new cathedral for Moscow. Good news! Hopeful signs for the future! Yet I feel that the ordinary man and woman in the street would settle for even less; freedom to make choices and freedom to worship.

ENJOY your FREEDOM this summer. Hopefully, I'll be back in September, provided I haven't been made redundant as a result of the Bulletin Survey!!



Doing It In Style

KENLEY RESIDENTS had themselves a lovely day out last weekend, when they spent a day together cruising the River Lee, in a boat specially hired out for the occasion. It's lovely to see such a good spirit in a neighbourhood - worth copying..!

Caring Practically

FARRANLEA PEOPLE came a step nearer to an effective Neighbourhood Watch at a meeting during the past week. There was great support locally for the idea, so it seems a winter free from worry for elderly residents is just on the horizon. Well done!

Welcome for Continentals

FATHER JOHN NEWMAN put a few Italians at ease on Sunday morning last - by welcoming them to 9.00 Mass in their native language!

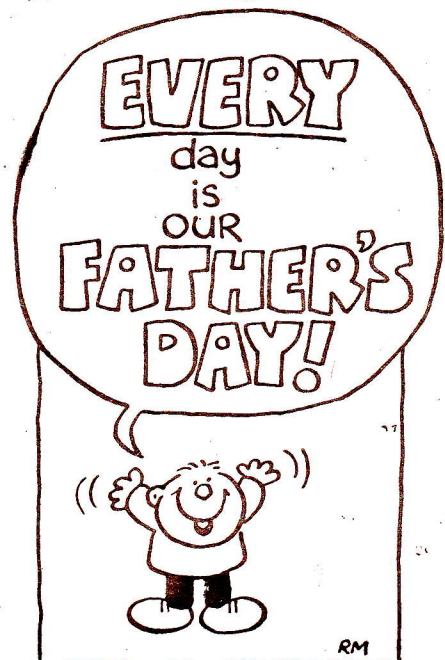


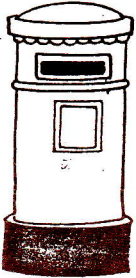
Day's rest for Daddies!

WARMEST GREETINGS to all the Fathers of the Parish on their special day.

(I wonder are Reverend Fathers included....? !)

Anyway, a comforting word for all...





LETTERS

Dear Editor,

FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, something senstaional has been happening at the Community School Masses! 'What's this ?' I hear you ask...Well, it's the choir, of course!

The boundless enthusiasm for life which exudes from the children who attend this Mass has been successfully channelled into a lively, melodic singing group.

For these children, whose ages range from 6 or 7 years to early teens, the liturgy has come alive. They are right there beside the altar, aware of what is happening at all times during the Mass, and ready to raise their voices for every response.

Great credit is due to Sister Brendan, who, no doubt, had a large part in the setting-up of this choir. A place in heaven has surely been reserved for the two guitarists, Emer O'Shaughnessy and Tina O'Sullivan, who are always cheerful, and have a marvellous way with the children.

As a mere adult, who attends this Mass occasionally, I am always renewed and refreshed when I leave the room. I come out full of hope for the new generation of Catholics growing up in our Parish. A big "bualadh bos" is due to all!

"RUTH"

(Name and address with Editor)

PLEASE NOTE that the Sunday morning Mass in Bishopstown Community School continues each Sunday at 9.30 A.M.

He who sings prays twice.

Augustine of Hippo

Heavenly Father, walk with me today down every street, in every shop; stand in each queue and share each conversation; let me introduce you to all I meet, and see their needs and listen to their fears.

CONGRATULATIONS



WE EXTEND warmest congratulations to our fellow-parishioners who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently:-

PAT HEGARTY, c/o Leggett's, who married CATHERINE TWOHIG, Laburnum Lawn.

DR. AIDEEN PRENDERVILLE, Wilton Avenue who married Edward Holland, Rathdowney.

FRANCES MILLER, Greenfields, who married Thomas Cleary, Dublin.

JEROME O'DONOVAN, Model Farm Road, who married Ciara Barry, Ballinlough.

DR. MARIAN MORRISON, Model Farm Road, who married Dr. Nicholas Byrne, Wicklow

ANNETTE FOLEY, Wilton Gardens, who married Patrick Lane, Waterfall.

TONY FENTON, 25 Woodlawn, who married Liz Dalton of Crosshaven.

JANE MARRETT, Leesdale, who married Wai On Ngai who lived on Blarney St.

LISA DOYLE, Bishopstown Avenue West, who married Denis J.O'Keeffe at St. Catherine's Convent Chapel - the second ever wedding there.

CLARE O'LEARY, Lima Lawn, who married Barry Connolly, Bandon.

SEAN FAHY, Bishopstown Road, who married Mary O'Brien, Turner's Cross.

CLARE REARDON, Farranlea Grove, who married Brendan O'Leary from Curaheen. They are to live in the Parish, on Kenley Road.



PLENTY EXTRA BULLETINS AT THE C.P. CENTRE

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Thank You



A YEAR OR TWO AGO we gingerly suggested that people might bring back a Bulletin or Newsletter from wherever they go on holidays.

The response surpassed our wildest dreams! Now we have, in the C.P. Centre, an 'archive' of Bulletins that is unique.

Bulletins from all over Cork, Ireland, Britain, The United States, and even a few from Canada, Australia and South Africa.

HOW MANY HAVE WE IN ALL -? Well over three hundred places represented! We have at least one from each parish in Cork that produces one.

We have editions from 20 of the 32 counties - the exceptions being Limerick, Waterford, Mayo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Louth, Fermanagh, Donegal, Longford, Roscommon and Tyrone.

So far, we have 12 Dublin parishes represented - out of 136! And we have newsletters from all corners of Britain - Catholic AND Anglican!

14 States of the Union are represented - Alabama, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Hersey, New York, Ohio, Texas, Vermont and Virginia. Only 36 states more...!

There are also a few from France, Germany, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland, but many more would be welcome.

Great things are expected from the holidaymakers of 1988! Please God, when the Bulletin resumes in September, we will list some of the places represented. Don't forget, wherever you may roam - our great catch-cry is - "BRING BACK A BULLETIN! "



*Can You Help ?

THE YOUNGSTERS from St. Catherine's School for Travelling Children are being brought on holiday to Sherkin at the end of this week. All they lack is - SLEEPING BAGS. Can you help ? If you can, ring Sister Margaret at 541376.

Final Chance

FINAL REGISTRATIONS for the Summer Scheme at Murphy's Farm are being taken this Sunday, both at the C.P. Centre, and at Curaheen Church. The Scheme, which runs from July 4 to 15, costs £6, or £12 a family. There'll be no registration on the opening day this year.

Great Community Spirit

THE LEESDALE-PARKWAY Residents Association have the annual Mass on Saturday 25th June at 7.00 on the Green.

Summer Schedules

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE of Masses is marked by two slight changes:

- 1) The 7.30 P.M. weekday Mass will be suspended from Mon. 4th July to Thurs. 1st Sept. inclusive, with the exception of Saturday evenings and Holydays.
- 2) The 9.30 A.M. Community School Mass will be suspended for the month of August.

*Any More Surveys ?

PLEASE HAVE your Bulletin Surveys handed in by Sunday 19th June.

Don't Forget!

WHEREVER YOU GO this Summer, be sure to find the local Catholic Church, and don't miss your Sunday Mass. And, as you know, Monday 15th August is a Holyday of Obligation for the feast of the Assumption (the last day of Marian Year).

