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QUALIFIED SOLICITOR FROM CORK ENTERS THE POOR CLARE ORDER

THE FEAST of our Lady of Lourdes is always a special day for the Poor Clares - their chapel is dedicated to her.

The feast was doubly special this year, with the Solemn Profession of a new Poor Clare, Sister Bernadette.

A Qualified Solicitor

She was born Fay Cotter in Midleton the daughter of Robert and Nan. She has four brothers and a sister.

She studied law in U.C.C. and then became a qualified Solicitor working for three years in Mallow.

A Vow for Life

Now, after 6 years' preparation, she has given the rest of her life to God. To quote her vow of profession:-

"I vow to give the duration of my life in obedience, without property, in chastity and in observance of Papal Enclosure".

As we congratulate Sr. Bernadette most sincerely, we commend all the Poor Clares for their witness - their life is a challenge to our values!

Just For You

IF YOU'RE away at the weekend, or can't make it to your Parish Church, you can still get a Bulletin!

Extras have been ordered and these are left in the Church on Sunday evening/Monday morning, and at the C.P. Centre. So get a Bulletin each weekend - let's keep in touch!

PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

PLANS FOR our Lenten Mission are being finalised. It's all happening the week 5th to 12th March. It is hoped to herald this event by house to house calls so your help will be needed.

The Finance Committee has had favourable feedback on the Financial Report published in a recent Bulletin. Next on the list of expenses is the lighting.

The matter of a chapel of ease in Leesdale/Kenley area came up again. The question is - is this feasible financially? Also, is it really needed? What do you the parishioners think? Write in your comments to the Bulletin.

Our recent afternoon of reflection at Ennismore was reviewed and deemed to have been very worthwhile and helpful. One outcome of this is a firm determination to keep our reports short and to the point, and so to refrain from driving our chairperson to desperation!

Decision on Bells

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE have turned down the proposed new bells. In summary they say - "they sound very nice, but not worth £3,000!"



"Receive this ring
for you are betrothed
to the Eternal King..."

POOR CLARE RITE OF SOLEMN PROFESSION



Rest in Peace

PEGGY O'HEA, "Auburn", Orchard Road, died unexpectedly last week-end. She had been in the Bons for tests. Her Funeral Mass took place at the Sacred Heart Church, but was celebrated by our own Fr. Bernard, as is the custom. He paid tribute to her devotion to her family, and to her quiet faith. Her brother Jim, and sisters Lally and Kay will miss her deeply.

EILEEN CARROLL, late of Roger Casement Park, died after a very long illness at her daughter's home in Woodbrook. Her family and a large circle of friends mourn her. Her cheerfulness, kindness and patient endurance of suffering endeared her to many people.

Our Sincere Sympathy

OUR SYMPATHY goes to Bertie O' Hanlon, "Barna", Model Farm Road, on the death of his sister.

LETTERS

"Rosemary",
Lima Lawn

Dear Editor,

Having read "Mark's" contribution in last Sunday's Bulletin re. blood sports, I suggest that there are more important issues facing our people than arguments over the coursing of hares. Matters such as unemployment, emigration, the care of the aged, etc., in my humble opinion, should be given priority.

The anti-blood sports campaign has become a very contentious and emotive issue as witness the 'deputation' of some 20 campaigners bearing placards. They arrived at the residence of Dr. Ahern, former Bishop of Cloyne, on a Sunday morning a short while back and demanded to see his Lordship.

They alleged that some priests in the diocese were openly supporting the coursing of hares. Such action, I suggest, was not doing their cause any good.

Le gach deagh-ghuidhe,
Amhlaoibh Ó Murchú

SIGNS OF LIFE

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

THE CELEBRATION of the Eucharist as Viaticum, food for the journey to eternal life, is the proper Sacrament for the dying. The anointing of the sick person should normally be celebrated at the beginning of a serious illness. Viaticum, celebrated when death is close, will then be better understood as the last Sacrament of Christian life.

During the celebration, the dying person renews his Baptismal Profession of Faith. Then there's the litany for dying, the Sign of

Peace and Communion received as Viaticum. The concluding rites include an Apostolic Pardon.

The sick person should receive the sacraments in the following order, usually: Penance (Confession), Sacrament of the Sick, Eucharist and finally Viaticum and the Church's prayer of commendation.

For special cases (eg. accidents) a continuous rite is provided, by which the sick person is given the Sacraments of Penance, Anointing and Viaticum in one service. This should be the exception rather than the norm.

D.J. Brennan O.P.

Thanks to Fr. Dermot for sharing his expertise with us. NEXT WEEK we begin a 4-week look at BAPTISM.



Good Neighbours

MANY PARISHIONERS are worried at the rise in the crime level locally, with many recent 'break-ins'.

The people of Wilton Gardens and Laburnum have decided to take action. Following the example of Farranlea and Kenley, "Neighbourhood Watch" is to be set up there.

The launch will be in the Crypt on Monday 20th February at 8.00 p.m. A full attendance is vital.



Bible Study

WRITTEN IN the 4th century B.C. in the period after Israel's exile, the Book of Jonah is a short tale of high adventure. Jonah, a prophet, avoids Yahweh's call to preach repentance to Nineveh, an enemy city of Israel, but obeys after a dramatic episode including 3 days and nights in a whale. Afterwards the city is quickly converted and Jonah, through a personal lesson learns of God's forgiveness. Unique among the Bible books, this is effectively a parable in which Jonah's unwillingness to share Yahweh with the enemy is contrasted with God's forgiveness of them.

"This is a wicked generation, it is asking for a sign. The only sign it will be given is the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to his generation."

Luke 11:29-30.

MEDIA COMMENT

THE READER'S Digest is hardly the source one would normally turn to in order to look for direction in life. • Yet, in the February issue of that ever-popular magazine, you will find a short article by that great Russian man of letters, Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

In it he recalls hearing older people rationalising the Russian Revolution by declaring 'Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened'. Solzhenitsyn himself, after 50 years suffering its excesses and recording his experiences, does not agree.

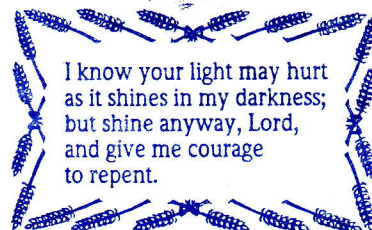
HATRED OF God, he claims, is the driving force of Marxist-Leninism. But, he warns, the West has not experienced a Communist invasion. Yet, while religion is free, we are experiencing 'a drying up of religious consciousness'.

In our pursuit of happiness, the concepts of good and evil are ridiculed. We are less and less concerned with the eternal.

Prosperity is all. But, paradoxically, personal freedom and blind hatred live side by side. Atheism follows.

THE ANSWER, Solzhenitsyn claims, is to turn, in repentance, to the Creator of all. It is in seeking spiritual growth, in a 'determined quest for the warm hand of God'.

MEN HAVE FORGOTTEN GOD is the title of the article. It is well worth reading. It contains a warning, yes. But it also points us in the direction of a solution.



I know your light may hurt
as it shines in my darkness;
but shine anyway, Lord,
and give me courage
to repent.



NOTICE BOARD

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Lenten Devotions

NUMBERS AT our weekday Masses have kept up very well. Masses from Monday to Friday this week are at 7.30 a.m. 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m.

Fr. Denis will be leading Evening Prayer and Benediction this Sunday evening at 5.00 p.m.

Lenten Pastoral

BISHOP MURPHY'S letter to us all at Lent focuses on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There's a call for a renewal, and for much prayer and discussion. Any ideas on a Parish response?

Is This Group For You?

A LITURGY GROUP has been set up in the Parish, linked to the Pastoral Council. And they're looking for members.

They invite names to be submitted for their consideration, so that representatives of the different age-groups and areas of the parish might be selected.

So if you are interested, drop your name into the C.P. Centre, marking the envelope "Liturgy Group". Thank you!

A Letter For You...

FR. BERNARD has written a letter to each of our Ministers of the Eucharist. They are asked to collect them at the Altar Rails at Masses this weekend.

Helping Emigrants

WOULD YOU like to help Emigrants? Do you have 2-3 hours a week you could spare? The Diocesan Emigrant Advisory Office needs counsellors. Why not contact the office at 32 South Terrace for further details.

Telephone 311798 -

Mon-Fri 10.30 to 12.30

2.30 to 4.30

Sat 10.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Making a New Start

"BEGINNING EXPERIENCE" a ten week support grouping for Bereaved/Separated/Divorced. Commences Wed. 1st March at the Family Centre in Paul Street. Phone 273213 for details.

Attention, Young Parents

IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE to enrol your child at St. Catherine's for next September. Call to the school during this week.

Second Level

SOUTH PRES. have an Open Day on Sat. 25th February from 2-4.30 pm. Parents with daughters in sixth class will get a conducted tour of the school's facilities.

And Farranferris have their Entrance Exam soon. It's on Saturday 4th March at 1.30 p.m. and application forms are available from any of the priests.

THIS IS A MUST



A FINAL REMINDER that this Sunday (19th) is Book Sunday, the day we plan to launch our Parish Library.

We ask you to call to buy a book at the C.P. Centre before or after any Mass and then we ask you to donate the book you choose to the Library (categories -- under £5, under £8 and under £10).

Your name, or any name you choose will be inscribed on the book (or you may wish to give it in memory of someone who's died).

All we ask now is your support!

**February 19th
is
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