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## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW SACRISTAN!

"IT'S A REAL CHALLENGE", says Charlie Leahy, our newly appointed Sacristan, about his work. We welcome him to our Church Team. We know he's the right man for the job.

Born and reared at Spur Cross, Togher, he now lives with wife Mary at "Glengarry", Summerstown Road, Wilton. They have six grown-up children and three grandchildren.



Charlie brings to his new job a great wealth of expertise and experience, built up during his 40 years with Irish Dunlop (retired 1983)

He follows two great men; the late Michael Waldron (1963-1986) and Pat Organ (1986-1989). With the former's prayers in heaven, and the latter's good wishes, he can't go far wrong. Again, and sincerely, we say - FÁILTE!

## Fourth Sunday of Easter



Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

# ALLELUIA

### Still Visiting!

THE PRIESTS' plans for home visitation over the month are: Fr. Denis will begin in Laburnum soon. Fr. John will shortly be in Leesdale. Fr. Bernard will begin Bishopscourt at Merlyn Lawn once he has visited Kenley Circle, Heights and Crescent.



## PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

"AS OUR CHURCH is dedicated to the Holy Spirit, could we not have future Parish Missions just before Pentecost?" The Pastoral Council, at its meeting on Monday last, considered this suggestion from Kathleen O'Sullivan very appropriate and acceptable. And of course the nights would be bright! Any comments?

An electoral sub-committee was formed to look after the election of the new Pastoral Council in September - members are Tim Bowen, Elsie Harris and Fr. Bernard. Yes, our two years are up!

Regarding the possibility of a chapel of ease in Leesdale/Kenley, research has revealed that the projected housing in the area wouldn't justify it. In other words, it's shelved!

Following a recent letter to the Bulletin about the singing in





the Church, the Liturgy group and Karisma are meeting to discuss this.

Some painting needs to be done around the Church. The extent of this is being examined. Steel window frames are rusting and need attention. The C.P. Centre needs painting inside and outside. While on the subject of the appearance of the Church, Fr. Denis appeals, "Please, no confetti!"

As the next meeting will be the last one for this Pastoral Council, we plan to come together in June for an afternoon of prayer, reflection and assessment of our work.



## Rest in Peace

WILLIAM (BILL) McDONALD, late of Wilton Avenue, died at his daughter's house - Cara Riordan, Bishops court Hill. At his funeral in Wilton, Fr. Bernard spoke of his gentleness and the support he showed in difficult times. His daughters Cara and Rosemary, and all their families, mourned him.

PHILIP MOHALLY, 37 Liam Lynch Park, died at home recently. Philip worked for many years in Dunlops and was an active member of St. Finbarr's Club. He had a lively interest in rearing and racing pigeons. Our sympathies to Margaret his wife, to his brother William, his son Phil and family.

ELIZABETH (EILISH) MURPHY, 1 St. Clares Avenue, died at the Bons recently. She had had heart trouble for a number of years. Her husband of 25 years, Jim, and her sister Brenda, will miss her greatly; to both we extend sincere sympathy.

### Great Demand

THERE'S BEEN A fantastic response to the Parish Social, to be held on Tuesday night next in Jury's Hotel. Tickets at £5 each have been sold on a 'first come, first served' basis. As you read this, there may (or may not) be a few at the C.P. Centre.

## SIGNS OF LIFE

### CONFIRMATION

#### A Living Response

THIS WEEK Barrie Allen, an adult convert to Christianity (and a member of the Church of England) shares some thoughts on what Confirmation means to him:

*"I personally have difficulty in placing very much value on Confirmation. I was baptised some months previously, and this was a far more significant event for me.*

*I believe that God gave me the Holy Spirit the moment I first gave my life to Jesus. My Baptism was a public witness to this.*

*The Church of England is somewhat uncertain about Confirmation. However, we do believe that it is related to the laying on of hands by the Apostles. But many people have tended to regard Confirmation as a pleasant ceremony, without expecting anything from it.*

*Since my Confirmation ten years ago, I have experienced a far more powerful "releasing" of the Holy Spirit, and subsequently the gifts of the Spirit (Corl:12)*

BARRIE ALLEN

NEXT WEEK: Thoughts from our own parish - the Confirmation class at St. Catherine's give their vision of the Sacrament.

# Thank You

## A Great Success

VISITORS TO our Parish Church this weekend will be struck by the lovely clean smell there! The clean-up organised for Monday last was an outstanding success and speaks volumes about the liveliness of our community.

Over 40 parishioners turned up, armed with vacuum cleaners, polish, dusters, etc. They came from every area - Lima Lawn, Model Farm Road, Bishopstown Ave., Bishopscourt Lawn, Wilton Gardens, Laburnum Drive, Wilton Road, Bendemeer Park, Kenley Drive, Woodlawn, Liam Lynch Park, Farranlea Grove, Leesdale, The Ridgeway - even Firgrove! Because of all the elbow grease they put into it, our Church is gleaming! Let's all help it remain so..



THE EASTER SEASON has produced a great crop of new Christians:-  
ROBERT PATRICK and PETER LEO MURPHY, twin sons of Don and Salette, Convent Lane.  
JAMES ANTHONY O'CONNOR, first child of Denis and Linda, The Orchard.  
THOMAS JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN, son of Thomas and Jennifer, Kenley Circle.  
RORY LEONARD O'KEEFFE, first child of Leonard and Terri, Kenley Circle.  
CLARE BRIDGET MURPHY, daughter of Liam and Marian, whom we welcome to Kenley Crescent.

"BIBLE STUDY" (on the Book of the Apocalypse) has been held over to next week, due to pressure of space.

## \*MEDIA COMMENT\*

WHATEVER THE REASON, religious programmes have never featured greatly on RTE. So it is good to see a new religious affairs series on RTE 1, on Tuesdays at 8.00 p.m.

Stephanie Fitzgerald, the producer, hopes the series "will signal the start of a greater commitment to, and interest in, the discussion of morality and ethics on Irish television."

The series should be well worth watching - and responding to!

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FATE CAN BE devastating, can't it? Mr. Gorbachev returned to Russia jubilant after his whistle stop tour of Ireland, Cuba and Britain. He must be reeling after the submarine disaster off Norway and the rioting in Georgia. Russia, once more, needs our prayers.

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IT'S GOOD TO see Sister Frances meeting the challenge presented by emigration to London. We wish her well. Her address is:-  
Sr. Frances Cummins, c/o Irish Chaplaincy Scheme, St. Gabriel's Community Centre, London N194NG.



THE TROUBLE with good advice is that it usually interferes with our plans!

IF we learn to laugh at ourselves, we will always have something to make us happy!





**NOTICE BOARD**

Good Sisters

"WE HELPED over 500 women and children over the past year" writes Sr. Joseph of the Good Shepherd Sisters, Sunday's Well.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter focuses on Jesus the Good Shepherd; so it's the perfect day to acclaim the good work done by the Sisters in Edel Hóuse, Termon and Bruac.

Our approach to special collections never varies - rather than lumbering you with an extra collection, we ask you to give extra at the Offertory collection. We will pass on the surplus to the Good Shepherd Charities. Please support them at Mass, this Sunday.

A Letter for You

EX-MINISTERS of the Eucharist are asked to pick up letters addressed to them at the Altar Rails at Mass this weekend.

Open Daily

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES are available at the C.P. Centre, 9.30 - 12.30, Monday to Friday.

They're also available in the Sacristy before and after Masses.

For Model Farm Road Residents..

WOULD THE household to whom a black racer (bicycle) was handed on 16th March (after the owner had an accident) please contact Fr. Bernard. Or ring the Murphy family at 542695. (The accident happened between the Church and the Belfrey, on Model Farm Rd.)

Fun for All

ON FRIDAY 21st April, there'll be a Table Quiz in the Crypt in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation. Teams of Four - £8. Refreshments served.

Summer Time

FROM SUNDAY 23rd April, the Community School Mass will be at 9.30 a.m. on Sundays. This Mass is for those without cars at the western end of the parish.

Ministers of the Word

PLEASE NOTE the following change. There is a meeting on 24th April (Monday) to discuss details of the commissioning of Readers early in May. Those who have been commissioned already are also asked to attend. There will not be a meeting on Monday 1st May.

Can You Help?

HAVE YOU TIME to spare? We're looking for volunteers in three areas:-

1) STAFFING OF C.P. CENTRE.

We need people for three different time slots - Saturday evening 8.15-8.45; Sunday morning 11.45-12.30 and 12.30-1.15. Call to the Centre this Sunday to volunteer.

2) STAFFING OF PARISH LIBRARY.

A half hour a month is all we ask, on Wednesday or Saturday evening. Names, please, to C.P. Centre.

3) BULLETIN TEAM.

A more hefty commitment this. You would have to be free some Thursday nights, till late, and there's also a monthly meeting. The only other qualities are an interest in parish life and a sense of humour!

Many Thanks

GREAT GENEROSITY has been shown in the Easter Dues, the vast majority of which have been received. We are very grateful to the collectors.

Maybe you have forgotten to drop in your envelope? Please remember today. Thanks.