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THE PARISH LETS ITS HAIR DOWN

WHAT ARE THE ingredients of a good night out? Whatever they are, our PARISH SOCIAL 1989 must have had them.

Obviously Jurys was a good choice - top marks for food and service. I would imagine Sister Brendan will take a week to recover after leading the organizing team with such energy and drive. Terry Layton's "instant wit" gave colour to the handing out of the prizes. Our local businesses and many generous parishioners certainly came up trumps with donations. (Can't help wishing I had green tickets though....)

Any comments I happened to overhear on the way out were favourable. However, one ingredient conspicuously lacking was MEN. All I can say to you bashful lot who didn't come is - those who did come had a ball! Why wouldn't they with all those ladies? Did you think a Parish Social might be a bit stuffy? From what I saw - not so, I assure you!

An Observer



SIGNS OF LIFE

CONFIRMATION

THE GIRLS in St. Catherine's Confirmation class will celebrate the Sacrament on Wednesday 3rd May. Please pray for them.

We asked them the question: "What does Confirmation mean to you?" This is what they wrote:-

- A sacrament almost identical to Baptism except this time we understand more. - ANON.
- I am a full member of God's family and renew my Baptismal promises for myself. - EVALEEN
- Going into God's community freely and willingly and having a choice about it. - CLARE
- Trying to be a better person and live as Jesus asks. - ANON
- A stronger commitment to God by me. - ELAINE
- I am receiving the Holy Spirit and am chosen to work for God in this world. - AIDEEN
- I am growing up, I am receiving the Holy Spirit and will be living a new, responsible life. - REILTIN.
- I will receive the Holy Spirit and (hopefully) be a better person with more control of my temper. - CATHERINE
- I am filled with God's power and strength to do His work. - SARAH
- Receiving the Holy Spirit and enjoying the happiness of the day. - CAROLINE AND SIOBHAN.



Rest in Peace

ELLEN BUCKLEY, "The Grove", Model Farm Road, died peacefully last weekend. Born in a house now defunct between College Road and Magazine Road, and living on Model Farm Road since 1922, she was our parish's longest resident - 92 years in all. In accordance with her own wishes, her remains were brought home, prior to their removal to the Church.



WE WELCOME two new members to our Parish Community:

JAMES MARTIN NAGLE, son of Niall and Betty, 3 Kenley Close.

SARAH CHRISTINE CROWLEY, daughter of James and Christine, 36 Leesdale.

Sunday's Message for You

There are 10 strong things.
 Iron is strong, but fire melts it.
 Water is strong,
 but the clouds evaporate it.
 Clouds are strong,
 but the wind drives them away.
 Man is strong,
 but fears cast him down.
 Fear is strong,
 but sleep overcomes it.
 Sleep is strong,
 yet death is stronger.
 But loving kindness survives death.

Kind words are like honey - sweet to the taste and good for your health.

Proverbs 16:24

BOOK REVIEW

'MERE CHRISTIANITY' by C.S. Lewis

C.S. Lewis, born in Belfast in 1898, was an Oxford don who became a convert to Christianity in 1929.

'Mere Christianity' was originally a series of radio talks which he later compiled in book form. It is divided into four sections. The first gradually constructs the idea of a Being beyond the material universe and moral law. The second deals with the problems of a good God, Evil, Free Will and Christ's part in our redemption. The third on Christian behaviour, lends itself to being read in individual chapters, more so than the other parts which are best taken as a whole. The final section presents Theology as a study which is not necessarily difficult, but a practical necessity for mature and up-to-date understanding of Christianity.

Lewis' hallmark is logical clarity of thought. A skilled literary craftsman, his systematic presentation of Christianity and its difficulties is convincing. His style is relaxed, and simple examples of everyday situations are used to clarify difficult concepts. This book was conceived in the war years and occasionally bears the stamp of that era, but it has the timeless quality of a classic and is invigorating reading for anybody in the 1980's seeking a clear focus on Christianity.

Geraldine Fahy

2 copies of this book will be available in the C.P. Library.



Bible Study

THE APOCALYPSE or Revelation is the last book of the Bible. It was written at the end of the 1st century A.D. when Christians were persecuted under the Roman Emperor Domitian.

Apocalyptic literature is written for a time of crisis, to increase hope and determination. It contains a vision of hidden supernatural events.

This book uses richly symbolic language, intelligible to Christians of the time but a mystery to others. Images are drawn from the Old Testament, especially Daniel - e.g., Babylon, the old enemy, signifies Rome and the Emperor.

Christ is the central figure, the redeemer, glorified and exalted Son of Man. The Author's vision is of the end of time and the vindication of Christian martyrs in the world to come.

"There will be no more death and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone."

21:4

Special Collections 1988

	£	(1987)
Peru Collections	1936	(£2640)
Peru Boxes	182	(£ 170)
Peters Pence	549	(£ 695)
Episcopal Comm.	309	(£ 531)
Propagation of Faith	1128	(£1159)
St. Anne's Adopt. Soc.	646	(£ 691)
Holy Places	248	(£ 290)
Seminary	890	(£ 764)
CMAC	290	(£ 275)
Trocaire	1841	(£2246)
Good Shepherd	420	(£ 440)
	<u>£8439</u>	<u>(£9901)</u>

MEDIA COMMENT

FREEDOM, AS ALL sections of the media show, can mean so many things.

We Irish are so pre-occupied with freedom that we are prepared to kill and die for it.

Last Saturday, freedom meant the opportunity to enjoy a soccer match. It ended in death and injury.

TO THE OPPRESSED, freedom means the right to live in dignity, to food and shelter, to education and employment. To their oppressors, freedom is a threat to their domination.

BUT, FREEDOM is denied to many in less obvious but more insidious ways.

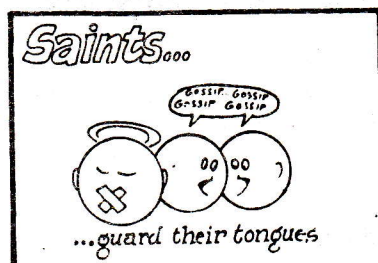
What freedom has the family who, because of unemployment, really want? They are deprived of the dignity that work confers. They want for food, for heat, for clothing. They suffer second-class status in the community.

What kind of freedom has the family where a husband or wife, father or mother, is an alcoholic?

How does one rate the freedom of a family where a son or daughter is involved in drugs or in crime?

SO OFTEN, when the media presents these images to us, we respond sympathetically perhaps, maybe judgementally? And we move on to the next item of news.

As Christians, is more expected of us?





NOTICE BOARD

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Attention, Readers!

FR. JOHN HOPES to see a full attendance at the MINISTERS OF THE WORD MEETING on Monday 24th April at 8 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

Eucharistic Ministers

THE PRE-PENTECOST meeting of current Ministers of the Eucharist is on Monday 1st May in the Crypt. Re-commissioning will be on Pentecost Sunday, as usual (14th May this year) so Ministers should bring their certs. to the meeting.

Still Plenty Room

MORE PEOPLE are needed to staff the parish library, soon to be launched. The commitment is only a half-hour per month, on a Wednesday or a Saturday evening. Please give in your name to the C.P. Centre any morning this week.

Important Meeting

WILTON GARDENS and Laburnum Neighbourhood Watch meeting is on Tuesday 2nd May in St. Catherine's School Hall at 9.30 p.m.

Contact People

THE APRIL meeting of Contacts is on Monday night, 24th April in the Crypt. Please note change of night; it is because the training course for new Eucharistic Ministers takes over the Crypt for four Tuesday nights. Kitty Dillon of the Citizens Advice Bureau will answer all our queries.

Urgent Appeal

HAVE YOU a copy of the Passion Sunday Bulletin, 19th March 1989, number 158? Please hand into C. P. Centre.

A Fitting Gesture

ELLEN BUCKLEY died on Friday night 13th April. On the Saturday morning, her family went up to the Good Shepherd Convent, Sundays Well, and bought beautiful white vestments, "in memory of Ellen and John Buckley, R.I.P." The vestments were given to Fr. Denis, for the Church and used for the first time at Mrs. Buckley's funeral Mass. A lovely gesture, much appreciated - and surely a more lasting remembrance than flowers, etc. We thank the Buckley family.

A Happy Event

"LEARNING BY DOING" was what Ministers and ex-Ministers did last Monday night. The event was their annual Ministry Mass in the Crypt, but all the input was their own!

Those who came were given responsibility for 5 areas:-

- 1) Setting up altar, ambo, etc.
- 2) Readings and Prayers of the Faithful.
- 3) Other parts of Mass
- 4) Singing
- 5) Arranging tea/coffee, etc.

And they all did their job very well, making a lovely celebration. Thanks be to God!

WARM THANKS to all who gave raffle and spot prizes to our Parish Social:-

Dennehys Shop, Garage and Bar, Golden's Supermarket, Quinlan's Jewellers, Sless Carpet Shop, Lucy's Hair Fashions, Boeing Computer Services, Tennis Village, Gillan Tyres, Nagles Tiles, Leggetts, C.I.E., Jury's Hotel, C.B.M. Importers Wilton, Guinness, Players Cigarettes, Lee Garage, Roches Stores, Quinnsnorth, C.M.P. Kinsale Road, Byrnes Pork Butchers, Dunnes Stores, Rendezvous Bar, Hennessy's Supermarket, Economy Shop and Dennehy's Heating Supplies.