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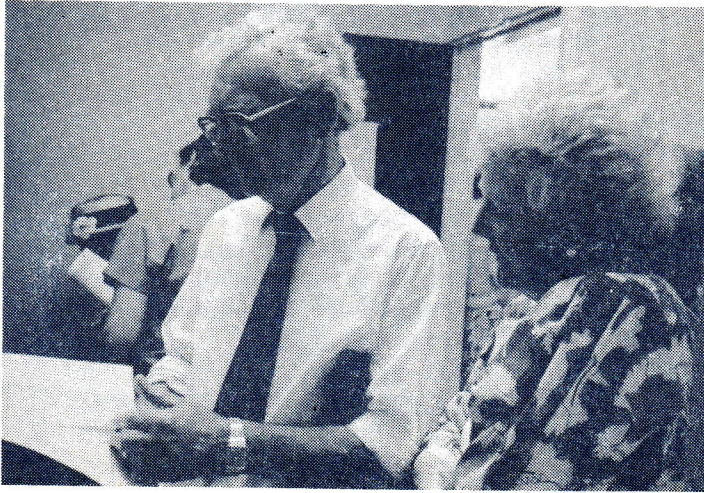
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## PARISH LIBRARY PROVES VERY POPULAR



OUR PARISH LIBRARY OPENS! (At left) Des and Jo Dunnion, Wilton Avenue check through the books. (Right) Our youngest Library member ?

Opening Hours: Wednesday and Saturday nights after 7.30 Mass.  
Each morning 10.30 - 11.30 Monday to Friday.

## Bulletin survey

AS EVER, the Bulletin Survey threw up lots of comments on parish life, both applauding and condemning! Here are some of them:-

"Say a big 'Thank You' to Altar Society. Flowers were superb for First Holy Communion and Pentecost especially."

"Why not have full missalette instead of shortened version?"

"Glad to see the Dean standing over the comment on Patrick Ryan's European candidacy."

"Why not preach from the Altar

about the appalling programmes on T.V. (Late, Late Show, etc.), and leave poor Fr. Devereux alone?"

"On the occasion of a special church collection, I suggest that no other collections be permitted outside the church doors."

"Can I speak for the thousands with that silent handicap - the hard of hearing? Many with hearing aids would benefit enormously from the simple and relatively cheap 'induction loop'."

"Why ask for volunteers to clean-up" ✓





the church? Why not employ a daily charlady? After all, you are a 'viable concern'!"

"I think the remarks made about the Oblate Fathers who gave our Mission were very wrong, and not true, and should not be published."

"Surely there will not be more elections in September, incurring more expense on the Parish? Eight sub-committees seem a bit much. What are their duties?"

"I think the idea of having the 'Novena to the Holy Spirit' is excellent. It will help people to come to the Church each night as the weather will be warmer and the evenings longer."

"Have more opinion polls on Church affairs, every so often."

*Analysis of the survey is continuing - more feedback next week.*



## *Rest in Peace*

JACK McCARTHY, Farranlea Grove, died on May 23 after a brief illness. Our sincere sympathy goes to his family and friends. Jack was beloved by many for his sense of humour and kindness. At the Funeral Mass, on Corpus Christi, Father John commended him for his holiness of life and spirit of hope.

PAT O'SULLIVAN, Bishopstown Avenue West, died unexpectedly last weekend, having been taken ill while playing golf. It came as a great shock to the whole community. The huge attendance at Pat's removal and funeral was really a tribute to the quality of the friendship and service Nance and Pat gave to others. Our sympathy is with Nance and her eight children; their personal tributes to their beloved father at his funeral were inspirational. May he rest in peace.

## SIGNS OF LIFE

### THE EUCHARIST

#### QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Has the fast before Holy Communion been abolished ?

In a word, no. As a sign of reverence, the Church asks us to fast one hour before Communion.

Are there exceptions ?

Yes. Anyone can have water or medicine at any stage. Also, the elderly, and those who are ill, and those who mind them, need not fast. Priests are not bound to fast 'between Masses'.

Are we allowed to receive twice a day ?

Yes. For a while this was limited to some "special occasions", but the Church Law of 1983 says it is always possible to receive a second time. The only condition is that it be in the context of a complete Eucharistic celebration (Mass).

Must Priests say Mass every day ?

Priests are bound to concelebrate Mass on Holy Thursday night, but beyond that they have no obligation. Naturally, they are 'strongly recommended' to, but that is a different thing. Of course, for them to miss Mass on Sunday would be serious as for anyone else!

THIS IS the last contribution in the "SIGNS OF LIFE" series for the current Bulletin year. Thanks to all who worked on the series.

Next year we plan to continue, perhaps with a different format. One of the ideas the team is considering is a 'QUESTION BOX' format, based on questions submitted by parishioners. Any takers ?



Warmest Greetings

FRIDAY JUNE 9 is the feast of St. Columba of Derry, also called Columbcille. We extend warm greetings to the Sisters in St. Columba's Convent, Bishopstown Avenue West, on their feast-day.

# LETTERS

23 Merlyn Lawn.

Dear Editor,

Last Sunday Catholics from all over the dioceses of Cork and Ross marched in Eucharistic processions as a public manifestation of their faith. They were able to do so without let or hindrance.

Large numbers of the faithful also decided to avail themselves of the sunshine and headed for the beaches of West Cork. In many cases, for whatever reasons, they were severely held up by the said processions. Organizers of processions have a duty to ensure that they do not let their event turn into a public inconvenience.

Yours sincerely,  
Mary Lee (Mrs)

## Thank You

HAVING THE PERU COLLECTION separately at the Church door has proven very successful. So far, £ 2274 has been collected (compared with £ 1936 last year). For this generosity we are most grateful.

The only problem was that another group turned up to collect on the Church steps, causing a little confusion. Can anyone suggest a solution?

"BIBLE STUDY" is away for the weekend. Will be back next week!

## \*MEDIA COMMENT\*

THE HYPE has begun in the media in the run-up to the General Election. Money that was as scarce as sun in Winter has suddenly appeared for our stricken Southern Health Board and for a work-starved Thurles. Doubtless, more miracles will follow.

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IT WAS SO SAD to hear the redundant workers from the now defunct Hospital Sweeps Trust being interviewed on radio. Many had given a lifetime to the company whose directors had profited over the years. Statutory redundancy and Social Welfare assistance seemed a poor reward for loyal workers - while over a million pounds in unclaimed prize money lay collecting interest in the banks.

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SERIOUS CRIME, we are told, is on the increase again. One wonders why.

Unemployment? A crumbling moral fabric? Unequal wealth distribution?

Are our legislators active enough? Could there be more co-operation between the various law bodies? Is this a good time to remove our heads from the sand and make our politicians aware of our views? Before it is too late?

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SPECTACULAR WEATHER gave a heady aspect to Sunday's twin events in our city; the Eucharistic Procession and the Lark by the Lee. Both, according to media reports, were outstanding successes.

The "Lark" was described as a weekend of fun, sun and music.

Fr. Leonard O'Brien, preaching at the Eucharistic Procession, described a world of economic tyranny where "food is not produced for the poor who need it but for the rich who can pay for it".





## NOTICE BOARD

### A New Experience

TAIZE FANS may be interested to hear that a Taizé prayer service is planned for the Crypt on Thursday 8th at 9.30 p.m. Organised by the Síol Retreatants, all are welcome.

### Saint Anthony

FANS OF St. Anthony are invited to the Annual Novena in his honour from 4th - 13th June in St. Francis' Church. Sessions at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

### Honouring Frank Duff

A MASS to celebrate the centenary of Frank Duff's birth is on Wednesday night at 8.00 p.m. in the South Chapel. Also, to honour the occasion, there'll be a 'Frank Duff Day' at Connolly Hall on Saturday next from 2.30 to 7.30. All are welcome to both events.

### Attention, Parents!

PARENTS are reminded that allowing children to light candles, etc., in Church is literally playing with fire. Many children today are just not used to handling matches, etc., and are thus in great danger.

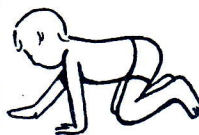
For this reason, we have discontinued the use of candles completely. In future only nightlights will be available. But parents are advised to supervise their children at all times, and to teach them caution. Thank you in anticipation!

You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from building nests in your hair.

*Chinese proverb*

### Delicious Goodies

SISTER BRENDAN tells me a cake sale will be held in the Crypt after 7.30 p.m. Mass next Saturday and 11.00 Mass next Sunday. The aim is to bring the children in the Choir in the Community School to Fota.



*We remember those who have gone before us*

BETTY NAGLE from Kenley Close has suffered the experience of losing a child before birth. She has got great support from I.S.A.N.D.S. (the Irish Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Association). She writes about that group:

"I.S.A.N.D.S. is a group of parents, each of whom has lost a baby at or around the time of birth. By coming together for meetings, each has learned from other bereaved parents. This learning covered how they felt physically and emotionally, where they found their greatest support, how they coped and what helped them through their ordeal.

I.S.A.N.D.S. offer a booklet called 'A Little Lifetime' which can also be a source of help. Their next meeting is Monday June 12 at 8.30 P.M., at the upstairs meeting room of the Grand Parade Hotel."

### Special Memorial

The group also plans to erect a memorial for all babies who have died at or around the time of birth, in St. Finbarr's Cemetery. Donations towards the cost of the memorial would be gratefully received by the group.

The local Contact person for the group is JOHANNA FITZPATRICK, of Bishopstown: Phone 546735