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HERE'S NEWS

Our SENIOR CHOIR have just recorded their first tape. They have been working towards this for some time and the dream became a reality after a long and arduous recording session last Sunday. Mr. Patrick Killeen, director of the choir, spoke with great enthusiasm about this achievement. The tape will be launched on Sunday 3rd December and will be available from that date.

Most of us need no introduction to the choir, which has been going from strength to strength, and will be aware of its high standard and professionalism. The recording consists of familiar choral pieces, some Christmas Carols (including the well loved "O Holy Night") and also has organ and trumpets.

Obviously there is a great treat in store for us.

He who sings prays twice.

Augustine of Hippo

A Lovely Thought

TWO KIND people let us have gifts of flowers over the past week. The Altar Society used them (to great effect!) around the Sanctuary. People often do that. And we always appreciate the thought!

NOVEMBER

A TIME FOR
REMEMBERING
THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

I HAVE SEEN death too often to believe in death. It is not ending - but a withdrawal.

As one who finished a long journey,
Stills the motor,
Turns off the lights,
Steps from his car,
And walks up the path to the house that awaits him. (Blanding).

A personal reflection:-
The funeral service prays that the saints and martyrs greet the person who has died. Could we not suggest that he or she will be welcomed by loved ones who have already died? These saints are fine in their own way, but we don't KNOW them.

And a final thought:-
A quote from our own Fr. Denis after a funeral - "Sure it's all beginning for him now."



*From Death
to New Life*



Bulletin Editorial seeks New Members

IF YOU FEEL you would like to become involved in something really stimulating, then this is for you.

Honesty compels us to spell out what is involved.

1. Once a month you would prepare a bulletin along with one or two others. This takes three to four hours on a Thursday night.
2. First Monday of each month a planning meeting takes even longer. Sounds formidable, but it's all helped along with cups of coffee, etc. and it's very interesting!

If you want to know more, please contact us.



Rest in Peace

MAUREEN SHEAHAN died at the Powdermill Nursing Home, Ballinacollig, recently. She had lived with her late sisters Eileen and Gipsy at 'Glenlough', College Road. She was the last of the family; may the Lord now re-unite them all in his Kingdom.

Our lives are a manifestation of what we think about God.

Anon.

BOOK REVIEW

"PAUL THE INTERPRETER" is written by George Appleton, retired Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem and published by Fount Paperbacks at stg. £2.95.

Through the author's eye we see Paul as friend of the Gentiles. He also links Paul with Salvation, with Suffering and with the Resurrection.

He develops the theme that Paul "saw that Salvation was God's free gift". He points out that "Luke notes Paul's gift of perceiving in everything an opportunity to see God at work".

While Paul will be remembered for his mission to the gentiles, he says, his great sorrow was at his failure to win over his fellow Jews to the gospel of Christ.

Paul never met the Christ the

Apostles knew but Paul preached Christ Risen, says the author. We too can overcome death, he says, if we are faithful to the gospel.

Lest we see Paul only as pious preacher, George Appleton emphasises Paul's humanity; his claim for man's superiority over women, his short-temper, his difficulty in doing "not the good I want to but the evil I do not want".

I must confess that I did not find "Paul the Interpreter" a very readable book. The earlier chapters held my attention well enough. But the later chapters seem to me to be a recitation of extracts from Paul's letters as prayers. It became a little tedious, I thought.

I find the letters of St. Paul most relevant but I was not impressed by this author's method of using them.

You may think differently so buy "Paul the Interpreter" and see for yourself.

Pat Lemasney

Alternative SLANTS

"HOW COULD THE world have stood by and let it happen" is our reaction to the scenes of the concentration camps we see in T.V. war commemorations. Yet in the late seventies a holocaust took place in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge regime. The shallow massed graves of thousands of butchered Cambodians became known as "the killing fields". A repeat is threatened since Vietnam recently withdrew from Cambodia. Are we informed this time? Are we going to insist that Ireland speaks out when the issue of the Khmer Rouge holding a seat in the U.N. is raised soon?

THE CINEMA is again making points that thousands of words cannot make. In 'Dead Poets Society'

so many issues are raised - the school curriculum trap, the tragedy of over ambitious parenting, but most of all the opportunity each of us has to be individuals. The film highlights the problem of power and relevance in education and the defencelessness of the young.

AS WE forgive those....
The Guildford Four are free to speak. One acknowledges that the relatives of the bomb victims suffered the greater loss. Another tries to place herself in the position of the stressed policemen. Two crimes were committed as a result of the terrorist action, untimely death and wrongful imprisonment. We pray for the dead and give thanks for the living.

Thomas

Focus On..... 
The Poor Clares

What's Special About Nov. 11th ?

WELL, today Blessed Agnes of Prague, a Poor Clare nun, was canonised by Pope John Paul II in Rome.

She was a Czechoslovakian princess and a contemporary of her foundress St. Clare. Although they never met, Clare, in one of her letters, was to call Agnes "the other half of my soul" !

It will give a great boost to the people of Czechoslovakia, where religious repression is still a part of everyday life.

St. Agnes, pray for us!

question box

QUESTION: When I was young, people were anointed when they were dying. Nowadays they are anointed when they are ill. Why the change?

ANSWER: Holy Viaticum is the Sacrament of the dying and, as such, is reserved for those who are approaching death.

The Liturgy of Anointing is a prayer for healing. It is a prayer for the coming of God's Kingdom where everything will be perfect.

A confusion arose in the Dark Ages when, due to a pre-occupation with sin, both anointing and reconciliation were put off until towards the end of life.

The Sacrament of the Sick should be welcomed as a celebration of God's healing power.



NOTICE BOARD

A Reminder

NEXT SUNDAY is the third Sunday of the month. We ask our ever reliable bulletin distributors to help out as usual.

The Dues letters and envelopes will also be distributed next weekend.

As Gaeilge

BEIDH AN AIFREANN i nGaeilge agus Bearla an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog.

Neighbourhood Watch

WOODLAWN Neighbourhood Watch meeting will be held in the Crypt tomorrow night, Monday 13th, at 8.00.

Sale of Work

ARDFOYLE CONVENT, Ballintemple (Bus 2) are holding a Sale of Work on Sunday 19th November from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Desert Mission

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, Western Road advise that the 'Desert Mission' Video is on sale at their branch at a cost of £19.99. The proceeds of the sales will go to the Peru Mission Appeal Fund. Anybody wishing to purchase a copy will be supporting a very worthy cause.

Church Collectors

A BRIEF MEETING for all Church Collectors, including new volunteers, will be held in the C.P. Centre on Tuesday next 14th at 8.00 p.m.

Irish Fight For Sight

(Eye Bank Ireland)

STOP! If you haven't bought your Christmas crackers yet, support the above very worthy cause. Really high-class crackers are available at Merchants Quay Shopping Centre (near Kylemore Cafe) price £6.95.

Please Collect Rota

THOSE WHO volunteered to help as weekday Ministers of the Eucharist are asked to collect their rotas at the altar rails this weekend. The rota goes into effect immediately.

A Message

from the

Cork Simon Community

Dear Dean O'Connor,

Our Churchgate collection held in your Parish raised £267.78.

This year we will spend about £200,000 on our work in Cork. Therefore, the financial contribution is most welcome.

We wish to thank you for your cooperation and please pass on our thanks to your parishioners.

Yours faithfully,

David Nevin

Administrator

