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CHRIST THE KING



TODAY WE celebrate the fact that Jesus is Lord of the world and of all human history. At the end of time the Father will make that title perfect and complete in the Second Coming and final victory of Jesus over sin and death. So, the church chose to celebrate the feast of Christ's Kingship at the very end of the liturgical year.

In today's readings St. Paul tells us that Christ is the image of the unseen God, that He holds all things together, that all perfection is found in Him. Jesus, he tells us, has rescued us from the power of darkness and created a place for us in His Kingdom.



Alice, with her mother Elizabeth and brother Andrew.

A VERY SPECIAL event took place in our church during the summer. Alice Honan who lives in Saudi Arabia received her First Holy Communion here.

Her grandmother, Moyra Barrett of Model Farm Road, described the lovely ceremony which Fr. John organized. It was very much a family celebration with her parents, James and Elizabeth (nee Barrett), her other grandmother Noreen Honan who lives at the Belfry, Model Farm Road, and relatives and friends.

And the reason why Alice, aged eight, came all this distance to receive her Holy Communion? Unfortunately, there are no such facilities where she lives. So we were privileged to have her with us for this unique occasion.



PAUSE for THOUGHT

"Build a Better World"

"Build a better world", says God.
And I answered:

"How? The world is such a vast
place,

And so complicated now,
And I'm small and useless;
There's nothing I can do".
But God, in all His wisdom said:
"Just build a better you".

Useful Guide

WE HAVE BEEN presented with a really useful book about London. Called "A GUIDE TO LONDON for young Irish People", it includes information on accommodation, welfare rights, etc. We intend to make it available for reference at the C.P. Centre.



*From Death
to New Life*

CAPTAIN NED YOUNG, who died at his home on Wilton Road, was in his 98th year. He was the last of the 'Boys' of Kilmichael, who under Comdnt. Tom Barry, ambushed a truckload of Black and Tans on 28th November, 1920. He was honoured with a firing party and the 'Last Post' at his burial in Dunmanway. Our sympathy goes to his wife and family, including John (Cherry Grove), and nephew Eamonn (Highfield Lawn).

A PARISHIONER WRITES...

"CHRISTMAS IS TOO COMMERCIALISED"

Kenley Avenue

Dear Editor,

There is a conflict between the Christmas of the Christ Child and the Christmas of Santa Claus, glittering lights and highpowered sales propaganda.

In the light of economic and social pressures what can we do to overcome the gaudiness, godlessness and propaganda of the secular Christmas?

Sensitising ourselves, making ourselves aware of the conflicting themes of the Sacred and the Secular is a step in the right direction.

Making a conscientious effort to use what the Church has to offer in preparation for Christ's birth is another....

Participating, and getting our families involved in participation, in Advent Liturgy....

Listening more attentively to Advent Readings and sermons at Mass and Church services....

Noticing the visible signs and symbols the Church uses throughout the four weeks of Advent....

Using Family prayers, projects, customs to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Most of us have a strong sense of priorities as Christians, but we need the courage to activate our desires to counteract the pressures of commercialism that tend to obliterate Christ from the celebration of His Birth.

Yours sincerely,
Carmel O'Shea



IN A day and age where the important role of the youth is being constantly emphasised, it is disturbing to see that many young people have become disillusioned with their Faith. Even more worrying are the following thoughts: As today's youth grow older will their Faith increase or decrease? What about their offspring? Is it possible that we could one day see a widely apathetic and near-faithless generation?

The answers to these questions lie beyond today's society. The solutions to the problems don't. The fault lies largely amongst the youth themselves. Their trouble is that wherever they go, they expect to be entertained, at church and at school.

Hence they label the aforementioned "boring".

I myself possess this fault, yet I see that part of the blame must fall at the feet of the Church. The Church's efforts to relate to and understand youth are all in their best interests. Alas, the approach is wrong. In my opinion, the best method of making the Gospel more attractive to the youth is by showing how it can play a part in their lives i.e. how empty their lives are without a steady Faith.

This is achieved by listening carefully to the youth and helping them recognise how the Gospel can apply in their own lives, NOT by the fabrication of a farcical and artificial front which can be seen through immediately.

I am, of course, being objectively general. But there are vast numbers of young people whose lethargy is not only worrying but harmful. - BRIAN

Well Done!

OUR LOCAL I.C.A. troop, the Bishopstown I.C.A. won the overall prize in the Drama Festival in Inniscarra with the play "Bus Stop". Paula Kelleher of Woodleigh Park was one of the stars of the show!

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to TINA O'SULLIVAN Leesdale, on winning the Guaranteed Irish Retail Salesperson of the Year nomination for Ballincollig/Inniscarra Region.

YOUR QUESTIONS

THANK YOU TO all those who have sent in so many thought-provoking questions. Keep them coming! Drop them in to the C.P. Centre, through the letter box or in the box on the counter.

WITH SYMPATHY FROM ALL
THE PARISHIONERS

SINCERE SYMPATHY to Michael Power, Kenley Crescent, on the sudden death of his father in October.



NOTICE BOARD

We've Done Our Bit!

A LOOP SYSTEM was suggested for the hard of hearing. And we wouldn't mind accommodating any group that felt left out.

So we organised a meeting for Tuesday last. And we asked those affected to come along - or to send a representative.

But no one came. So we presume that means there's no demand for the loop system....? Unless anyone can prove otherwise!

A New Light!

THOSE WHO CALL in to our Church during the day to say "hello" to the Lord are in for a little surprise.

A new light has been fitted, highlighting the tabernacle - drawing our eyes to what really counts. In case we would be distracted by all the ornamentation, and miss out on Jesus, really present in that place.

Why not call in and see the new light? An spend a few moments talking to the Lord, while you're at it!

Cake Sale

THE YOUTH CLUB are holding a Cake Sale in the Crypt after 11 Mass on Sunday 26th.

Reminder

MINISTERS of the Eucharist taking part in the Advent Programme are reminded to come to the Crypt on Monday night at 8.00.

Those who already did the Programme should bring along their book; new books will be on sale for those who have none, at £1.95.

First Friday

FRIDAY NEXT December 1st is the First Friday. Confessions on Thursday night at 8. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Pastoral Council

REMINDER OF meeting this Monday night at 8 in the C.P. Centre.

Senior Citizens

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER for Senior Citizens will be held in Bishopstown G.A.A. Pavilion on Sunday December 17th at 6.00 p.m. followed by Social. Price £7. Contact - Liz O'Donoghue 341399
Helen O'Hea 546167

St. Joseph's Young Priests

A MEETING of the society will be held in the C.P. Centre on Thursday week, December 7, at 8 p.m.

Thank You

TO THE Irish Girl Guides - Fiona Barrett, Sonya Irwin, Rachel Irwin, Mairead McCarthy - who assisted in the folding and inserting of the Contact List into last week's bulletin.

We're Grateful!

A WARM 'thank you' to all who were so generous with the November offerings. Fr. Denis, Fr. John and Fr. Bernard appreciate your kindness!

Apology

NEIL DE FAOITE apologises: "Due to a Clash of Dates the Bishopstown Camogie A.G.M. was cancelled for Friday 24th November. Notice will be given when a new date is set.

Any inconvenience is regretted."