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SPRING



It's Spring
although with gales
reaching eighty miles
an hour, it is hard to believe it.
However, nature says it's Spring.

The daffodils are growing daily
and new buds are appearing on trees
and shrubs. No matter how crooked
the tree has grown, how few flowers
the rose bush had last year, when
Spring comes there is a new
beginning. Let us reflect on how
we can be a little better every
day, just like nature in Spring.

If you are ill or depressed
just say you have had your winter
rest and move into spring - doing
a little more each day.

To the student who may not have
settled into study very well,
there is still time to do well,
but there is no time for delay.

To the unemployed, now is the
time to go out and knock on doors.
It is said that one should be as
busy looking for work as going to
work! Not easy - but take our
cue from Spring.

If life is good to us at the
moment lets help someone who is
less fortunate.

To a brave heart nothing is impossible.
French proverb

PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL has now got a
permanent Chairperson and
Secretary. These were elected
at the meeting held on January 29th.

ROSARII MURPHY, who represents
Wilton Road area, was unanimously
elected Chairperson and GERARDINE
O'CALLAGHAN, representing Magazine
Road area, is Secretary.

We wish both every success
during their term of office.

It was decided at this meeting
to have a Parish Social in a few
months time. A core group from
the Council volunteered to form
a Committee.

They hope to make it a bumper
night for all to enjoy.

The Pastoral Council sub-groups
were also re-activated at the
meeting. There are now eight
sub-groups:-

- Communication
- Finance
- Education
- Counselling/Bereavement
- Youth
- Liturgy
- Social activities
- Mission

Each sub-group will be meeting
over the next few weeks and will
be anxious to recruit 'talent'
from the community. Any offers?



*From Death
to New Life*

One of the saddest and most representative funerals at our Church took place during the week when a young wife and mother was laid to rest - NOREEN HASLAM.

Noreen, Dick and their family, Mary, Joe and Anne had only returned to the Parish from Limerick, where Dick had been their very popular and highly efficient County Manager for many years. Prior to that they had resided in this Parish at the Ridgeway.

The removal and funeral were attended by many public representatives as well as a host of personal friends. Bishop Buckley and Bishop Newman of Limerick attended - with Fr. Michael Culhane, a cousin of Noreen's, as chief Concelebrant.

We extend sincere sympathy to Dick, Mary, Joe and Anne, Noreen's parents, brothers, sisters and friends.



OUR SYMPATHY goes to Maurlene Buckley, 17 Bishopscourt Road on the death of her brother.

To Barry Supple, 9 Bishopscourt Road on the death of his mother.

To Daniel O'Sullivan, 81, Leesdale on the death of his sister.

To John Cullinane, 77 Leesdale on the death of his father.

To Anne O'Reilly, 11 Greenfields and Joan O'Sullivan 81, Leesdale on the death of their father.

To Noreen McCarthy 'Greenbanks' Bishopstown Avenue on the death of her brother.

To Patricia O'Connell, 3 Parkwa Drive on the death of her mother.

OUR SYMPATHY goes to the many friends and relatives of Mary O'Connor, Victoria Cross. Mary was a familiar face at Dennehy's Cross, and with husband Frank did trojan work for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We know that heaven will be a happier place for her arrival there. May she rest in peace.

ST. BRIGID'S CROSS



IN TOUCH WITH OUR ROOTS

On the front of the Ambo this Sunday you'll see St. Brigid's Cross we put up for 1st February.

Claire Bradley of Bishopstown Avenue West collected the rushes and made the Cross and Charlie Leahy put it in place - all to remind us how far back our faith goes and to challenge us to keep that faith fresh and evergreen!

Q.A.

QUESTION: How can the Church look at the starving people of the world, children dying, and still order them to increase and multiply?

ANSWER: The Church, certainly at Pastoral level, would not encourage irresponsible procreation.

Perhaps it is too easy to confuse the Church's attitude to contraception with the 'official' attitude to birth control, worldwide.

The global attitude would be population orientated. The Church's attitude would be family-centred, caring, dignified, concerned with culture and tradition.

IS THERE no end to the ability of the local youth? It appears not. This time they have reaped the laurels on the sports field. First word of congratulations must go to Blaithín Keating, one of our parishioners, who has been selected for the Irish U-18 Schools Training Squad. Blaithín was one of five from Munster who were chosen and we wish her the best of luck. Bully for her! She attends Mount Mercy and was also selected for the Munster U-18 Team. But Mount Mercy didn't leave it at one. Oh no. Blaithín was joined by no less than four on the U-18 team, fellow parishioner Aisling O'Leary, as well as Noreen Daly, Lorraine Murphy and Louise Twomey.

And there's more! At the U-16 level, parishioners Aoife Waters and Gráinne Sugrue were joined by Karen O'Brien and Deirdre Moynihan in being chosen for the Munster team.

Congratulations to all.

MOUNT MERCY's near enough neighbours Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh are, however, refusing to be outdone! Although not known to be that powerful with hockey sticks, they have had two fifth years selected on the Irish Schools Senior Soccer Panel. Declan O'Leary and Fergal Giltinan were chosen before Christmas, after playing in the interprovincials in Donegal. They are joined on the Munster team by parishioner Anthony Buckley. The three play club soccer with a local team, Wilton United.

Well done to all!

Brian



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Ministers of the Word

MONTHLY MEETING will take place this Monday, 5th Feb, in the C.P. Centre at 8.00p.m.

Bishopstown Community Association

THERE WILL be a Council Meeting of the Bishopstown Community Association on Tuesday next, 6th Feb, in Wilton Park House at 8.00p.m.

Is it Curable?

IS THERE a cure for mental illness? Why be mentally ill? Can mental health be learnt?

These are some of the questions that will be faced at a Public Meeting at the Imperial Hotel on Monday, 5th February at 8.00p.m.

Speakers include Fr Con Keogh, the international co-ordinator of GROW and Dr Power, a psychiatrist at Sarsfields Court.

All are welcome!

Attention Pastoral Councillors!

MINUTES OF last Monday night's Council Meeting will be available at the C.P. Centre from Monday morning.

And Liturgy Group members are reminded to collect their minutes at the Sacristy.

God is great, and therefore He will be sought: He is good, and therefore He will be found.
Anon.

Join the Pioneers!

PHYLLIS RYAN reminds me to tell you that new Pioneers are enrolled on the first Sunday of each month after 10, 11 and 12.15 Masses in the C.P. Centre. That means this Sunday folks!

Reminder to Coeliacs

THOSE RECENTLY diagnosed as coeliacs may not be aware of arrangements at Dennehy's Cross.

Gluten-free hosts are available during Holy Communion of every single Mass, from the main Celebrant, at the Alter gates.

He carries a small container called a pyx with the special hosts. All a coeliac needs to do is to ask for one of the gluten-free hosts. It's a facility we're delighted to make available.

Who's saying Mass?

YOU MAY NOT have noticed it, but Sunday Mass follows a very regular pattern. Each priest says two Masses each Sunday, following a rota.

The first week, it's the 7.30 Vigil Mass and the Community School. The next week, it's 9.00 and 11.00; the following week it's 10.00 and 12.15.

This Sunday Fr Denis is on the 7.30 and the Community School, Fr Bernard is on 9.00 and 11.00 and Fr John is on 10.00 and 12.15.

Can you guess who is saying what next Sunday?!!!