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VERY FEW people can truthfully say they are not influenced by what they read. Our opinions may or may not be shaped by the national newspapers and our tastes may or may not be developed by our choice of reading. Papers, books, magazines have, however a power of direction which is only recognised when one starts recommending reading matter to those in whom we are interested. That is you - the people of the Parish.

That often quoted passage "he that hath ears to hear let him hear" might equally have been 'he that hath eyes to see let him read'. In case you have not noticed the theme of this little article, then it is a roundabout way of saying - come and make use of the Parish Library facilities. It is stated Faith comes by reading, and the real message is the same whether it is spoken or written. Familiarity with Catholic teaching, its accent and expression can never be developed if its written word is never read.

So the invitation to make fuller use of the library facility is extended and a more detailed account of the books in stock will be given in further issues of the bulletin.

Good reading for the future!

I read my Bible to know what people ought to do, and my newspaper to know what they are doing.- Newman

PASTORAL COUNCIL

AT THE Council Meeting on Monday night some background work for the forthcoming Novena was discussed.

It was decided that the Council members, Contact people and others interested would liaise to plan a campaign to stimulate support and enthusiasm for the Novena and make it a more meaningful experience.

With this in view, little 'get togethers' will be organised in the different areas during the next few weeks. Hopefully those who would be eager to help and especially young people will come forward to contribute ideas.

Finally, a Date for your Diary. The Parish Social will be held in Jurys on Thursday 26th April. A light meal will be served followed by dancing 'til midnight to the accompaniment of that band of renown "The Shades".

Library



Library News

TO FACILITATE borrowers, the opening hours have been revised as follows:

Saturday: after 7.30 Mass.

Sunday: After 9.00, 10.00 and 11.00 Masses.

Every morning Monday-Friday after 10.00 Mass.

Please note that the Library is now open after 9.00 Mass on Sunday and will no longer open on Wednesday evenings.



Pray For The Dead



ALICE O'CONNELL, Wilton Gardens, died unexpectedly during the week. We are saddened to see a caring and kind lady depart our community. We are confident she is reunited with her husband Timothy, who died in December 1987 after a long struggle with ill health. Condolences to her sons Brian and Martin who live in the same house, and her daughters Marie and Sylvia.

DANIEL (DAN) COLLINS, "Palm Trees" Model Farm Road, died on Monday 5th February, a few days after his 79th birthday. He had received the Last Sacraments just one hour before his death. His wife Eileen and his sons and daughters mourn him deeply. They were comforted, though, but the thought that his suffering and pain are over forever. May he rest in peace.

BREDA O'LEARY, Wilton Gardens, died unexpectedly recently. For many years she and her husband Michael, ran the Carmelite Stores on the Western Road. They were widely known and respected. Our sincere sympathy to her husband and family Michael, Tom, Catherine and Mary. At her Requiem Mass Fr. John read the following poem which Breda wrote.

We must all die one day, you see.
Each and everyone, you and me.
So it is no use grieving for those
gone before,
A little prayer will do far more.



BAPTISMS

WELCOME to two new parishioners: STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER DALY, son of Shay and Eileen, Woodleigh Park. AOIFE ASIONCION O'DONOGHUE, daughter of Kevin and Virgilia, Coolfada, Farranlea Park.

Also, to CORMAC SEAN NEVIN, son of Brian and Kate, Sutton, Co. Dublin. Brian originally lived in Lima Lawn.



WE CONGRATULATE our parishioners who were married recently:- DIARMUID RIORDAN, 2 Bishopscourt Lawn, who married Deirdre O'Riordan, Curraheen. AOIFE COLLINS, 22 Woodleigh Park who married DONAL DUNNE, Model Farm Road.

OUR SYMPATHY GOES TO YOU

OUR SYMPATHY goes to Gerard Murphy, Leedale, on the death of his uncle
To Sheila Hennessy, Wilton Gardens on the death of her brother
To Lillian O'Callaghan, 12 Parkway Drive on the death of her mother.
To Rita Barrett, 'Burncourt', Bendemeer Park on the death of her sister.

He that will enter Paradise must have a good key.



Parish NEWS

A Bishopstown Divorce?

WILL THE Bishopstown Community Association split up? Will it stay as one umbrella group for the whole area, or split in three reflecting the three parishes? A big question with big implications for each parish.

And it's a question up for discussion at the March meeting, reports P.R.O. Monty Hennessy.

Other items that came up at this month's meeting:

The whole Bishopstown area has entered the Tidy Towns competition - it's up to local area groups to help our chances.

It would cost £20,000 to put Wilton Park House in order; no decision will be made until the B.C.A. decides whether it will split up.



Media Watch

DID YOU NOTICE THE FAMILIAR Ballineaspig faces in the media lately?

Geraldine Fahy of Farranlea Grove was seen playing the piano on Bibi Baskin's show on R.T.E.

And in a recent Saturday Irish Times, whose photo was shown to resemble Mikhail Gorbachev. None other than Fr. Tadbg O'Mathuna's!

Great to have such famous people as friends!

Alternative SLANTS

BLESS ME FATHER, for I have sinned. I chose new teak windows for my house and gave little thought to the rain forests.

I still use aerosol air freshener and cosmetics in spite of what I hear about the ozone layer.

I still haven't got round to stopping at the unleaded petrol pump.

I don't inform myself enough about how to respect God's wonderful creation and I don't always think of the planet earth as our home. Pope John Paul II says "Modern society will find no solution to the ecological problem unless it takes a serious look at its life-style. Simplicity, moderation and discipline, as well as a spirit of sacrifice must become a part of everyday life".

Should I begin to include care of the environment in my examination of conscience?

BUDGET DAY has come and gone; the Dail debate on the health issue is over; the 'flu epidemic is behind us. Health Administrators and T.D's will sleep more peacefully through the Spring and Summer until we are stirred into action by epidemics and books of estimates next Autumn. Perhaps a rest from the agitating is in order, but do the people on waiting lists feel that their crisis has passed.

Thomas





NOTICE BOARD

Pastoral Councillors

MEMBERS of the Pastoral Council may collect the minutes of last Monday's meeting at the C.P. Centre from Tuesday on.

Help Wanted

"COMMUNICATION is our business and we need help." So says Rita Shaw of the Communications sub-group of the Pastoral Council. The aim of the group is 'to improve the quality of communication in our parish'. And they're looking for new, creative ideas. Maybe journalists, media people, advertising gurus might like to put themselves at the service of the parish, via this group.

The commitment is just 5 or 6 meetings a year. Interested? Ring Rita Shaw at 541897, or Tom Driver at 541174, or Fr. Bernard at 343895.



Not to be Missed!

"MOLLY MALONE's Cork Leg" is the intriguing title of a night's entertainment being put on by the Lisadell Players (from Dublin). 'A night of drama and comedy' they call it, but the best part of all is that they're giving all their proceeds to St. Catherine's School for Travelling Children, which seems very generous of them.

The show is on at St Catherine's School Hall, on Saturday March 3 at 8.30 p.m. Admission is £4, and tickets are available at the C.P. Centre, and at Leggett's, Dunne's Economy Shop and Golden's

I.S.A.N.D.S.

THE NEXT meeting of the above group will take place on Monday night 19th February at 8.00. in the Grand Parade Hotel.

Gaelscoil Di Riada

ENROLMENT WILL take place from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February. Vacancies for Junior Infants only. Tel. 342027.

St. Aloysius' School

THERE WILL be an Open Day at St. Aloysius' School on Sunday 18th February from 3 to 5 p.m. Parents as well as 5th and 6th class pupils will be very welcome to attend.

Calling All Past Pupils

St. Aloysius' School Annual Dinner will be held on Friday 23rd February. Contact committee member or school for tickets.

Messenger on Sale

THE SACRED Heart Messenger, a monthly magazine, is available each Sunday at the Legion of Mary stall in the churchyard. Only 35p

coming attractions

PASTER SUNDAY - 15th April

PARISH SOCIAL - 26th April

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, led by the Redemptorists - 23rd - 31st May.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday March 2nd 1990, at Wesley Chapel, Ardfallen, Douglas. Speaker: Sr. Elizabeth Bradley. Coffee: 10.30 a.m. Prayer Service: 11.30 a.m.