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LENT AND PENANCE - DOOM AND GLOOM - OR LIFE AND JOY?

Most people associate Lent and Penance with the "Doom and Gloom" alternative. The word Penance conjures up pictures of self-denial and doing hard things. The word Lent goes hand-in-hand with that idea.

Certainly Penance is at the very heart of the Christian message. Jesus, himself began his public preaching with the call - "Repent and believe the good news"

But what exactly did He mean by this? In fact, he was calling for a change of heart, of lifestyle, turning away from evil, escaping from the misery of sin and selfishness - and instead, enjoying the warmth of the love of God.

If the experience of the love of Jesus inspires us to forego a meal and send the cost to Trocaire, Concern or Goal - then that's great and really Christian. But remember what the Lord said about all this "When you fast you do not put on a gloomy look as the hypocrites do". If you get up for an early Mass, enjoy the freshness of a bright Spring morning.

The word "Lent" as you know, comes from an old English word meaning "Spring" - and spring is a time for new life and a fresh start all round. Already the snowdrops, the crocus and the daffodils have defied the cold blasts of winter - and promise longer and warmer days ahead - and they are proved right year after year.

In view of all this I make a strong case for the proposition - Lent and Penance = Life and Joy.

Denia O'Loonnan P.P.



Liturgical Roles



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

IN THE Offertory Procession the gifts of Bread and Wine are brought to the altar. Ideally, the money collected at Mass is brought up at this stage too.

In order to make this Procession as dignified as possible, it requires a little quiet organisation and co-operation.

What is involved?

We need people to bring up gifts on behalf of the community and we also need a person responsible for each Mass to organise this. The Masses involved are 7.30p.m., 11.00p.m. and 12.15.

A rota is being set up and if you are interested, please contact Ann Horgan at 543987.

(Ann Horgan, on behalf of Offertory Procession organisers.)

CHURCH COLLECTORS

THE DUTIES of the Collector are not onerous. Collectors work on a month on/month off basis, collecting at the Sunday Mass of their choice and on Holydays, if available. In addition there are about four or five special collections per year which are made at the Church doors.

There is a team for each Mass and each member collects in a designated portion of the Church. There is a team leader to whom members report if unable to attend. There is a great spirit amongst the Collectors and all are prepared to help outside their allocated times but are seldom required to do so.

Once rosters are fixed there is little need for meetings and these take place only about twice a year. Volunteers, male or female, are welcome, especially for the Vigil Mass on Saturdays and for the later Masses on Sundays. If you are interested please contact Dean O'Connor at 542972.

(Terry Layton, on behalf of Church Collectors.)



Rest in Peace

BERNADETTE McSWINEY, "Avila" Wilton Road, passed away last week. Bernie was much too young to die, but the Lord had prepared her place in Heaven and called her home. We pray that the Lord will comfort her mother, family and relatives at this time.

NEW SWINDALE

WE EXTEND sincere sympathy to Donal Kiely, Highfield Lawn, on the death of his brother Paddy in England.



The Lord is my strength and my shield.
Psalm 28:7



The recent production of 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' and 'The Ballad of Robin Hood' by the New Vic Theatre of London at the Opera House, went down exceptionally well with the packed and fortunate audiences who saw them. Fortunate, because they witnessed innovative slaptick shows. Indeed, it was strange to see parents wiggling their hands above their heads and mimicing sheep. The Old Vic return in October to present their version of the Canterbury Tales. Dont miss it.

"Philadelphia, Here I come" a play by Brian Friel, is being produced produced by the R.T.C. Theatre Group, commencing on 5th March. It might be of particular interest to those studying the play for the Leaving Cert.

The sporting success of the Parish continues unabated. Last Wednesday was a great day on the sportsfield for two of our Parish school Local sportsman Anthony Buckley grabbed a hat-trick for C.S.N. in their 7-1 victory over Knocknaheeny in the Munster Senior Schools Soccer Cup. Parishioners Anthony Loughry and Colm Lucey helped also as the school continued on their march towards the final.

Mount Mercy won the Munster School girls Hockey Cup in Limerick beating Ursuline Convent, Thurles 2-0. On the squad were parishiners Paula Burke, Margo O'Connell Aisling O'Leary, Louise O'Mullane. Aoife Waters and the team captain, new Irish Schoolgirls Internatinal, Blaithín Keating. Congratulations to all and I'm sure Sr. Clare will gladly give the school a half day. Colaise an Spioraid Noaimh wouldn't mind one either

BRIAN



PARISH AT PRAYER



"An exciting new idea" is how Noirin Jones describes the plans for Lent 1990. We'll have a half hour prayer session in practically every area of the Parish. Everyone welcome."

The format will be very informal and relaxing, with people being invited to listen to the Lord speaking to them in words and in silence. No session will last longer than 30 minutes.

Generally, the venues will be people's homes, though one will be held in the Parish Church too. Ring the contact name given for full details of time, venue, etc.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Area of:</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Tel.No.</u>
Monday mornings	Laburnum,	Irene O'Sullivan	541167
Tuesday mornings	Bishopstown Ave.	Ann Canty	544930
Wednesday mornings	Model Farm Rd.	Noirin Jones	541436
Wednesday nights	Wilton Avenue/ Bishopscourt	Carmel Stone	342753
Thursday nights	College Road/ Magazine Road	Lucy Ryan Sr. Damien	542051 542257
Thursday mornings	Parish Church	Fr Bernard	342895

(Sacred Heart Alter area)



NOTICE BOARD

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① * BULLETIN TO THE HOMES NEXT SUNDAY

For the months of March and April the Bulletin to the home will be delivered on the second Sunday of the month. This is due to St. Patrick's Day being on a Saturday and the Easter week-end in April. Thanks to all involved.

ATTENTION SENIOR STUDENTS

'Philadelphia Here I come ..' will be performed at the R.T.C. Theatre from Monday, 5th March to Friday 9th March at 8.00p.m. Adults £2.50; Students and Senior Citizens £1.

PRIMARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

PARENTS ARE invited to enrol their children at Scoil an Spioraid Naomh (Boys & Girls) Scoil Thérèse and Scoil Cholumbáin during the coming week. Simply phone or visit during school hours.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

② * PEACE WEEK in Cork begins this Sunday. Bishop Duffy of Clogher will preach at the Mass in St. Francis' Church at 3.30p.m. and on Tuesday night our own Fr. John will preach at the 'Rosary, Sermon and Benediction' in our own Parish Church. The ceremony is at 8.00p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

BISHOPSTOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

THE B.C.A. monthly meeting takes place on Tuesday night at Wilton Park House.

Items for discussion will include the new format of the B.C.A. and the A.G.M. of the Summer Play Scheme. All are welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Meeting of the Minister of the Word will take place in the C.P. Centre on Monday night at 8.00p.m.

ALL GONE

THE COAL FUND is empty. The St. Vincent de Paul Society report that all the money has been used up.

They are looking for local sponsors to keep our less well-off parishioners warm for the remainder of the cold and wet weather this year.

SPEAK WEEK

The Speech Therapy Department of the Health and Welfare Centre, Grattan Street, are holding a 'Speak Week' from 5th to 9th March. This is a week of events to increase public awareness and understanding of the needs of those who have communication disorders. 'Open Clinics' will be held by the Speech Therapist and parents, teachers and anyone interested in communication development, disorders and the work of the Speech Therapist - is welcome to attend.

If interested, please call to Grattan Street Welfare Centre on Monday and Tuesday 5th and 6th March between 2.00 and 4.00p.m. Phone 273087, Ext. 26.

③ * SPECIAL COLLECTION

THERE WILL BE a special Church collection on Sunday, 11th March in aid of the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council.

CALLING ALL 18-25 YEAR OLDS

'A CHANGE OF HEART' - Lenten Programme. Now is your opportunity to prepare for Easter with other Young Adults.

Venue: St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road. 7.30 - 9.00 for five Tuesdays beginning March 6th. Sign on in the C.P. CENTRE.