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Sister Brendan WRITES...



**Happy
Mother's
Day**

SR. BRENDAN WRITES:

Dear Parishioners all,

Glad to be able to convey to you that over the months I have made steady progress. At this stage I sometimes discard one crutch and hobble or hop along the Convent corridors. I am confident that in time I will be as agile as ever and as brisk on my feet as heretofore.

Your prayers, visits, chats and good wishes have contributed immensely to my mobility. Thanks to you all.

Sister Brendan

I enjoy convalescence. It is the part that makes the illness worth-while. (George Bernard Shaw)



REFLECTION:- "One tree can make a million matches; one match can kill a million trees."

Anon

I suppose you can credit much of the gimmickry of the modern world to the American Nation. Mothers' Day received the approval of the United States Congress in 1914. The purpose was to honour all mothers. The business world made use of the day and really commercialised it.

There is an old Jewish proverb which states God could not be everywhere so He made mothers. The mother has a special place among the Irish people and there is a very close affinity of our thinking of our own mothers to the Mother of all mankind.

Maybe Mothers Day, despite its obvious commercialism, is a good thing!

AN OUNCE OF mother is worth a pound of clergy! (Spanish proverb).



Liturgical Roles

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

HOW WOULD YOU like to become a Minister of the Eucharist? I respectfully suggest you give it some thought, as it could happen to you just as it did to me.

When it did arise, many pertinent questions crossed my mind. "Am I worthy to undertake such a task? What might other people think of me? Would I be putting forward "a holier-than-thou" image?"

I am not worthy to be a Minister but being a baptised and sincerely repentant Catholic I am allowed, just as you are, to accept such an invitation.

Your positive answer to the invitation entails some evenings of training and preparation. Last year this took about four nightly sessions for a month. At these meetings, small discussion groups were led by Fr. Bernard and experienced Ministers. Videos and question times were also part of the sessions.

Four years ago, when recovering from serious illness, I was unable to attend Mass. I was glad to be able to call on a nearby Minister of the Eucharist to give me Sunday morning Communion. It was for all of us at home a moving experience.

It is truly a humbling Ministry for me and I recommend you to seriously think about it when the opportunity may arise.

George McSweeney

Twenty new Ministers are needed each year. Ministers help at one Mass every month and attend occasional meetings. The priests of the parish welcome your suggestions on who our 1990 Ministers



THE PARISH SOCIAL Committee - Tim Bowen, Elsie Harris, George Kenny, Mary Coakley, Betty O'Driscoll and Kathleen O'Sullivan - have big news!

The annual Parish Social is on Thursday 26th April at Jury's Hotel; cold supper, then dancing to "The Shades" (8.00 - 12.00). Our own David McInerney will compare the night.

Tickets at £5 (no price increase - note!) now available from local Pastoral Council representatives.

Early booking is advised and tickets will be sold on a "First come, first served" basis. Spots galore - a great night assured!

Have a Go!

The Bishopstown Community School Parents' Association have a Race Night on Friday 30th March at 8 p.m. Programme £2 (admits 2) at the door, or at the school.



WE EXTEND sincere sympathy to PAT NEWTON, Farranlea Grove on the recent death of his uncle.

To MRS. LOUISE BUCKLEY, Wilton Road, on the death of her sister.

To MARGARET WIXTED, College Road on the death of her father.

PLEASE PRAY *for*

TONY BROGAN, late of "Loreto", Wilton Road, died unexpectedly in Spain, where he lived for the past few months. He was pre-deceased by his sister Anne (a Bulletin co-worker) in 1986, and by his mother in 1985. His involvement with Highfield was marked by the draping of his coffin with the Club's flag. Our sympathy goes to his brother Pat and sister Bernadette.

Parish Pastoral Council

Members please collect minutes of meeting held on 12th March. These are available in the C.P. Centre.

A REPORT on the March meeting of the Bishopstown Community Association was submitted by P.R.O. Monty Hennessy.

IT WAS reported that the sale of the Orchard site to the Dept. of Education was well under way.

A caretaker employed under the S.E.S. is being sought by the B.C.A. Contact Monty Hennessy at 545864.

A brief discussion took place on the new format of the Association. Fr. Lawrence Wrenne and other council members said that Curraheen Parish wished to have its own association. A decision was taken to appoint a sub-committee at the next council meeting (3rd April).

A summer play scheme delegate informed the meeting that a committee had been elected and a specially trained leader chosen. More voluntary helpers were needed to cater for the three hundred children expected to participate in the scheme.

MEDIA COMMENT

PEACE WEEK 1990 recently came and went in Cork with little Media coverage. Does this lack of newsworthiness reflect a lack of interest in PEACE in the community? Do we simply pay lip-service to peace as we do to poverty, injustice, unemployment, emigration and ecumenism? I fear it does.

THE CLOSING service in the new Methodist Church in Ardfallen was inspiring though poorly attended.

The magnificent Garda choir led the hymn-singing. The homily was preached by the Rt. Hon. David Bleakley.

Like most Northerners, he was direct, challenging, thought-provoking. He said the time is ripe for a spirit of forgiveness and reparation. He urged a going forward in fellowship, no more looking back in anger and despair. The 'problem of the North' was all our problem.

THERE WAS ROOM at the penitential bench, he said, for all - London, Dublin and Belfast. The time for recrimination was past. It was a time for new beginnings.

HE SPOKE of the need for peace in the family, in the community, in our country, in the world. But he also stressed the need for peace in our churches.

THE WARNING is clear, he said. The choice for many young people is not of remaining Catholic or Protestant: it is about remaining Christian ... or leaving altogether.

THE CHALLENGE is there. Are we meeting the challenge?



NOTICE BOARD

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St. Vincent de Paul

The usual monthly collection will take place next Sunday at all Masses.

Liturgy Group

Reminder of meeting tomorrow night Monday 26th in the C.P. Centre.

Social Committee

A meeting has been arranged for Friday 30th March at 8 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary holds meetings each Tuesday evening at 7.15 in the C.P. Centre. New members are very welcome.

Al-Anon

Are you concerned about someone with a drinking problem? Public Information Week on Al-Anon is being held from 26th to 30th March, in Room 3 at St. Francis Friary between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. People will be available to talk to you. Anonymity is protected at all times.

Remembering Central America

Central America Week 1990 runs from 24th to 30th March, reports John Walsh of Comhlamb. Events include:-

- Sun. 25th - Central American meal, poetry reading and talk on rain forests - Triskel, 8 p.m.
- Tues. 8 p.m. - "Guatemala" video and talk - Metropole.
- Thurs. 8 p.m. - Public meeting on current situation in Central America, with Brendan Ryan attending. - Crawford Gallery.

Friends of the Regional Hospital

Kit Deeney of Bishopscourt Avenue reports - "We had a fantastic response to our appeal for magazines and toys. Thank you all.

If you have some magazines in good condition, drop them in the red box at the Hospital Reception Desk and if you have toys, please contact me.

We try to provide potted plants in many areas of the hospital and ask your help here, too. Spider plants are particularly suitable - remember they must cope with great heat. Either leave plants at Reception, or ring me at 543684."

We wish them well.

Louis O Halloran reports that the Senior Choir are participating in the Church Music International Choral Festival in Limerick this Sunday. We wish them well.

Can you help?

HAVE YOU GOT a Confirmation or First Communion outfit that you won't need again? St. Catherine's Committee for Traveller Children would love to have it as 29 children are preparing for Sacraments. Please contact Betty Layton 544046 or Sister Margaret 541376.

Why not?

WEEKDAY MASSES continue at 7.30 am 9.00, 10.00am and 7.30 pm. There are only two weeks left in Lent so why not make a commitment.

Foroige Club Plea

THE FOROIGE CLUB are doing a fire safety project. As part of it they are carrying out a survey of the area in the coming week. Please co-operate with them.