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A businessman was on a very tightly scheduled trip through the Far East. In his tight timetable he had made an appointment with a monk in an eastern monastery hoping to find inner peace in his fast and busy world. In fact, he had set aside half a day to be with the monk.

When they met he was impressed with the serenity of the monk and explained that he hoped he could find some of the peace himself. The monk listened. After a few moments silence, the businessman repeated that he had set aside half a day and would be keen to hear what this spiritual master had to say.

Still the monk listened without moving. With a little more anxiety and some frustration rising within him, the businessman reiterated what he was hoping to find out and that he did only have half a day!

Finally, the monk made a move but he did not speak. He reached over to a jug which stood near at hand and he poured some water into a glass. The man watched as the glass filled. The monk kept pouring. The glass was full and still the monk kept pouring. The water overflowed.

Finally, the man could take no more and he said "Stop. You can't fit anymore in!" "How right you are!" the monk replied "And how like the glass you are. Your life is so full of all sorts of things. Maybe, like the glass, you will only put more in when you have emptied some out ..."

*Fr. John*

## *Pentecost Sunday*



The Fifty Days of Easter conclude with the celebration of Pentecost Sunday in which is commemorated the coming of the Holy Spirit, the origins of the Church and the beginning of its mission to all tongues, peoples and nations.



## CONGRATULATIONS

WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS go to Willie Rea, Kenley Close, and Rita O'Kane, Kenley Crescent, on the ordination of their brother Jimmy as a Carmelite priest in Dublin last weekend. "As multos annos".

### HAPPY DAY FOR CORK

THE BISHOP and priests of Cork are very happy this weekend, after the Ordination of five new priests at the Cathedral on Saturday. The five are: Fr. Aidan Cremin (Carrigaline), Fr. Brendan McGequgh (Ballincollig), Fr. David O'Connell (Farranree), Fr. Denis O'Neill (Cathedral Parish) and Fr. Kevin O'Regan (Blackrock). All five will work in Cork and Ross.

COMMENT: Has Cork city taken over from West Cork as the provider of vocations? An interesting change, isn't it?

## IN SYMPATHY

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY goes to Pat O'Connor, 2 Parklea Court on the death of her father.



**GO TEAM !**

GOOD LUCK to the Irish Squad in the World Cup 1990. We wish a happy holiday and a safe journey to all those lucky enough to be going to Italy. Perhaps, you will bring us back some Church bulletins, please??



The arrival of the school holidays once again means the traipsing around Cork City searching relentlessly for a summer job, or it could mean travelling to a foreign country, after all 1992 isn't far away, we must all make an effort to be more cosmopolitan. But what the summer months will definitely have in store is the regular influx of foreign students who come to Cork to learn English. Their spectacular dress sense, their noise on the buses and their funny way of laughing can always distinguish them from the natives - the tan doesn't count in the now world-famous Costa de Cork, in fact, the rise in numbers of incoming students has little to do with our articulate speaking of English, it is due to the weather here! An then there's the World Cup.

Not wishing to transform this column into the Wilton United column, but that U-17 team are playing their FAI Cup Final replay in Cobh to-day. They drew 3-3 with Belvedere in Dalymount Park. The scorers, of course, were our parishioners, that dynamic duo - Anthony Buckley and Damien Bennett.

Best of luck to all those students sitting the Inter and Leaving Cert exams starting on Wednesday next. Both the teachers and the students have done all they can, at this stage, it lies in the hands of Fate. No doubt, come August, the points will come rolling in, the college places will be secured and the hard slog will seem worthwhile. 'Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit'

BRIAN

OUR NOVENA - A NINE DAYS' WONDER

*"For any group of believers, a novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the feast of Pentecost, would be most appropriate. For a parish and church dedicated specifically to the Holy Spirit, it is eminently fitting. In this parish this year the novena has proved to be a truly spiritual event. The joy, enthusiasm and celebration of both priests and people was an uplift and inspiration. My heart is full of gratitude. Praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."*

Fr. Stan Mellett

FOR ONE brief period all roads seemed to converge on Dennehy's Cross. Where did all these people, moved by the Holy Spirit, come from? Incredibly, they came from as far as Bantry, Bandon, Cobh, Midleton, Whitechurch, Knocknaheeny, Mayfield and goodness knows where else - not to mention all the city churches.

The theme of the Novena was love, justice, compassion, true Christian values. The power of the Holy Spirit will lead us away from a SELF-centred form of religion towards one of responsibility for our neighbour. There was an atmosphere of joy, greatly helped by the music and singing. But of course so many heart-rending petitions struck a sad note.

The youth turned out in great numbers on the "pray for exams" night. This was obvious to anyone sitting at the back from the variety of hair colours!

Car parking was chaotic. Perhaps if anything on such a large scale is envisaged again, some stewarding might be arranged.

Those of us who had the good fortune to attend the pre-Novena sessions on contemplative prayer were very privileged indeed. Fr. Mellett brought us through the process of meditation in the Christian context and gave us a glimpse of a really worthwhile experience.

A sincere thank you to him and also to Fr. Tadhg and Kieran for a truly uplifting event. Let us hope that, unlike the proverbial "nine days wonder", all the advice and encouragement we got will be remembered for a long time.

Finally, have YOU any comments to make? As always, we would like to hear your views.



## **NOTICE BOARD**

### St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society

Our Annual Mass will be held on Wednesday 6th June in the Crypt at 8.00 p.m. All members and intending members are invited to attend. Tea will be served afterwards.

Our annual pilgrimage to Knock is on Saturday 23rd June. We invite you to come with us to pray for vocations. Travelling by coach, the cost is £10 per person. Booking - phone 545870 any day from 1.00 p.m., or at the C.P. Centre, giving name and telephone number please.

### P.T.A.A.

The Annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart will be offered on Thursday, 7th June at 7.30p.m. Pioneers of 25 years or 50 years who would like to be presented with silver or gold pins at the Mass should ring 542907 immediately

### Found

Door key on key-ring found in churchyard - available in Sacristy after any Mass.

### Rochestown College

Annual re-union takes place on Saturday 9th June. Proceedings begin with Mass at 6.00 p.m. followed by A.G.M. at 7.00, dinner at 8.00 and musical entertainment. Tickets £10 can be booked by phoning St. Francis College at 891417.

Large print Bulletins are available in the C.P. Centre

### Ministers of the Eucharist

A reminder to return your certificates and folders to the C.P. Centre as soon as possible.



### New Route for Procession

We have a new plan for next Sunday's Eucharistic Procession. For years we have taken the College Road/South Gate Bridge route. But not so this year.

We will assemble as usual at 2.45 in the Churchyard. Then we will process, via Victoria Cross, Western Road, the Mardyke and Washington Street. And, for the first time, our prayers and songs will be led by microphone, from a specially equipped car.

So let's make this year's Procession a really joyful celebration of our faith, a day for all the family. All people of Bishopstown, and west of it, assemble in the Churchyard at 2.45.

## **THANK YOU**

St. Catherine's Committee for Travelling Children wish to thank very sincerely all who send clothes, donations, etc. for the children. Also those who give so much help and time in the Child Care Unit. A special word of thanks also to those who donated Confirmation and First Communion outfits and to all who helped with the Flag Day and to everybody who supported it.