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Fr. Bernard

writes.....



WHAT MAKES me sad? Now there's a question! Here is one thing that disappoints - how long it takes to build community in a city parish. I think it's a pity that many long-time Massgoers at Denneby's Cross don't know each other by name, yet. I suppose it's a dream of mine.

I remember introducing two parishioners to each other recently. One was 30 years in the area, the other a mere 27 years. They lived about 100 metres apart. But they were never introduced. Said one - "I knew your face, but...."

It's the plague of suburbia.

It makes for very lonely people. But it can be cured - that's the good news. With your help, that is.

Summer is coming. It's a good time to get to know neighbours, old and new. Are there people in your area you've never talked to? Make the first move - don't be shy!

A few suggestions:-
Take up a spot of gardening - a great way to meet people. Or leave the car at home, and walk for a change. Be leisurely; leave time to stop and chat.

* I promise you - you'll make friends of your neighbours. You'll build our parish community into a more caring place. And you'll make me very happy!

Fr. Bernard



**EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS**

WE CONGRATULATE the Ministers of the Eucharist newly commissioned this Sunday:

NANCY HARRINGTON, 32 Lima Lawn
ANNE HARRIS, 32 Bishopstown Ave.
CATHERINE HARRIS, 138 Leedale
DICK HASLAM, 'Marlogue', Rossbrook

GRACE HOGAN, 'Sentosa', College Rd.
HUMPHREY KEATING, 10 Kenley Road
JOE KEHOE, 16 Rossbrook
JOHN KELLEHER, Farranlea Park
FRANCES KEOHANE, 3 Bishopscourt Rd.

MARY KINGSTON, 20 Lima Lawn
TINA MCCARTHY, Bishopstown Avenue
ANN O'BRIEN, 2 Lynbrook, Glasheen Rd.
T.C. O'CONNOR, 'Vailima', Model Farm Rd.
SEAN O'DONOGHUE, Bishopscourt Lawn
SEAN O'DONOGHUE, Laburnum Lawn
JOHN O'DONOVAN, 'Lios Ban', Model Farm Rd.
MARTINA O'FLAHERTY, 26 Highfield Lawn
CATHERINE O'LEARY, Carrigville, Magazine Road
FRANCES O'SULLIVAN, 12 Kenley Ave.
PATSY QUINLAN, 23 Woodlawn
BREDHE RAFTERY, 8 Bishopscourt Rd.
ELLMARIE SPILLANE, Farranlea Grove
SISTER CARMEL, St. Josephs Convent
SISTER GABRIEL, Poor Clares Convent
SISTER MIRIAM, Poor Clares Convent
SISTER PAUL, Poor Clares Convent



A Time of Thanks

A WARM 'thank you' to Ministers retiring this year after three years' faithful service:

FINBARR AHERN, Kenley Crescent
 PETER DESMOND, School Avenue
 KITTY DILLON, Orchard Road
 PADDY DUGGAN, Laburnum Lawn
 LIAM FITZGERALD, Kenley Road
 DECLAN FLYNN, Bishopstown Ave. West
 MARY FORDE, Lima Lawn
 JOHN HALL, Bishopstown Avenue
 DENIS HARRINGTON, Lima Lawn
 BILL KEALY, Bishopscourt Road
 PAT KEANE, Bishopstown Ave. West
 BETTY LAYTON, Bishopstown Ave. West
 EILKEN MCCARTHY, St. Clare's Ave.
 MARY MacENRI, Model Farm Road
 FINBARR MOLONEY, Farranlea Park
 BETTY O'DRISCOLL, Laburnum Park
 ELIZABETH O'HALLORAN, Cherry Grove
 CARMEL O'SHEA, Kenley Avenue
 KATHLEEN O'SULLIVAN, Parkway Drive
 PADDY ROONEY, Kenley Circle
 LUCY RYAN, Magazine Road
 SISTER CLARE, St. Catherines Convent
 VINCENT TOBIN, Laburnum Lawn



Rest in Peace

LIAM CAGNEY, Laburnum Park, died rather unexpectedly at the Bon Secours Hospital on Saturday 2nd June. Liam worked for years at the Munster Furniture & Hardware Co., North Main Street. As store manager and company representative he made countless friends throughout the city and county.

His funeral took place to his native Liscarroll, North Cork, on Tuesday 5th June. We extend sincere sympathy to his brothers and relatives.

LETTERS

We welcome letters on this or any other topic but they must be signed, not necessarily for publication.

The Editor.

8 Woburn Ave.

5th June 1990

Dear Editor,

The letters from Fr. Bernard and Mr. McInerney made for thought provoking reading. May I make a few comments.

1. "The Mass is an act of worship of God, the Father through Jesus, in the Spirit":- True but we are being offered to the Father with Him I fail to see why we may not make our personal offering through the hands of Mary (as a secondary channel to Christ) if we so wish. St. Louis Grignon De Monfort claimed we would make our gift more acceptable.
2. "Jesus remains our one and only Mediator":- True but this does not exclude secondary mediators. This doctrine is quite biblical - Abraham, Jeremiah etc. In New Testament teaching Christ shares His Privileges, titles and functions with members of Mystical Body (the Church). We can therefore while uniting our prayers to Christ's (saying through Christ Our Lord. Amen) pray for one another and ask for prayers from Mary and the saints.
3. "Can Mary share in Easter honour without obscuring the Risen Christ?" The celebration of Easter Sunday will never coincide with May Day since Good Friday has to fall between March 21st and April 25th. If Easter falls early or a little

earlier than this year, the Church is then looking forward to Pentecost. Devotion to Mary is now very appropriate. Who is better to prepare us than she chosen by God the Father to be the mother of the "Whole Christ"?

Sincerely,
M.Nic Suibhne



14 Sheares Park,
Glasheen.

A Chara,

I refer to Fr. Bernard's recent comment on Our Lady, which has worried me. Have I been living in a fool's Paradise in thinking that Mary mattered in the Higher order of things? Have I actually been neglecting God in the time I have spent in paying homage to Mary? Fr. Bernard has put Mary in her place with the backing of church liturgy and theology. He hasn't expanded on what Mary's position is.

We were taught at school that Mary, in consenting to become mother of the Word Incarnate, co-operated in our redemption, since the incarnation was for our salvation. We were taught also that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was a re-enactment of Calvary. As Our Lady stood at the foot of the cross she is also on our altars during Mass. Why ignore her?

We pray to God through Jesus Christ but we pay homage to Mary and invoke her help because she is the Mother of Jesus Christ - through the power of the Holy Spirit - no conflict of interest there.

Mise le meas,
K. Cronin.

MEDIA-COMMENT

WATCHING THE Book Review programme on R.T.E. recently I was impressed with one interviewee in particular, Professor Bonnar of T.C.D.

The book being reviewed was proposing that euthanasia was an acceptable option in certain circumstances. The interviewer was leading the panel of two in this direction and the other interviewee seemed to be going along with him.

What impressed me about Professor Bonnar's stand was that it was the Christian stance - and he said so. He defended the right to life from conception to death.

He repeatedly defended the right of all humanity to dignity, even in infirmity. He claimed that there was no need for extreme suffering in the civilised world if the healthy accepted their responsibility for those less fortunate.

Most importantly, he made his defence with calm assurance. There was no brashness. There was no 'holier than thou' attitude. But there was marvellous conviction. He was a credit to his profession.

The challenge for us? It is so easy to blame Ministers for Health and Social Welfare and the Health Boards for the inadequacies of the services for the old and the infirm.

But Christian caring begins in the heart, doesn't it? In your heart and in mine. The committed Christian doesn't look for scapegoats. The signposts for right living are there in the Beatitudes.



NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to the Homes

Delivery will be made next weekend to all the homes in the parish. We thank our ever faithful distributors.

Corpus Christi

Next Thursday 14th June is the feast of Corpus Christi. Vigil Mass will be at 7.30 on Wednesday evening; Thursday's Masses will be at 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15 and 7.30p.m. Confessions will be heard on Wednesday night after Mass.

Síol

All those who have made the Síol Retreat are invited to an hour of Taize prayer on Friday 15th June at 8.00 p.m. It will be directed by Fr. Bernard at the Sacred Heart side of the Church.

It is a special opportunity before the holiday season begins to give thanks to God for the blessing He has given us and to bring our needs to Him.

Would others like to join with us for the hour? Everyone is welcome.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Leifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. B'fhéidir go mba dheas leat an Macnamh seo a rá tar éis Comaoineach:

Bíodh Íosa im chroise ar maidin 's tráthnóna

Bíodh Íosa lem thaoibhse, i bhfad is i gcóngar

Bíodh Íosa im intinn ag léiriú mo threo

Is a Íosa ródhílis, na treig mé go deo.

THANK YOU



On behalf of the parish we wish to thank KATHLEEN O'SULLIVAN of Parkway Drive. As a member of the Pastoral Council she suggested the Novena to the Holy Spirit which has been such a great success. As Kathleen says the idea came to her, in the first place, from the Holy Spirit.



Parish NEWS

A COMMON BOND

Q. What do Fr. Newman, Mrs. S. Ryan, Laburnum House, Dennehy's Cross and Mr. Diarmuid Ó Murchú, St. Clare's Avenue have in common?

A. They are among the parishioners included in "A Directory of Irish Language Services (Cork '90)" published by Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge. Iadsan daoine atá ag obair san earnáil phoiblí agus san earnáil phríobháideach atá sásta gnó a dhéanamh trí Ghaeilge.

BENDEMEER PARK IN THE NEWS

Welcome to the newest Residents' Association in the parish. The eager beavers of Bendemeer Park have just formed an association. Chairman and secretary are Mr. Brendan Panning and Mr. Patrick Casey.