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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

SCANDALS IN the sanctuary and defections from the priesthood have altered people's perception of the priest. In these uncertain days more people, especially the young, tend to look at the priest with the raised eyebrows of suspicion. This is especially the case in the Church of a Sunday morning.

In the back of the congregation's mind may easily rise the thought, as they hear the priest deliver his homily, "After all, he has to say that. He is supposed to say it. But does he believe it? And does he live up to it himself?"

It sets me thinking. Do we priests really use our product, the Gospel of Christ Jesus, or do we merely advertise it? Do we really spend our lives in the house of God, or do we merely conduct a professional guided tour on Sunday mornings?

Parish News



THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB are holding a Musical Afternoon, with refreshments, in the crypt at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday next 17th.

Rita Lynch (Mrs. Rita Shaw) will present "Musical Memories" a programme of some of her experiences during her singing career. She will be assisted by Mr. Jerome O'Callaghan, Academy Gramophone Circle, who will play Rita's records and those of other well known artistes.

All are welcome.

Great Response

OUR EMIGRANTS have been very well remembered! The board put up for Emigrants Sunday has been covered with names, and we have prayed for them all.

The next step is on display this weekend. The places our people have gone to are marked on a special map.

The last step is next Sunday. The Bulletin will be geared especially for emigrants. It will be full of parish news (with your help) as well as a full report on how we remembered our Emigrants. We suggest you send the Bulletin on to your own emigrants. To keep them in touch.

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

WHAT A violent world we live in! Everywhere in the media we see violence or we read of violence. It's impossible to escape it.

Our own island is besotted by it. It's endless in the Middle East. The Holy City of Jerusalem is once again visited by death and destruction. Another blood-bath is feared in Cambodia. South Africa. The Philippines. The list is endless.

I seldom go to the cinema. I am neither a sociologist nor a psychologist. But I have been twice to the cinema in recent weeks and on each occasion I watched the previews of films to come.

I was stunned at the amount of violence packed into those ten or fifteen minutes. It appeared as if the brief was to expose the audience to the maximum amount of violence in the allotted time.

What didn't register with me at the time was that most of the audience actually LAUGHED at the violence. Perhaps this indicates that they were more perceptive than me? Perhaps they correctly deduced that nobody was really killed or injured in those film sequences?

But I am left with an uneasy feeling. Are we all now so satiated with violence that we are no longer offended by it all? Have we become insensitive to pain and to death and injury?

Perhaps we don't LAUGH at such

violence. But do we respond to the violence around us, in all its forms, in a Christian way? Or do we shrug - and pass on our way?

Bookrack News

The Bookrack Committee would like you to know that there is a worthwhile new selection of booklets at both doors of the church. Especially suitable for October are "The Rosary Prayer Book", "Pray the Rosary", "The Real Mary" and the "Little Office of the Immaculate Conception".

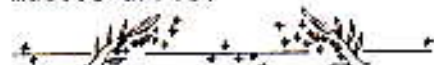
Please stop and look, buy one, and refresh your spirit - there is something for everyone.



SISTER EILIS CASEY (Glasheen Road) celebrated her Golden Jubilee at St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, on Sunday 23rd September. Sister Eilis, a sister of the congregation of the Infant Jesus, spent many years in Malaysia. We wish her many more fruitful years.

THOSE OF you who may have participated in the Weeks of Directed Prayer, will remember Sister Finola Ryan of the La Re traite community.

She recently celebrated her Golden Jubilee and we join with her community in wishing her well and congratulating her. Ad multos annos.





Readers



Readers, take note!

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday, so there will be special readings, as usual.



Your Attention Please

WE RECENTLY received a letter from the National Council for the Blind of Ireland (Cork and County Branch) which said:

"One of our parishioners, the late Eric Bolt, who resided at The Belfry, was very active in the tape library run by the National Council for the Blind. His passing has left a void which will be difficult to fill, particularly among the blind who benefited from his voluntary work."

If you are interested in getting involved in this type of work, please contact our local representative, Noreen O'Flynn, 6 Kenley Avenue (phone 342158).



BAPTISM

WE WELCOME two new members into our Parish:

DANIELLE ELLEN SIEVEWRIGHT, 40 Liam Lynch Park, daughter of Alan and Ursula.

MEGAN ELLEN MURPHY, "Hillcrest", Bishopstown Avenue, daughter of John and Catherine.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to ELIZABETH O'DONOGHIE and TERESA CUMMINS, Sheares Park, on the death of their brother Danny O'Sullivan.

To KITTY MADDEN, Wilton Gardens, on the death of her brother-in-law, Chris.



QUESTION: Why are so many convents and monasteries left half empty with so many old people looking for a place to end their days?

ANSWER: Many of those big half-empty institutional buildings you mention are well on their way to being redundant. Most will be closed and sold within ten to fifteen years. Big communities of nuns or brothers really have no future.

And, if you think about it, the buildings aren't really very attractive or suitable for the elderly either. (Think of fire hazards, stairs, etc.).



Bulletins to the Homes

As usual, delivery will be made next weekend, the third weekend of the month. Many thanks to all who help.

Aitreann le Gaeilge

Léifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaigí agus bigí páirteach linn.

Special Collection

There will be a church door collection in aid of the Missions next Sunday, 21st October.

Classes for Children

Colebrook Montessori School A.M.I. on the Glasheen Road, are running FRENCH and GERMAN classes for 5-12 year old children. The classes commence on 15th October and will continue for 30 weeks. For further information 'phone 343631.

For Peace

A Rosary Triduum for Peace is being held at the Cathedral. It is to run from Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th October. Ceremonies take place each evening at 8 p.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Always Appreciated

Did you ever notice the lovely way our altars are decorated? We have a marvellous Altar Society! There is one way to help them out: with flowers! If you have anything nice in your garden that you'd like to share, simply drop the flowers into the Sacristy any Tuesday or Friday. To the Glory of God!

Sunday Devotions

For the Sundays of October there will be Rosary at 4.45 p.m., followed by Benediction at 5 p.m. in the Poor Clare Convent chapel.

That B.G.M.

DON'T FORGET the Biennial General Meeting of the Pastoral Council; it's on 26th November. Amendments to the Constitution, to be discussed at it, must be in by 26th October. (Copies of current Constitution at Church doors).

Industrial Peace Mass

The twelfth annual Mass for Industrial Peace will be celebrated on Sunday 21st October at St. Mary's Dominican Church, Pope's Quay, at 4.00 p.m. The Preacher will be Fr. Sean Healy, S.M.A.

All are welcome.

Deaf Ears?

Before the Summer we issued an invitation to join a Bishopstown St. Vincent de Paul Conference visiting our Lady's Hospital. No response!

It's a great challenge. It's very rewarding. It's a practical way of showing your christianity.

Please leave your name and 'phone number at the C.P. Centre.

Annual Flower Show

The Lough Flower & Garden Club are holding their Annual Open Show 1990 at Greenmount Boys School on Saturday October 20th from 3 to 6.30 p.m., and on Sunday 21st from 12 noon to 5.30 p.m. There will be a demonstration on Sunday at 8 p.m. by Mrs. Elizabeth Kavanagh.