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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. John writes

Towards the end of Christopher Frye's play, 'The Lady's not for Burning' one finds the disturbing exchange

Margaret says, "Have any of you seen that poor child Alison? I think she must be lost ..."

Nicholas answers, "Who isn't? The best thing we can do is make wherever we're lost to look as much like home as we can. Now don't be worried. She can't be more lost than she was with us."

The disturbing line to me is, "The best thing we can do is make wherever we're lost look as much like home as we can."

It speaks of an aloneness that we can barely articulate. It's more like something only we can feel. We're in a crowd and suddenly a feeling of being alone comes over us. Someone talking and we're in another world. Barren memories.

Jesus once said, "We are in the world but are not of it." I wonder at times if that comes as a clue to us, that our home is in another place. We get along in this world, but we truly belong to another kingdom. Is that why a sense of being lost with a certain homesickness emerges within us? Is that why we hope for love beyond the grave? Is that why we pray for those who have gone over before us?





Winter Is Here!

14 Sheares Park,
Glasheen Road

A Chara,

Celebrating the feast of Christmas, most of us would agree, has become a chore - with the advent of Christmas wasted in work, worry and overspending.

However, we all like to share the joy of Christmas with our family and friends. One way of doing this in a christian manner presented itself in a recent issue of the Bulletin, in the form of the Coal Fund to keep our poor warm. We could make a start right now - suggest to our family and friends that the nicest Christmas gift they could give us would be a donation sent by them to the coal fund - at the same time asking them if they would accept a like gift from us in their names - no amount need be specified. Older children could club together and send a donation as a gift to each other and their parents. Perhaps boxes could be put at the church entrances marked "Coal Fund" during Sunday Masses - until a few weeks after

Christmas, giving a little leaway to honouring pledges made at Christmas.

Let's have a go as a Parish and turn a commercial Christmas into a Christian one.

Mise le mean,
K. Cronin

Donations for the Coal Fund can be made to Jim Hassett, 13 Bishops-court Hill, or Denis Drake, "St. Brendans", Wilton Avenue.

LOCAL BRIDGE CLUB NEWS



THE BRIDGE CLUBS in the area are again in full swing. Wilton Bridge Club is under the Presidency of Mr. Dermot Devlin (a Tyrone man) and members play in the SMA Community Hall on Wednesday evenings.

The Bishopstown Club play on a Tuesday evening under the guidance of Mrs. Marie Treacy, Wilton Road. The venue is Highfield Rugby Club premises.

The Ballineaspig Club under the guidance of Mrs. Carmel Lennon meet on a Monday night in Ballineaspig GAA Club.

Details of winners of major events at these clubs will be given at the appropriate times.



COMMENT

YOUTH NEWS by BRIAN

A SEMINAR I recently attended included a speech given by Adi Roche of CND. Although the seminar was of an environmental nature, Adi informed that there are sixteen wars being waged around the world at the moment. This fact shocked me; so much for ours being a peaceful era. Most of these wars are in some way religious, the closest to us being the Northern Ireland problem. Could you take another man's life? Could you push a knife into the body of a human - twist it -

and pull it out? No, neither could I. I mean, what would the neighbours say?

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THE SCHOOL debating season begins at 8 p.m. next Thursday, 8th. Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh is the venue as the home team takes on Scoil Mhuire, Sidney Place. The motion is "Sending food aid to developing countries can do more harm than good" and Spioraid Naoimh are opposing. All are welcome.

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GIVEN THE mighty rumblings emitted from Dáil Eireann over the past week, the words of Henry Adams, an American philosopher (he said this in 1906) will ring in the ears of Mr. Lenihan. "A friend in power is a friend lost."



Rememberance of Our Beloved Dead



Every November we remember our dead. Those who died recently come to mind easily but perhaps those who died some years ago are not so often remembered. We would like to recall them in the November Bulletins to evoke memories and prayers too.

Today we publish the names of some of those who died ten years ago in 1980 (more names next week). They lived in what is now our parish area and were buried from our Parish Church. May they rest in peace:-

- STEVE DONOGHUE, College Road
- KATHLEEN O'CONNELL, Wilton Gardens
- MARIE J.O'BRIEN, Bishopstown Ave.
- MARY J. EARLY, 5 Wilton Gardens
- SEAN O'DONOVAN, School Avenue
- PATRICK O'SULLIVAN, Liam Lynch Pk.
- ELIZABETH O'BRIEN, 63 Wilton Gdns.
- JEROME DONOVAN, Farranlea Park
- JOYCE FITZPATRICK, Roger Casement Pk.
- DENIS CAVERLY, Wilton Gardens
- JOHN REARDAN, Glasheen Road.

- CORNELIUS CROWLEY, Magazine Rd.
- HANNAH FINNEGAN, Glasheen Road
- SEAMUS WALSH, Bendemeer Park
- MICHAEL J.O'MAHONY, Bendemeer Pk
- DENIS O'MULLANE, Wilton Road
- FRANK HEALY, Farranlea Park
- CATHERINE HEALY, Farranlea Park
- DELIA FIELD, Highfield Lawn
- CORNELIUS QUAID, Laburnum Park
- MARY O'BRIEN, Woodleigh Park
- WILLIAM BRADLEY, Orchard Road



Pastoral Council Members
Minutes of the last Council meeting may be collected at the C.P. Centre from Monday morning.

Ministers of the Eucharist
Ministers who have not yet returned their forms are reminded to do so. Thanks!

REMINDER - I.S.A.N.D.S.,

The Annual Memorial Service will take place at St. Finbarr's Cemetery on Sunday 4th November at 3.00 o'clock. It is an inter-denominational Service at the Memorial Stone which is dedicated to all babies who die at or around the time of birth. All who have been bereaved by the death of a baby or loss in pregnancy are warmly invited to attend. For further information please contact 545600 or 546735.

An Appeal

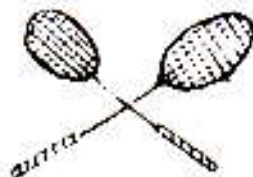
We received the following letter from St. Laurence Cheshire Home, Lota Park, Glanmire:-

"Once again we appeal to our friends and benefactors for donations of goods, items or subscriptions in support of our Annual Bazaar, which is being held at Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire, on Sunday 18th November at 2.30 p.m."

Underage Drinking

The Father Mathew Bi-centenary Committee have organised a Seminar on Underage Drinking on Saturday, November 10th at the Father Mathew Hall, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

Fr. Michael Cleary will chair the meeting. Organizations interested in the welfare of youth are urged to send a representative(s).



Melbourn Badminton Club

is now open to new members. Venues:

Cork RTC Gym Hall on Monday from 9 - 10.30p.m.
Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh on Tuesday and Thursday from 8 - 10.00p.m.

Subscription: Adults £40.00
Students £20.00

Contact: Gobnait at 542548



Say It With Music

Here's a suggestion for a Christmas present - The conductor of the Senior Choir tells us that there are still some copies of their tape available. If you have friends or relatives abroad you might consider sending some "sounds of home".

Tapes will go on sale at the C.P. Centre from this Sunday.