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(Prisoners' Sunday)



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Bernard writes

IT TOOK a woman to put me right! Her name was Ursula - a lay woman - and she definitely put me back on the right track.

To explain: Ursula was my 'prayer-guide' during the Week of Directed Prayer held in our parish in Lent 1988. It made a big difference to my life.

From my Ordination until then, prayer never had priority. I was always "too busy". There just was no time. I had to change - or dry up inside.

Ursula helped me. She supplied Scripture passages that seemed to be written for me, and each day I reported back to her how I was doing.

OTHER EXPERIENCES OF THE WEEK OF DIRECTED PRAYER

"My week of Directed Prayer, and a more recent one, have helped me to pray Scripture rather than listen passively to it. It is a rich source of spiritual 'themes' as relevant for ME today as it was for those who listened to it or read it two thousand years ago and more."

Pat Lemasney

Her advice was solid - and powerful.

I have never found the traditional prayer-forms helpful. As a child, all I ever did was to talk to God, in my own words.

The way I pray now is to relax, be at peace, read a bit, talk to God and listen to God. I try to find a quiet corner in the Church and stay as long as it takes.

Prayer is hard - no doubt. Some times my mind travels the whole parish and back. Some days prayer just get squeezed out. But prayer is the source of peace for me. And I recommend it warmly.

I finish with a "plug"; there's another Week of Directed Prayer here during the first week of December. You'll be hearing a lot more about it. From experience, I recommend it!

"The week of Directed prayer is a gentle introduction to a deeper prayer life. It taught me that praying at this deeper level doesn't just happen - it has to be learned. It is a discipline, but a worthwhile one.

I feel it was a unique privilege having one's own spiritual guide to personal prayer. That was what this week provided. If I have failed to live up to its ideals, the fault is mine. I may try again!"
Elsie Harris.

Point to Ponder

Now is the time to think about wise Christmas shopping. Try some of the following hints:

Shop one day later each week for the next seven weeks and you will have an extra week's housekeeping money at Christmas. It's surprising how you can extend the food for one more day if you give it a little thought.

When you shop each week buy even one extra item of dry goods, washing powder, wash-up liquid, toilet rolls, toothpaste, tins of fruit, etc., so that when Christmas week comes you have only to buy the 'goodies' as these are the items that you cannot store in a family home.

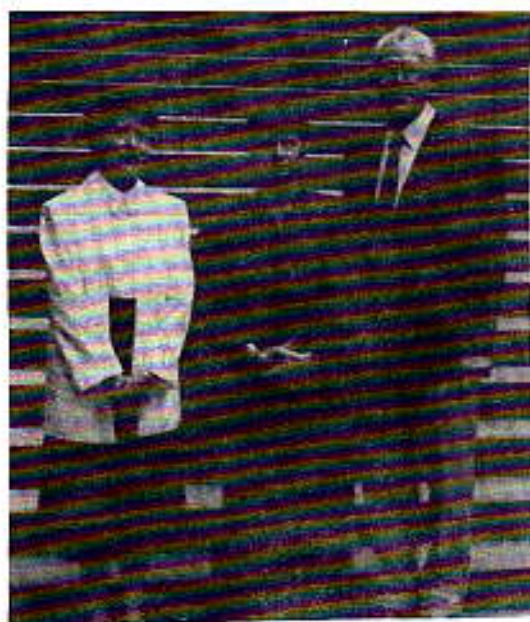
Collect all the 10p off vouchers you find around the house and cash them in at the checkout and save the money for a little treat for yourself at Christmas - shoppers need to enjoy Christmas too.

(Of course, you always have the option of donating the fruits of your astuteness to charity - in the true spirit of Christmas!).



Visit the sick

CONGRATULATIONS



SUCCESSFUL EMIGRANT: Aileen Margaret O'Connell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Connell Woodlawn, Model Farm Road, was recently conferred with a Ph.D. in Chemical and Process Engineering by Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. Dr. O'Connell is a past pupil of Mount Mercy College, and is the first chemical engineering graduate of the Cork RTC to receive this degree. Her research involved the study of the effect of air entrainment on the coatability of films and was supported by Kodak Ltd. She is currently employed by Ilford Ltd. as a research engineer at the company's Cheshire research facility.

Well done Aileen.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

DRAMATIC would hardly describe the appointment of Dr. Cahal Daly as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. Yet he would appear to be an excellent choice.

His media image as "bridge builder", "peacemaker", "unfailingly compassionate", "deeply spiritual", makes him an obvious choice as the 114th successor to St. Patrick. It is also an excellent job description of a Christian.

DRAMATIC was certainly the description of the Presidential campaign. As I write these lines all has yet to be decided. Let us hope and pray that whoever it elected lives up to the noble sentiments expressed by all three candidates.

ARE YOU blue in the face from statistics? Bear with me while I quote from a recent Reader's Digest/MORI poll in Britain. Over 1,000 young people aged 18 to 34 were interviewed.

While 64% believe in God, only 8% regularly attend a place of religious worship.

While 52% think that scientific experimentation on animals is wrong, only 31% consider that scientific experimentation on human embryos is morally wrong. Yet 70% feel that Britain needs a Bill of Rights to protect the liberty of the individual!

I LOVED Jill Sheehan's contribution to the "On Reflection" piece in the Cork Examiner .. a short poem.

The new arrival in heaven is amazed to find there people whom he/she had judged "of little worth" and "quite unfit".

Which was nothing to the surprise on THEIR faces because.. "not one expected ME!".



Rememberance of Our Beloved Dead



Again this week, to evoke memories - and prayers - we recall some of our parishioners who died in 1980:

- ELIZABETH TWOMEY, Sheares Park
- NICHOLAS JONES, Bishopstown Ave.
- JOHN B. MURPHY, Laburnum Lawn
- SHEILA SOWERSBY, Merlyn Lawn
- JOSEPH CONSTANT, Bishopstown Ave.
- KATHLEEN O'SULLIVAN, Wilton Road
- DELIA O'CONNOR, Merlyn Lawn
- PATRICK MURPHY, Sheares Park
- TIMOTHY SEXTON, Model Farm Road

- SEAN TWOHIG, Model Farm Road
- MARY O'LEARY, Laburnum
- AIDAN J. DEASY, Orchard Road
- TED MORIARTY, Linaro Avenue
- GERARD BUCKLEY, Wilton Gardens
- CECIL COLEMAN, Wilton Gardens
- JEREMIAH DORAN, Bendemeer Park
- ELLEN MARY O'FLYNN, Laburnum Park
- JOHN O'CALLAGHAN, Laburnum Park
- MARY TWOMEY, Woodlawn
- MARGARET COFFEY, Sr. Francis Ave.
- EILEEN O'BRIEN, Orchard Road
- PATRICK BROGAN, Wilton Road
- JAMES BASTEED, Roger Casement Park



Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the Parish next weekend. Our thanks to all distributors.

If any of our parishioners are not receiving a bulletin to the home on the third Sunday of the month, please let us know. We want to ensure that every house gets one.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Beidh Aifreann dhátheangach a cheiliúradh an Domhnach so chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Bíodh is go mbeidh na léachtaí agus an tseanmoir as Béarla, beifear ag súil go mbeidh na freagraí go léir as Gaeilge.

Pastoral Council Members

Monthly meeting will be held on Monday night, 12th, at 8.10 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Thanks to all Ministers who returned their sheets. The daily Mass rota will be drawn up next week. We still need Ministers for the following Masses:

Wednesday and Thursday - 10.00.
Saturday - 9.00.

Flag Day

Tuesday, November 13th for THRESHOLD. This group helps young people to house themselves on a temporary basis while in the process of buying their home. They also provide free legal advice to both landlords and tenants.

Anyone willing to collect for an hour, phone Marie at 271250.

Sale of Work

At Ardfoyle Convent, Ballintemple, (Bus No.2) on Sunday 18th November from 11.00 to 6.00 p.m.

Contact People

There will be a short meeting for Contact People on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30 p.m. (over at 8.00).

Interesting Seminar

U.C.C.'s Education Department has organised a Symposium to honour the John Henry Newman Centenary. It's on Friday evening and Saturday morning next in the Boole 1 Lecture Theatre in the College.

Speakers include Newman's biographer, Ian Ker of Oxford (Fri. 7.30p.m.), Louis McRedmond (Sat. 10.00a.m.) and Professor Joe Lee (Sat. 11.30).

The whole event is open to the public and admission is FREE. For further information ring 276871.

Church Collectors Wanted

The Collectors at the 11.00 Mass on the odd months are looking for volunteers to help them. If you are interested in this work please contact the Collectors at the Church door during November.

Some help would also be appreciated for the 10.00 and 12.15 Masses.

Montessori School A.M.I.

Now open at Victoria Lodge, Victoria Cross - mornings and afternoons. Also help available for primary school children with reading difficulties. Enquiries to 544540 (evenings).

Bishopstown Credit Union

Annual General Meeting in S.M.A. Parish Centre, African Missions, Wilton, Wednesday next at 8 p.m.

All members are requested to attend.