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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

Last week Fr. Bernard wrote about the Week of Directed Prayer organised for Advent. May I add another word.

Strange as it may seem, I had never done a course of Directed Prayer prior to Lent 1988. I undertook the week with just a little apprehension. After all I had to report to my Director (a lay man) each evening about my

efforts at reflective prayer - not just vaguely - but the parts I found helpful, their application to my state in life, my difficulties, etc.etc.

I can state quite honestly I found my Director an inspiration. The Scripture passages he gave me for prayer and reflection were very relevant and his gentle understanding was wonderful support. We all feel we should do something more about prayer. This is it.

I recommend the course without qualification and look forward to joining myself again this Advent.



ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT

WHAT DOES Millstreet, Co. Cork, Amiens in France and St. Josephs, Model Farm Road have in common?

Mid-way in the 17th century, Fr. Noeholas Barré founded the order of the Sisters of the Infant Jesus. They cared for poor and underprivileged children and helped in their education. Until the end of the 18th century the sisters continued their work throughout France, but mid-way in the 19th century they set out for Malasia and later for Japan. They arrived in England and Spain towards the end of the century. In 1909 they came to Ireland.

MOST OF our readers will know of Drishane Convent in Millstreet where so many Irish girls have been educated and formed. Sadly it is to close in 1992. Some of its sisters have already moved in to St. Josephs, just up the road from us here in the Church of the Holy Spirit.

St. Josephs is principally intended as home for those sisters, currently about ten in number, who have spent their lives in the mission fields of Malasia, Japan, Nigeria, the Camaroons, the Americas and elsewhere. Their ministry is international and they have always encouraged local vocations. Now 'retired' the sisters receive nursing care, if necessary, at St. Josephs.

But they continue to be part

of the missionary work of the order through prayer and through their letter-writing.

To be concluded next week.....



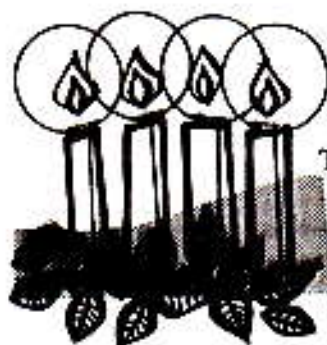
The Dean shared his experience of the week of directed prayer on the front cover. Here is the experience of another participant, Máire Mulcahy.

ANOTHER EXPERIENCE OF THE WEEK OF DIRECTED PRAYER

"The week of Directed Prayer was a new experience in being the first time that I had had the opportunity (or made the opportunity?) to discuss approaches to prayer with another lay person on a one-to-one basis. I found it a very worthwhile and enjoyable progression. Particularly valuable were:

- 1) the reinforcing of something which I realise (but regularly let slip!); the necessity of deliberately setting aside a definite time; a space in the day to try to talk to and listen to God; and,
- 2) some of the prayer which my director gave me, which arose from our discussions, which I still return to regularly."

Máire Mulcahy



The Season of Advent

TWO OPTIONS FOR ADVENT

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

A Team of Sisters and lay people, based at La Retraite, will run a Week of Guided Prayer during the first week of Advent in our Parish.

The week will provide an opportunity for those who want to deepen their prayer life. Sr. Eleanor will speak at all our Sunday Masses about the Retreat.

A sheet containing full information is available this Sunday at the C.P. Centre. Applications will be accepted up to Sunday, 25th.

ADVENT PARISH PRAYER

Over the four Tuesdays of Advent, "Advent Parish Prayer" will take place in the Crypt.

Tailored to the needs of our parish, "Advent Parish Prayer" will begin on Tuesday, 27th November.

The twin aims will be daily prayer and weekly sharing in small groups.

Already 23 people have signed on. If you would like to experience it, please give your name to the C.P. Centre.



IN SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy goes to Sr. Clare and the teaching staff of Mount Mercy, on the untimely death of their esteemed colleague Miss Celia Herbert. She was a dedicated Christian whose faith was very important to her; she will be deeply missed by her mother, brother and sisters, by her many friends and by all those she taught over the years. She was buried in her native Ballyduff, Co. Kerry, on Thursday last. May she rest in peace.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to MARY LEAHY, 11 Leesdale, on the death of her mother.

Alternative SLANTS

NOVEMBER brings to mind death and dying. This makes me think of the question of Mass cards at funerals. Are they "little more than convenient messages of sympathy bearing ecclesiastical stamps of approval"? In the age of the microwave and the push button gas fire, you can also discharge your funeral duties with a few pounds and a few minutes in the parish office. Surely, anyone who makes a Mass offering should, if possible, be willing to participate in the Mass when it is being celebrated. Surely we should consider that a thoughtful (but time consuming) letter of sympathy and assurance of prayer might mean more to ourselves and the bereaved. Maybe a visit six months later might be more valuable again.

Rememberance of Our Beloved Dead

Again this week, to evoke memories - and prayers - we recall some of our parishioners who died in 1985:

JEREMIAH AHERN, College Road
 JOHN ROCHE, College Road
 PAUL KENNEFICK, Orchard Road
 KATHLEEN HOARE, College Road
 ELEANOR MARY HICKEY, The Ridgeway
 JEREMIAH O'REGAN, Wilton Avenue
 EDWARD WHITE, Farranlea Park
 KATHLEEN MCCARTHY, Model Farm Road
 NORA RIORDAN, St. Clares Avenue
 HELENA HAYDEN, Farranlea Road
 DAVID BELL, Leesdale
 PATRICK J. QUIGLEY, Wilton Avenue
 WILLIAM O'SHEA, Bishopstown Park
 GERTRUDE MURPHY, Greenfields
 MICHAEL MCCARTHY, Lima Lawn
 FLORENCE CORCORAN, The Ridgeway

SHEILA MURPHY, Woodleigh Park
 JOHN CASHELL, Model Farm Road
 THOMAS MURPHY, Wilton Gardens
 GARY O'REILLY, Farranlea Park
 KITTIE CORCORAN, The Ridgeway
 EILLEN ROGERS, Liam Lynch Park
 ANNIE BROGAN, Wilton Road
 KATHLEEN HEAPHY, Wilton Road
 NAN AHERN, Sheares Park

A Listening Ear

A group has got together in the parish to reflect on the needs of bereaved people. People on that group would be willing to provide a listening ear to anyone who needs to talk. Fr. Bernard at 343895 or Sr. Ursula at 545549 will put you in touch with these listening people.



With Thanks

Over the next week, the Christmas Dues envelopes will be given out around the parish, thanks to our collectors. It would be wonderful if they could all be returned in a fortnight (before the rush). Two requests:

- 1) Please make cheques out to the priest of your area (name on Dues envelope).
- 2) Be sure to drop envelopes in the inner door of the Curates' homes.

St. Anne's Adoption Society

The annual collection will be taken up at the church doors next Sunday, 25th.

Useful Resource

Potential Emigrants should note that a very useful book has been given to the Parish. Produced by the RTE team 'Both Sides Now' and titled 'Moving to Britain Guide', it contains handy addresses not just in London, but all over England and Scotland. Available for your benefit!

Bishopstown Community Association

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th November at 8 p.m. in Bishopstown G.A.A. Pavilion.

Cork Spastic Clinic

Thank you to all in Highfield Lawn who contributed to the house-to-house collection. £48.70 was the amount collected. Well done!

A Variety Auction

In aid of Deaf Enterprises will be held at Ardmanning House Togher, on Wednesday, November 21st from 7.00 p.m. Your Christmas presents could all be there!

Mass for the Housebound

There will be a Mass for the housebound on Saturday 24th November at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt. Would Contact People please arrange transport for anyone in their areas who might need it.

A cup of tea will be provided afterwards and we would be delighted to receive sandwiches and cakes that day.

Friendship Club

Rita Lynch (Shaw) accompanied by George McSweeney on piano, will be the guests at the next monthly get-together on Wednesday, 28th November in the Crypt at 2.30 pm. Refreshments as usual.

Bishopstown Meals-on-Wheels

Annual Flag Days are being held on Thursday and Friday, 22nd/23rd at Wilton and Bishopstown Shopping Centres.

This service caters for the Wilton, Bishopstown, Glasheen and Model Farm Road areas and delivers dinners six days per week. Funds are urgently needed to keep the service going and your support for the Flag Days would be much appreciated.

Cork Regional Hospital

Kit Deeney of the Friends of the Regional Hospital asks your help:

"We are asking you to return crutches that you no longer need to the Accident & Emergency Dept. in the hospital, as there is now a serious shortage of crutches. Also, if you have walking aids or wheelchairs that are no longer needed, please return."