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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

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To-day, as you know, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast set me thinking of what a privilege it is to be a Minister of the Eucharist and of the 'holy awe' which comes with holding the Host in my hand.

It suddenly struck me that the most basic presence of Jesus in this world is His presence in you and His presence in me. Each person we meet is, in fact, a unique reflection of God or "God's immortal diamond" as the poet G.M. Hopkins puts it.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta has got it right. Each one is Christ, some as she puts it, "Christ in His distressing disguise", but Christ none the less. It is a truly awesome thought that what I do to others, I do, not for Jesus, but to Jesus - the good I do, and also the things I do that, maybe sometimes, are not so good.

Ursula O'Callaghan, R.S.M.

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PRAYER

We announced last Sunday that we have two options available for prayer in Advent. People were confused between the two. We hope this helps to clarify:

1) "Advent Parish Prayer", consists of four Tuesday night meetings, beginning this Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Crypt. Each meeting will have a talk and small group sharing. Twenty-nine Ministers of the Eucharist have signed on, and some others have signed also. If you feel this might suit you, sign on at the C.P. Centre NOW!

2) "Week of Guided Prayer" runs from Sunday 2nd December to Saturday 8th. Sr. Eleanor, a La Retraite Sister, is speaking about it at Mass this Sunday. Consists of an opening meeting on the Sunday (5-7 p.m.), a daily meeting with a prayer guide for a half-hour each evening, and a closing meeting on the Saturday (5-7 p.m.). Those who participate agree to try daily prayer for 30 minutes each day (or 2 x 15 minutes). Full information available at C.P. Centre; forms must be returned there immediately.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The Funeral Undertakers ad. runs:
"It happens so suddenly.....are
you prepared to face all the
costs and arrangements of a
funeral.

The modern tendency is to
preplan, and details of
Funeral Costs, etc. are listed
to make that preplanning possible.

People can be divided into
three Classes:

- 1) Those who can afford the burial costs and accept the charges.
- 2) Those who cannot afford the burial costs, but borrow to meet the charges.
- 3) Those who cannot afford the burial costs and cannot raise loans or borrow money to meet the charges.

Cost of Burial to cater for (1):

- a) Purchase of a single plot which will cater for 3/4 - £260.
- b) Opening and Closing costs £80.
- c) Coffin (£250-£800) average £500
- d) Habit £25.
- e) Hearse - Removal £80
Hearse - Funeral £80
Hearse - Home to Funeral Home £40.
- f) Cars - to church per car £75.
to cemetery per car £75.
- g) Notices in paper - one £70.
- h) Priests' offering & Sacristan £30.
- I) Use of funeral home £30.
- J) Gratuities £20.

Total: £1,365.

Thus it can be seen that the cost of burial, excluding the purchase of the Grave space and including a coffin of the average type, will amount to £1105. Undertakers have stated that the average might approximate more often to £800 - £900.

Cost of Burial to Cater for (2)

If a family makes representation, say, to their Parish Priest, the funeral Undertakers, on receipt of the information that the family cannot afford the full cost, a Minimum Price Funeral Service will be provided. It does not include the purchase of the Grave space, but includes for a coffin, a hearse, and 1 car for each day. The cost is approximately £550.

The Cost of Burial to cater for (3)

The Internment takes place in what is known as Non-Perpetuity Plots. This means that different families can be buried in the same Grave space. The family have no rights over the space and cannot erect a headstone. There is no charge for the plot. If, however, 3 or more of a family are buried in such a plot, the relatives are allowed to purchase the plot at a knock-down price of £70.

Cost of Burial for Class 3(b).

The Southern Health Authority will provide full services, i.e., Grave space - coffin - funeral expenses.

Finally, please note the following;

- 1) It is advisable to leave the deeds of the Grave space either with the funeral Undertaker or in your Bank.
- 2) Always make full enquiries from the funeral Undertaker as to the exact cost of the Internment prior to instructing them to proceed with the burial.

Our thanks are due to the various funeral Undertakers in the city for providing the approximate cost of burials.

Further details next week.....



YOU ARE INVITED

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT - PART 2

LIKE MANY communities of sisters today, the work of the Sisters of the Infant Jesus has evolved over the years. They try always to respond to God's calling. This may be in schools, in prisons, in retreat work, in parish ministry, in hospitals. Nowadays they rarely operate in small communities, often with lay co-operation.

Sr. Carmel, who patiently answered all my questions, extends a welcome to those who might like to know more about the community. Many of the sisters are no longer able to move out freely (the eldest is 93). She is conscious of the fact that many in the larger community outside are alone and lonely. She invites those with time on their hands to come and visit the retired sisters in St. Josephs and share their life experiences - or just enjoy a chat!

She brought me to their oratory, a peaceful room. Mass is celebrated there daily at 10.30 (10.00 on Wednesdays).

Evening Prayer is at 6 p.m. and Holy Hour is on Saturday from 7-8 p.m. Sr. Carmel told me that the local community are welcome but space is very limited so discretion is called for!

She would be very happy to facilitate small groups who might wish to use the oratory for group prayer from time to time. All are welcome to drop in for quiet, reflective prayer during the day. The oratory closes around 9 p.m. The entrance is right in front of you as you approach the building, just up the steps and enter... quietly!

I have learnt a little of the contribution that the Sisters of the Infant Jesus have made world-wide, in making Jesus Christ better known and loved. I finish with a quote from their founder, Nicholas Barré: "Always be at peace and trust in God, whatever happens."

I felt something of that peace in Josephs. Perhaps you will too.

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Rest in Peace

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

- JOHN HANRAHAN, Laburnum Drive
- CLEMENT O'REGAN, Lima Lawn
- MAY O'MAHONY, Roger Casement Park
- MARCELLA LORRIGAN, College Road.

PLEASE PRAY *for*

MICHAEL MOYLAN left the beautiful village of Killdysert on the Shannon estuary almost two years ago and came to live with his brother John and wife Kay at Laburnum Park. It was a sad move for Michael. His wife had just died at a comparatively young age. He had retired from the Bank. He was taken back to Killdysert for his funeral. The sympathy of the neighbours is extended to John and Kay, his sister Mrs. Keane, Bishopstown Avenue and her family.

**NOTICE
BOARD**



Peru Appeal

We fully support Bishop Murphy's appeal for Peru, and encourage parishioners to support this worthy cause. Donations for the appeal can be handed into any of the priests, or the Sacristan. You will also find Peru boxes in the church porches to the right of the inside doors.

Cork Spastic Clinic

Thank you to all in Laburnum Lawn who contributed to the hosue-to-house collection. £55 was the amount collected. Well done!

Cumann Fionnbarra Naofa

The St. Finbarr's Hurling & Football Clubs annual celebration of Mass for deceased members, relatives and friends will be celebrated in the Club House in Togher on Monday, 26th November at 8 p.m.

CURA CARES

CURA, which the Irish Bishops established in 1977, continues to give an important service to the Irish Church. Their confidential telephone information, referral and advice service is a vital resource for women who are unhappily pregnant.

Anyone who dials a CURA number discovers a sympathetic friend, qualified and willing to give the best possible advice in total confidence.

CURA phone numbers are displayed on the noticeboards in this and most other churches.

Munster numbers for CURA include:

CORK 021-277544
ENNIS 065-29905
LIMERICK 061-318207
WATERFORD 051-76452

Cork Regional Hospital

The Friends of the Cork Regional Hospital are asking for donations of magazines - Sunday supplements, comics, etc. - to be left at their collection box at the Main Reception Desk in the hospital, as they try to keep waiting rooms and day rooms supplied. Toys and easy care plants would be much appreciated also. For more information contact 543684, 543478 or 542025.

Ministers of the Eucharist

The weekday rota is now ready for collection by Ministers who volunteered to go on the rota.

PARISH NEWS

Mrs. Ellen T. O'Callaghan, "Melrose", Model Farm Road, who died on 19th July, 1989, has remembered her parish in her Will. The legacy of £300 was left for the upkeep of the Church of the Holy Spirit.

A Message



WHY A PARISH LIBRARY?

DO YOU TAKE your role as a Christian seriously? Are you completely satisfied with yourself as a true follower of Christ? If so, you don't need anything further. If NOT, you may find our books on many aspects of Christian living helpful. You are free to browse. If you wish to join, that's free too.

Openings hours:

Mon - Fri : 10.30 to 11.30.
Saturday: After 7.30 p.m. Mass.
Sunday: After 9.00, 10.00, 11.00
and before 12.15 Masses.