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A WARM WELCOME HOME to parish-ioner Der Murphy, 5 Woodlawn, who was fortunate enough to secure an exit visa from Baghdad. Der had worked in the PARC Hospital there since July 1, as part of his medical studies. We share the joy and relief of his mother, Jenny, sisters Anne and Sinead, neighbours, relatives and many friends.



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Bernard writes

THE THREE WISE MEN JUST A MYTH ?

I learned something very interesting from Fr. John lately. There may not have been three wise men at all!

Apparently nowhere in Scripture does it say there were three. Sure, it says the wise men brought three gifts (gold, etc.) - but who says there was just one measure of each? All our cribs could be wrong!

Much of what, to us, seems vital to Christmas, is far from that. Often it has more to do with fairy tales than the dirt of a cowstall or the pain of childbirth. Too often our escapism covers up the core of

our faith - the Incarnation - God really did become human in Jesus.

For me, Christmas has three important messages:

- 1) God cared enough to send Jesus, and he still cares.
- 2) Jesus was, and is, "one of our own", really human.
- 3) God still has gifts - for those who ask.

Advent is the time to ask. Put one word on what you need most: deeper faith? to be able to pray? to have hope? or just a little reassurance? Ask, and expect.

God will surely give you that gift, if you do ask. And that alone will give you a really happy Christmas!

Seventy Years Ago

A HISTORICAL LINK has been severed with the recent death of Mrs. May Cronin, Farranlea Grove. The late Mrs. Cronin was a grandniece of the late Canon Magner, the P.P. of Dunmanway shot dead by the Black & Tans in revenge for the Kilmichael Ambush.



Rest in Peace

PEG O'SULLIVAN, Liam Lynch Park and Ballyheda, died recently after a struggle with failing health. Our sympathy to Tony her son, the Desmond family who cared for her, and all her relatives.



The Biennial General Meeting of the Pastoral Council was held recently. The first item on the agenda was the review of the Constitution. Mr. Vincent Toher, Solicitor, suggested that a whole new document be drafted. The meeting agreed, after much discussion.

An interesting review of the work being done by the present Pastoral Council followed. One member from each of the six sub-committees gave a summary of the activities of their own group.

The Dean, as President of the Council, gave the concluding address. He thanked the Pastoral Council members, and spoke of his appreciation of their efforts.



Next Saturday, December 15th, will see the Cork Youth Orchestra performing Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 and the Waltz from Suite for Flute by Goddard with Jan Cap and Ellis O'Sullivan. The venue is the City Hall and the concert will start at 8 p.m. The tickets vary in price from £2 and £3 for students to £5 for the balcony. The orchestra comprises of those under 21 and needs your support. An enjoyable evening is guaranteed for all.



1990
December 2nd
Ballineaspig Parish Church
A red letter day
Five fair comely little maidens,
Willing, trusting and able,
Mná na h-Eireann,
Altar girls,
Welcome!

(Submitted by a parishioner, as a timely reflection on recent parochial -and national- events)



A Reminder

Priests and people alike are distracted both by crying babies and wandering infants. We are fortunate in our parish to have an answer to both problems.

During 11 and 12.15 Masses every Sunday, Margo Fox and Susan Ahern run a crèche at the C.P. Centre.

Parents can leave their pre-schoolers there, knowing their

children are in safe hands, and can enjoy a peaceful Mass.

The service is entirely voluntary, and is under-used. Parents are encouraged to use the service, for their own good, and for the sake of all other Mass-goers.

Simply drop in to the C.P. Centre in the Churchyard before 11 or 12.15 Mass any Sunday. We'll all be thrilled!



COMMENT

YOUTH NEWS by BRIAN

Mount Mercy opened their defence of the Munster Schoolgirls Senior Hockey Cup with great success, defeating Laurel Hill, Limerick, 4-0. The mentors, realising that they were on to a good thing by selecting one of our parishioners as captain last year (Miss Keating duly led her team to overall victory), did the same this year, choosing Miss Aisling O'Leary as captain. Aisling showed her gratitude by scoring two of the four goals in the aforementioned game.

Near neighbours, Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh are through to the Corn Uí Mhuirí Colleges Football semi-finals after beating Middleton CBS, Mayfield and St. Flannan's, Ennis, en route. Fielding their strongest team

in years, Spioraid Naoimh are the dark horses of the competition and are fancied by many to go the whole way for the first time in their history. Congratulations are in order to Anthony Buckley, Wilton Road, on his selection for the Irish Schools Soccer team. Anthony has also been asked over for a trial with English First Division club, Nottingham Forest, for a week in January. He plays with local club Wilton United.

The Prayers of the Faithful group would like to thank Fr. Newman for a very enjoyable day out to Farran Woods last Sunday. A good time was had by all!





Announcements

Important

Next Sunday's Bulletin will contain all the important details of our Advent and Christmas ceremonies. This Bulletin will be distributed to each home in the parish, as always, with the help of our distributors.

Pastoral Council

The usual monthly meeting will be held on Monday, 10th in the C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

Ministers of the Word

The new rota is ready. Please take your copy from the Sanctuary rail.

Make a Child Happy

We have received the following notice from the Bank of Ireland, Wilton:

"Give a Toy - Make a Child Happy. A toy collection is being made on behalf of the local branch of St. Vincent de Paul by our Bank. New and almost new toys which are handed in to the Bank of Ireland will be displayed there pending collection by the Society."

Coming Events

Wilton United

The Wilton United Football Club are holding a Supper Dance in the S.M.A. Hall, Wilton on Friday 14th December from 9-1.30 a.m. Admission £7 - Bar extension. Tickets available at the door. Music - Metro.

The Year of the Hiker

Terry Layton, Production Manager of the Cork RTC Theatre Group tells us that they are presenting John B. Keane's "The Year of the Hiker" in the RTC Theatre, Rossa Avenue from Monday 10th December to Friday 14th at 8.00 p.m. It is a joint student/staff production.

Senior Citizens

Christmas Dinner and Social at the G.A.A. Pavilion, Bishopstown on Sunday, 16th December at 6.00 p.m. Admission £7. Contact Helen O'Hea at 546167.

Christmas Mass

Catholic Prayer Groups Association have advised us that a Christmas Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Ascension, Gurranebraher on Friday 21st December at 8 p.m. The theme of this Mass is "Giving" and people are invited to bring an offering of

- (1) non perishable food
- (2) monetary donation
- (3) a new toy.

The gifts will be placed on the altar at the Offertory and later distributed to the needy.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Beidh Aifreann dhátheangach a cheiliúradh an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog.

CELEBRATING?... DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY
Keep drink out of the driving seat!