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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

I HAVE a dream - a recurring dream. I want to share it with you. In it I see the people of this Parish develop a community where everyone feels secure - where a spirit of trust prevails - where outsiders will say: "See how those people love one another, help out one another."

Of course it's only a dream. But why not take just some hesitant step to make it a reality? Why not a smile and a word for the stranger you meet coming out of Mass? After all you shook hands with him/her inside. Discuss it around the table and decide what you see as practicable.

Naturally the cynic will say it's all "pie in the sky". But wouldn't it be good to make this a Parish your children could speak proudly about - and build memories filled with the warmth of true Christian love.

Denis O'Donnell P.P.

The smile that you send out returns to you.

Indian Wisdom

TO EMIGRATE - OR NOT?

All reports coming from the U.K. recently suggest that it is not a good time to consider trying your luck in the emigration stakes. Many people, highly qualified and otherwise, are returning home because of the lack of work or work which pays sufficient to cover the cost of lodgings, travel and poll tax. However, some people will always decide to emigrate and to this end the following advice may be helpful:-

1. Buy an open return ticket.
2. Arrange accommodation before you go - not just a promise of a bed for a night or two from friends - but a place to stay for at least a month.
3. Take identification, if at all possible a passport, as this is the only identification acceptable for welfare payments. Also, be aware that it is quite difficult to get welfare in England now and money is not paid out immediately.
4. Take £600 to cover cost of living for possibly six weeks. It will take at least two weeks to get a job and most jobs are monthly paid, therefore £100 would be the minimum requirement to cover cost of room and board, plus travelling around in search of work.
5. Open a bank account as soon as

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you arrive in England, or indeed do it here and ask them to transfer your money to a branch in England.

I agree this all sounds impossible to the unemployed or the person looking for a first job. Emigrating is a major life change, therefore like any big event, requires careful planning. It may also be wise to consider the alternatives at home - a train ticket to Dublin in search of work may be a suitable experience and give an idea of the difficulties which may be encountered in a strange city, with the opportunity to even hitch a lift home if all goes wrong.

The more practical solution may lie in being prepared to take any

type of work, even a part time job, which arises to gain experience. All the emigration agencies point out that at least one year's experience is considered necessary for work in England. People without experience are now being offered very low pay at present.

Training courses with possible work experience are available through FAS either at the centre on Rossa Avenue or external courses being run at various centres. Night classes in local community schools or technical schools will commence during the next few weeks and are an opportunity to acquire new skills or update existing skills. The start of a new year is a good time to consider what needs changing and to plan for the future.

Congratulations

OUR CONGRATULATIONS go to Jacqueline Curran, Korinthe House, Wilton Avenue, whose engagement was announced in the week before Christmas.

Our best wishes go to Mary Cronin, Woodlawn, Model Farm Road and John McCarthy, Grange, Douglas, on their recent engagement. We wish them every happiness.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our community KATE MOIRA O'HALLORAN, 13 The Crescent, Westgate Road, daughter of Donal and Helena,



AIDAN McELHINNEY, Laburnum Park, died at the Regional Hospital after a brief illness. A Dublin man by birth, he was very much a Cork man by adoption. He was well known throughout the south in his professional work as an Architect - but no project gave him more fulfilment than the building of the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen.

He was also a keen sportsman, and excelled at rugby, cricket and golf. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Maura, sons Ian and Brian, daughter Carol and other relatives.



COMMENT

ALTERNATIVE SLANTS by "THOMAS"

WHAT HAVE we learnt? How many holocausts do we need each century before we will accept that our lust for power is a constant danger to our survival, our stability, our future security for our children? As we find ourselves watching the effects of war in the Gulf, it's hard to remember our joy when we watched relatives embracing each other at the end of the cold war last year.

Fr. Newman challenged us in his recent homily when he asked us about our reaction to the child Jesus. Do we seek and follow his way like the Wise Men, or seek political gain for ourselves like Herod and the scribes.

"If two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven". I didn't attend the peace rally or any peace service yet. Did you?

I HEARD some very "Irish" arguments against the Garda crackdown on drinking and driving over Christmas. (1) "They showed scant regard for publicans in the country who are trying to make a living, or for their customers who had to walk several miles for their pint". (2) "The crackdown failed to take account of the fact that many people who are used to drink can drive very well after a few. The seasoned drinker was unfairly discriminated against." When you have got over this "logic" will you join with me in thanking and congratulating the Gardai for each life they saved this Christmas.

A PARISHIONER WRITES...

A letter regarding the Aifreann Gaelach has been sent to us by "Paróisteach" who does not wish his name to be mentioned. His letter is too lengthy to include in full, but these are some of the points made:

He considers that Fr. Bernard's letter in bulletin of January 6th "brims with sarcasm, cynicism and emotive language".

We are all "Gaeilgeoirí" with a responsibility for preserving our native language in a bilingual capacity. It should be included in Parish religious/ceremonial activities.

The reasons for the lack of

response at the "Aifreann Gaelach" is due to the untimely hour of 9.00 a.m., the lack of heat in the church, the effect of Saturday night and 12.15 folk Masses on all other Sunday Masses, and lack of support from Parish Team and Council.

"Paróisteach" disagrees with the Glór na Gael idea of a special monthly Mass, but advocates a little Irish at each Mass.

(Any comments?)

IN SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to PATRICK MURPHY, 20 Leesdale, on the death of his mother.



 **WEDDINGS**

CONGRATULATIONS to SARAH ANN LENNON, "Ilfracombe", Laburnum Park, who recently married Kevin Patrick Davis of Ennis, Co. Clare.

CROSSWORD PRIZES

From the six correct solutions sent in we drew the following to win a prize:

- (1) Peter & Bridette Fitzgerald, Kenley Drive.
- (2) Sheila Brennan, Woodlawn.

Congratulations to all who completed the crossword correctly!

Beginning Experience

A 10 week Support for Bereaved/Separated/Divorced will commence on Wednesday, 23rd January at the Cork & Ross Family Centre, 34 Paul Street. Time - 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. Applications and enquiries from Sr. Mary Dinneen, 273213.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

At the recent AGM of the club the following were elected for the coming year:

- President: Liam O Loingsigh
Chairman: Con Begley
Vice Chairman: Senan Carrig
Secretary: Sean Phelan
Ass. Secretary: Jerry Buttimer
Treasurer: Con McGrath
Ass. Treasurer: Edwin Finnegan
Irish Officer: Jim Ryan
P.R.O: Jim Rynge
Registrar: Jim Collins
Executive Members: Maud O'Brien, Joe Lyons, Frank Keating, Kieran Kelly, David Fleming.

The club would like to thank the people of the parish for their support in the past and look forward to their continued goodwill in 1991.

Legion of Mary

Members of the Legion of Mary will be in attendance at all Masses on Sunday, 27th January to meet parishioners who might be interested in joining.

The meetings are held each Tuesday at 7.15 p.m. in the C.P. Centre. Works include hospital and homes visitation and also visitation of sick and elderly people. All are welcome to join.

Friendship Club

The first meeting of the Friendship Club for 1991 will be held in the Crypt of our church - The Descent of the Holy Spirit - on Wednesday, 23rd January at 3 p.m. sharp. Mr. Jerome O'Callaghan, Academy Gramophone Circle, has again kindly agreed to present some of his "Golden Oldies" from his vast collection of rare and beautiful 78 records. Jerome, with his repertoire of musical knowledge and good stories, is always highly entertaining, and so, a cheerful and heartwarming afternoon is assured for one and all. A big "Ceád Míle Fáilte" to everybody. The usual light refreshments will be served.

Residential Week-ends 1991

at Myross Wood Retreat Centre, Skibbereen.

- (1) 25th - 27th January
 - (2) 27th - 29th September.
- Enquiries and Application Forms from Sr. Mary Dinneen at 273213.

Bible Share

The meeting for the Bible Share Group is in the C.P. Centre on Monday, January 21, at 8.05 p.m. The text is Matthew 11, 25-30. Everyone welcome.



*Peace
on Earth*