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First Sunday of Lent.



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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Sr. Ursula writes

If you get what you want
in your struggle for self,
and the world makes you king
for a day,
Just go to the mirror and look
at yourself,
And see what that man has to say.

For it isn't your father,
or mother, or wife,
Who upon you their judgement
will pass,
The fellow whose verdict
counts most in your life,
Is the one standing back from
the glass,

You may fool the world
down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as
you pass.
But your final reward will be
heartache or tears,
If you've cheated the man in
the glass.

He's the fellow to please -
never mind all the rest!
And he's with you right up
to the end.
And you've passed your most
difficult, dangerous test
If the man in the glass is
your friend.

I think I got the message from
this poem. Lent is a time for
taking a good, hard, honest look
at myself. If I don't like all
that I see, Lent is also a time
for doing something about it.

Every Lent should be a time
to do something to change even
a little the sinfulness and
and selfishness in our lives.

What each one of us does for
Lent will be different. Why?
Because each one of us has a
different way of being sinful
and selfish, of course!

IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TREATED UNFAIRLY...

Ireland's first Ombudsman,
Mr. Michael Mills, was appointed
in January 1984 and his job is to
investigate complaints from
members of the public who feel
that they have been unfairly
treated by certain State Organ-
isations (ie. the civil service,
local authorities, health boards,
Telecom Eireann and An Post).

The office was set up as an
avenue of last resort for members
of the public who feel that they
have been unable to resolve their
complaints satisfactorily. The
service is entirely free.

In order to afford persons
the opportunity to discuss and
present their complaints, in
person, members of his staff will
be available to the people of
Cork and surrounding areas from
27th February to 1 March at the
Imperial Hotel, South Mall.

FORMER MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

The number of people who have served the parish as Ministers of the Eucharist grows steadily. We think it important for them to get together, at least annually. A Mass for ex Ministers has been arranged for Monday, 25th February, at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt. All ex Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to share in that Mass.

Rest In Peace

NOREEN ELLIS, Liam Lynch Park, died recently after a long and brave struggle with failing health. She is remembered for her good humour, wit, loyalty to her family and friends to whom we send our condolences.

JOHN WALSH, Leedale, died unexpectedly recently. A native of Clogagh, he travelled widely in his younger years and was know by a large circle of friends. Our sincere sympathy to his wife Ada and family.

IN SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to MRS. COSGRAVE, St. Clare's Avenue, on the death of her sister in Co. Clare.

To MRS. KELLEHER, 92 Leedale, on the death of her sister in London.

To NORA O'SHEA, Roger Casement Park, on the death of her brother.

CONGRATULATIONS

News has just been received that LIA O'HEGARTY of Wilton Avenue has been awarded the Department of Education Medal for the best Irish essay in the Leaving Cert. (Mount Mercy College).

She holds the prestigious Tomas Mac Donagh Scholarship and the U.C.C. Honan Scholarship.

Lia also received education prizes from the Cork Chamber of Commerce and from the German Ambassador to Ireland.

This year she won the Butterworth Law Prize and hold the title 'College Scholar at U.C.C.'.

Indeed we hear that academic success runs in the family!

Nice work, Lia!



JIM CARLTON, who has been singing and playing the organ in the Poor Clare chapel for nearly 60 years, received a very special honour on Saturday, 9th February. During the 10.00 Mass, Bishop Michael Murphy presented him with the 'Bene merenti' medal, awarded by the Pope. With his Poor Clare friends, and the many local people who pray in the chapel with them, we congratulate Mr. Carlton and wish him: "ad multos annos".

Congratulations to BLAITHÍN KEATING, 10 Kenley Road, on winning the Hockey Award in the annual Munster Youth Sports People of the Year. She was a member of the successful Mount Mercy Senior Hockey Team and a member of the Irish Schools Team.

Well done, Bláithín!



COMMENT

ALTERNATIVE SLANTS by "THOMAS"

ALTHOUGH WE saw and heard the budget speech being read, we were unsure whether our lives would be better or worse. Father Healy appeared on "Today Tonight" and told the Minister for Social Welfare that the poor had again been neglected. Each year the few lobbies on behalf of the poor make pre-budget submissions and post-budget criticisms. I wonder what the Government does with the facts presented? This year I heard Father Healy praise the Minister (a little) for some of the social and health provisions in the new National plan. I suspect that these provisions came about because trade unions have more clout than Churchmen, but let's not look a gift horse in the mouth. Congratulations

too, Fr. Healy, on your new tactic of encouragement, seeing that appeals go largely unheard. Keep the pressure up, your lobby is the only voice of a weak majority.

AIDS has not gone away even though the media is quiet about it. We have a challenge to bring the response of Christ to the sufferers and their relatives that we are inevitably to meet. Officially the church will argue and theorise as to whether condoms can be used either as a preventive or when the disease is diagnosed. Statements calling for greater moral awareness with respect to extra marital sex and present day acceptance of promiscuity, while very necessary, may further serve to alienate the HIV positive person, the AIDS sufferer and all whose lives are close to the disease. This places a greater onus on us, the church "on the ground" to greet all whose lives have been touched by AIDS with openness, warmth and support.

Parish Activities

Babysitters were at a premium in Kenley on Friday, 8th February, as the residents, undaunted by icy roads (and snowy fields!), ventured out to Highfield for their annual "get-together".

There was an abundance of spot-prizes (great praise due to Humphrey Keating), and the dancers were soon lured to the floor. One could detect a hint of nostalgia on the faces of a few who could remember dancing here on by-gone nights. Indeed, some of the dance trends of the seventies were still in evidence!

The attendance wasn't huge, but what was lacking in quantity was well made up for in quality; great chat and banter; everybody pleased to meet old friends and new; and glad to have the chance to talk, rather than just wave.

To all those who made sandwiches - a big thanks. They were delicious! While we munched, we were entertained by Toni Brady and Roy Devine who (each) ventured to take the stage and sing a few songs. Well done! Then it was back to dancing - and that infernal brush! (come along next year if you're curious!). Go mbeirimid beo ar an am seo arís.



Lent

Lenten Fast

Trócaire 24 hour Lenten Fast.
22nd February. Are you interested in becoming a fast organiser in your parish? Contact Trócaire, 169 Booterstown Ave., Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

Lenten Retreat

A Lenten Retreat will be held at the Lough Church from 23rd February to 3rd March. Fr. Michael McCullagh, C.M. and Fr. J.A.Y. Shanahan, C.C. will officiate. Times: Sunday 24th at 7.00 p.m. Mon - Fri: 7.30 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m.

Scripture Share

The next meeting takes place on Monday, 18th at 8.00 p.m. The text is Mark 8,22-33.

Lenten Bible Course

Tuesday, 19th at 8.00 p.m. sharp in the C.P. Centre.

Lenten Devotions

Please note the parish schedule for Lent:

Weekday Mass at 7.30 a.m., 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m.

Rosary and Benediction for peace, Sundays, 5.30 p.m.

Prayer time each Thursday 8.00 to 8.30 p.m. (Taíze music, silence, scripture, etc.).

Also: Benediction each weekday at the Poor Clare chapel at 5.30 (all year round).

Priestly Vocations

A recent letter from Fr. Noel O'Sullivan emphasised the role of Farranferris in the promotion of vocations. Parents interested in sending a son to the Diocesan College should contact one of the priests of the parish (before 27th February).

Ministers of the Eucharist

Reminder of meeting on Monday, 18th February, at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt.

Ballineaspaig Gramophone Circle

Mr. Eddie Hogan will present this month's Musical Afternoon in the Crypt at 3 p.m. on Wednesday next, 20th February.

Parish Directory

If you wish to advertise in the forthcoming Parish Directory (expected readership 1200 approx), please fill in the form below and hand in to the C.P. Centre on or before Tuesday, 19th February. Your advertisement will be of two or three lines listed in the Directory. Please enclose fee of £10 (fee may be negotiated with Fr. Bernard Cotter, in confidence). Block advertisement available at £60, or full page at £100. Further enquiries to Anne Moloney (342938).



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HOME ADDRESS

TRADE/PROFESSION/BUSINESS.....

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