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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, DENNEWISH CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

MY SISTER-IN-LAW, who runs a small restaurant, prepared fish for her customers on Ash Wednesday. To her amazement (and cost) almost everyone asked for meat dishes and she wondered if the Church had stopped preaching fast and abstinence. I assured her the Church still calls on people to undertake ascetical practices like fasting, giving up cigarettes, alcohol, sweets or taking on something difficult like getting up earlier to pray or do charitable work. When she

pushed me to explain why we should do these things, I suggested to help gain self-control and to use material things with moderation. It helps us to see the relative unimportance of material things like money, property, food and drink, success, power, and so on, and that they are of value only in so far as they promote the welfare of human persons. I thought I was doing fine so I ventured into the higher slopes. Ascetical practices can help us grow in virtue by increasing our commitment to important Christian values like prayer, work, and service of others. When I finished, she didn't seem too impressed. Nodding at the pot of smoked haddock on the ring she asked mournfully "Will it last till Friday?"

Fr. John



Advice from Sister Frances (Emigrant Chaplain):

"Things are very bad in London at the moment", said Sr. Frances during a short trip home last week. She recommended strongly an article by Vincent Power in the Weekend Examiner of SATURDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, entitled - 'War is taking a heavy toll - The party is over in London'. Those

thinking of emigrating should read this sobering article, photocopies of which are available in the C.P. Centre.

She was also distressed at news of the latest bomb outrages by the I.R.A. in London. She is very deeply aware of the harm such incidences cause for many young Irish people working in London.

Emigrants in London who would like to meet Sr. Frances should phone (03) - 081 - 528-9001, ask for 809137 paging number and leave message, stating when to call you back.



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

The death of MONA FENTON, "Duntaheen", Model Farm Road, came as a shock to many neighbours and friends. While she had been ill in recent months, before that she was a very active and independent lady. We extend sympathy to sons Pat and Ollie, daughter Elizabeth and her sister Peggy Wall, who lived with her.

PAULA MADDEN, Leesdale, died recently after struggling with failing health for some time. She was well known and loved by her neighbours and friends who enjoyed her wit and sense of fun. We thank the Lord for her life. Though it was a short life, Paula brought forth much love from people wherever she met them. May the Lord give her a place with the angels in heaven. Our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.

NORMA MORRISON, "Shanakiel", Model Farm Road, died peacefully at home after a long illness. Throughout her illness she never complained, and always had a bright smile for those who visited. She had a very warm loving heart and will be deeply missed by husband Jim, her family and friends.

Holy Week

Preparing for Holy Week

Sister Patricia Winkle is organising an evening to help parishes in their celebration of Holy Week and Easter. The evening is particularly suitable for all who will be involved in the planning and celebration of the liturgical services of Holy Week. Fr. Vincent Mercer, O.P. will deal with some of the pastoral and practical aspects of the ceremonies and our own Fr. John Newman will focus on the readings used in the liturgies. The evening will be held on Thursday, 7th March, in the Crypt from 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. and the cost is £2 per person. Names, please, to the C.P. Centre.

LENT

Have you ever counted the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday and wondered why we say "forty days"? It appears that formerly Lent began on what we now call 1st Sunday. The four preceding days were later added in order to obtain forty days of actual fasting instead of thirty six, since there is never fasting on a Sunday.

(Our thanks to Fr. Mannix and the Sacred Heart Bulletin for this information).

Counselling Service

St. Francis Professional Counselling Service are pleased to announce that their annual conference will be held at Moore's Hotel on Thursday, 28th February at 8.00 p.m. The service specialises in the treatment of anorexia, bulimia, obesity and personality disorders. All are welcome, admission free. For further information, contact Dr. Gillian Moore at 314289.





COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

ANOTHER WEEK of war in the Gulf and the world's media is in high gear, totally pre-occupied with all the paraphernalia of destruction. We hang on their every word.

But, since you read last Sunday's Bulletin, a quarter of a million young children have died. No headlines! By this time next week another quarter of a million will have perished. But don't expect the world's media to have got excited! Before this day is ended, some forty thousand will have died of hunger and illness. You won't hear it on the news!

But pence, literally pence, would have saved them.

We MUST, MUST, MUST help them.

Did You Know?

Video Competition

Cork County Council is promoting a bi-lingual video competition called "Ar nOidhreach" (Our Heritage), confined to Voluntary Organisations within Cork County. Brochure, available at C.P. Centre.

Thanks

Vincent de Paul say Thanks!

Jim Hassett writes: "The local Conference of Vincent de Paul say a heartfelt thanks to all the organisations, groups and private individuals who have been so generous to our Coal Fund. We would hope for your continuing support."

PEACE WEEK approaches and we have never needed so badly to pray for peace. War in the Gulf, violence in the North, bomb blasts in Paddington and Victoria stations in London leave all decent people numbed. Recourse to prayer seems the only answer.

I LISTENED recently to a phone call to the Live Line radio programme. The caller objected to the Government according visiting dignitaries a twenty-one gun salute. The only other body using the gun as a tribute was, he said, the I.R.A. He has a valid point.

Asked by Marian Finucane for an alternative, he suggested planting twenty-one trees or releasing twenty-one doves.

What a beautiful thought.

★ PASTORAL COUNCIL

At the recent meeting of the Pastoral Council, Fr. John introduced the idea of having a Parish Survey in which ordinary people in the Parish would be involved. The aims would be to give us a broader idea of Parish, an opportunity to be active and to share faith.

The details of the survey would be in two sections -

- (1) parish environs
- (2) needs of the community

With this information we would readily see the opportunity for helping each other, thus developing a caring and knowing community.

P.T.A.A.

Maybe Lent is a good time to make a commitment to the Sacred Heart. Any person wishing to become a member of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association may do so by phoning 542907 or 544682.



Something to think about



Fr. Bernard suggests:

"My words on the Aifreann Gaelach caused quite a delightful stir, and brought a great improvement in the January Mass, I hear. Not so in February, unfortunately.

I have a constructive suggestion: St. Patrick's Day is just three weeks away. Why don't all those interested in enhancing the role of Irish in parish life get together to plan that day?

Maybe those who would come to such a meeting might also have ideas on improving the Aifreann Gaelach, and on integrating the 'Gaeilge' into parish life generally.

The Crypt has been booked for Monday, 4th March (8.00 p.m.) for a special meeting, at which the Parish Team will be represented.

I trust all those concerned will come along to air their views."

First Friday

Next Friday, 1st March, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the housebound and sick on the usual days. Confessions on Thursday at 8.00 p.m.

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Monthly collection will take place next Sunday at all Masses.

You're
Invited



Leisure Activities

We have received the following communication from the G.A.A. "Are you interested in playing Bowls? Have you ever seen it played? Well, Ladies and Gents, why not come along to our club on next Wednesday 27th February at 8.00 p.m. where there will be an exhibition of the game in the hopes of beginning a club for the area.

The club wish the very best of luck to Coláiste an Spioraid Naomh who play St. Brendans, Killarney, in the Munster Colleges Senior Football Championship semi-final on Sunday in Carrigadroichead, at 3.00 p.m. "

SEASON OF LENT

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).