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Seventh Sunday of Easter. *(World Communications Day)*



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Sr. Ursula writes

WATCHING A young Mum feed and change a baby, I was suddenly struck by how very ordinary so much of Our Lady's life was. She did the things that ordinary good people do and avoided the things that ordinary good people avoid.

The Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary and helped her to do the ordinary things of each day extraordinarily well. He will help us too, if we let him. Our Parish Novena is a time to turn again to the Holy Spirit in faith and trust.

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.
We need not fear
His Spirit is with us.
We are surrounded by love
His Spirit is with us.
We are immersed in peace
His Spirit is with us.
We abide in hope
His Spirit is with us.
We travel in faith
His Spirit is with us.

*P.S. "Open to the Holy Spirit"
on the bookrack in the Church,
is a good read at this time.*



Come Holy Spirit

A gift is freely given, and expects no return. Its reason is love. What is first given is love; that is the first gift. The Holy Spirit comes forth as the substance of love, and Gift is His proper name.
(St. Thomas Aquinas)

The whole future of the human race depends on bringing the individual soul more completely and perfectly under the sway of the Holy Spirit. *(Isaac T. Hecker)*



THE FIRST TEAM OF ALTAR GIRLS at St. Catherine's Convent Chapel with their trainer, Sister Brendan.

Left to right:

Leah O'Donovan, Deirdre O'Donovan, Debbie Kelleher and Cathy Corcoran.



QUESTION: Who or what is the Holy Spirit?

ANSWER: Jesus Christ, God the Son, second person of the Holy Trinity, ministered on this earth before ascending to Heaven.

His presence during that ministry was very real in human terms.

Since then, God's presence can be just as real to us if we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's way of making Himself available to us now that the Risen Christ is no longer physically with us.



A LITTLE LAUGHTER

A well known Parish Priest (not the Dean) had an important meeting in Cork city centre. He could not find a parking space in either Patrick St. or the South Mall, and the city car parks were full. He wrote out a message and attached it to his windscreen wiper. "I have travelled up and down the South Mall and Patrick Street ten times. I have to keep an appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned after the meeting there was a reply on the note he had written. "I am a Cork Corporation Traffic Warden for the past ten years. If I do not give you a docket I will be fired. Lead us not into temptation".



I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.

Abraham Lincoln





COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

FREEDOM. What does it mean to you? The right to exercise choice? With or without restriction? Does anyone possess the absolute right to total freedom?

Legislation is promised to regulate the sale and distribution of videos. Not before its time, I would submit. Recently we saw the voluntary restriction on the part of Easons for Bret Easton Ellis' book 'The American Psycho', reviewed as a tasteless pornographic novel.

Harold Clarke of Easons gave his reason: "Some things are simply in bad taste". Well done, Harold Clarke! Would that there were many more with his courage and conviction.

ON THE National front, the media reflects the hopes and the frustrations of the Northern situation. We can but hope and pray that progress is maintained. Does it strike you that Peter Brooke has a very lonely job? Would you consider writing to him and wishing him success? Go ahead and do it. He needs all the encouragement he can get.

DO YOU blame God for floods, famines and all the other 'natural' disasters? Dr. Colm Regan of Trocaire wouldn't agree with you. He blames the daily decisions of men and women, bankers, business people, arms manufacturers, politicians, even church people, because they all continue to support an international system which produces misery on a vast scale.

LEST IT all seems like doom and gloom in the media, they did a good job on covering both the G.P.A. International Piano Competition and the Cork Choral Festival - with the Eurovision a very definite third!



MRS. TERESA HIGGINS, Laburnum Lawn, died after a brief illness at the Bon Secours Hospital recently. Tess was loved by neighbours and her many friends, as well as by her husband, daughters and grandchildren.

The sympathy of the whole community goes out to her husband, Mossie, her daughters Margaret and Valerie, her sisters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.

The unexpected death of MRS. NORA CORKERY, N.T., was sad news for her family, friends, and countless past and present pupils of Glash-
een Girls' N.S.

Over the years she had proved herself an outstanding teacher and administrator. She had the rare gift of combining a perfect balance of good discipline and individual care for each and every one of her pupils.

"Those who have instructed many in virtue will shine like stars for all eternity." Ar dheis De go raibh a h-anam dílis.



Newsnotes



Special Offering

Thinking of Peru

The annual collection in aid of the Diocesan Mission to Peru will be taken up at the church doors at all Masses next weekend.

On next Friday evening, 17th May, the Month's Mind for the late Fr. Humphrey Mulcahy will take place in the Church of the Incarnation, Frankfield, Grange, at 7.30 p.m. Bishop Buckley will concelebrate.

Mass for Sick and Housebound

May we remind CONTACT PEOPLE to invite and bring the sick and housebound of their areas to the Special Mass and Anointing of the Sick, on Saturday, 18th May, at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt.

The usual "cuppa" will be served afterwards. Contributions of cakes and sandwiches from Contact People and Friendship Club, etc. would be very much appreciated. The Crypt will be open from 11.00 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. onwards.

Soccer Street League Competition

Eishopstown Soccer Club are organising a Street League competition for boys under 12 years of age, during May. Adults who could be of assistance in organising same are urgently needed. If you can help, please contact Bernard Toland, 32 Leesdale (341865).

Rosary Rally

There will be an All-Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock Shrine on Saturday, 1st June, led by Fr. Fitzgerald. Procession at 2.15 p.m. and Mass at 3 p.m. For Further details phone 397986.



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

Blood Donor Clinic

A Clinic will be held in the S.M.A. Centre, Wilton, on Thursday, 16th May from 3.00 to 5.00 and from 7.00 to 9.30 p.m.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Cork Voluntary Youth Council

Conscious of the alarming proportion of substance abuse/drinking among our youth population, a public meeting has been arranged for Thursday, 16th May, at 8 p.m. sharp, at the Metropole Hotel. A panel of expert Speakers will attend, and everybody interested in this problem is very welcome to attend.

Togher Athletic Club

The Club wishes to thank all those who contributed to their recent church gate collection.