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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

Back to School Bargains!

It's back to school time again. Teacher is just getting into the run of things. Those first few days were tiring. The students' names and faces are familiar again. Students have shared their summer stories. Some are happy to say they were in Edinburgh or Lyon or Barley Cove. Others prefer if that subject wasn't mentioned. "Didn't go anywhere." Mommy and Daddy are happy to see their scholars move up the ranks or feel apprehensive as their darling toddlers off to the infants.

It's been a week of preparing. School bags to be found and filled. Filling the mala scoile is becoming more and more expensive. Gone are the days when one set of books did the whole family! There are uniforms, coats, blouses, shirts, strong shoes, lunch boxes, pens, pencils, toppers and rubbers to be reckoned with. It's an expensive time! And the shopping still has to be done!

My sister, who has two in primary, was visiting during the week. After a day's shopping she complained, "Money just flows out the door this time of year."

"Well to have it," says I, "plenty don't. Spare a thought for them." Good people naturally want the best for their children. But the best costs, even in the Back to School Bargain Shop. It's a time of year when a little extra sensitivity is needed for parents who find it a strain to get the family back to the books. There seems to be relevant advice for everyone in the following sign observed in a Chinese laundry:

You want credit.
me no give.
You get sore.
You want credit.
Me give.
You no pay.
Me get sore.
Better you get sore.

Fr. John Newman

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Team

Rev. Denis O'Connor, P.P. 542972
Rev. Finbarr Crowley, C.C. 343895
Rev. John Newman, C.C. 541572
Sister Ursula O'Callaghan, P.Sr.
545549.

Weekday Masses: 9.00, 10.00 and
7.30 p.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.30 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 9.00, 10.00, 11.00,
12.15 p.m.

Urgent Calls: 273888.

LETTERS

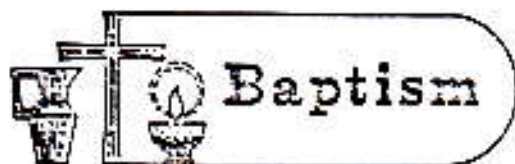
Sheare's Park,
Glasheen Road

A Chara,

"A silly season for silly people", was the considered opinion of a well known Cork Catholic, when asked about the (sightings) of Our Lady in mid-Cork, and the people who went there, presumably to pray. Non catholics need no convincing on that subject.

Some silly people also went to Knock Shrine and prayed there. More silly people went to Lourdes to join with other silly people from all over the world in prayer at our Lady's Shrine, where in the last century some silly children claimed that Our Lady appeared and spoke to them. Fatima too and many more shrines were invaded by silly people, singing hymns and praying. Even His Holiness, the Pope, joined in the action and visited a shrine to the Mother of God in his native land, where, no doubt at some stage in history, someone claimed to have seen something supernatural - whether or which, like all the other pilgrims he knelt and prayed - silly man?

Mise le meas,
K. Cronin



We welcome into our Christian community RICHARD DANIEL MURPHY, 39 Greenfields, son of Patrick and Claire.

HELPING HANDS



WHO KEEPS THE CHURCH CLEAN?

Our Sacristan, Charlie Leahy, insists that he cannot take the credit for this!

Last week's article on the Role of the Sacristan was not strictly accurate on this area.

In fact, the cleaning of the church is done by two ladies to whom he and all of us are most grateful. We take this opportunity to say 'Thank You' to them.

Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently:
NOREEN MARY DINEEN, 8 Roger Casement Park, who married Gerard Anthony Murphy, Blackrock.
FIONA O'BRIEN, 2 Lynbrook, Glasheen Road, who married Declan Thomas Power, Halldene Drive.



Rest in Peace

KATHLEEN O'LEARY, Woodlawn, who died recently, had a great love of the Mass. She always maintained her great sense of independence. She was devoted to Our Lady and made frequent visits to Knock. Our sympathy goes to all her family.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by 'LUKE'

MOST OF US were shocked by the findings of the recent survey conducted by the Northside Action Group. If we are to take the figures as accurately reflecting young teenagers' views today, then we have a situation where 90% of those interviewed agreed with sex outside marriage. Furthermore, 70% would seek an abortion if they found themselves to be pregnant.

SEX EDUCATION in the schools was condemned for being inadequate, haphazard, misleading. But it is too easy to blame the schools. I do believe that Religious Education, embracing sexual morality among other things, needs to be uplifted in our schools. Perhaps the greater need is to begin the process of education in these matters in the home.

HOW MANY parents read the glossy magazines directed at young people? I consider that they are obligatory reading for all concerned with the education of our young people.

In them you will read page after page of the most explicit 'advice' to our young people on all aspects of sexual behaviour, openly advocating sexual encounters of all kinds.

These magazines are freely available and are bought in huge numbers. They are not considered pornography.

IT SEEMS to me that we have surrendered the education of our precious young people to the publishers of these glossies in the matter of sexual morality. Perhaps it is high time that we enlightened ourselves on what is going on in the real world and take on again the God-given responsibility of our parenthood. Otherwise those statistics will get worse and one of them might concern you or me.

ELECTION

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Council has completed its two year term, so now elections must be held within the next month. So begin thinking - who is the best person to represent your area on the Council. It may be yourself. Have you thought of being involved? Everyone is in the same boat. It's all new and we must all learn together.

The election of new Council members will require a lot of good will and willingness to help out. We will be asking the help of Election Agents throughout the parish. They will be ordinary people who will be asked to call to a certain number of houses (say 20 approx.) in their area to explain the election process, deliver nomination papers, and later voting papers. We hope there will be a willingness to get involved in this representational way of running our parish.

Please keep an eye on the Bulletin for the coming weeks for further information.



Aifreann le Gaeilge

Léifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. B'fhéidir go mba dheas leat an Macnamh seo a rá tar éis Comaoineach:

Bíodh Iosa im chroise ar maidin 's tráthnóna.

Bíodh Iosa lem thaoibhse, i bhfad is i gcóngar.

Bíodh Iosa im intinn ag léiriú mo threo

Is a Íosa róchhilis, ná tréig mé go deo.

Thank You

We have received the following note from Sr. Reginald, Cuanlee: "I want to say how sincerely grateful I am to all the collectors for our church gate collection recently. The takings amounted to almost £300, away up on last year's.

All in Cuanlee have asked me to say, thank you."

Sr. Reginald enclosed a Mass Bouquet for Charlie and the Collectors.

Reading in Church

An 8 week course on Reading in Church, will begin at Bishopstown Community School on Tuesday, 24th September, 7.30 - 9.30p.m. Topics covered will include: gaining confidence, communication, reading aloud, scripture exploration, the Sunday Readings, etc. Enrolment on Wednesday, 11th September, 7.00 - 9.00p.m. Fee €22. All welcome.

Altar Servers

Fr. John says there will be a training course for new altar servers soon. If there are any young aspiring servers (aged 9-11) out there, please get in touch with Fr. John at 541572, or Sr. Ursula at 545549.

Wilton United Soccer Club

The Club is just beginning what promises to be another successful season at all grades. We cater for players ranging from under 8 to Senior level, including a Ladier Senior team. We are currently upgrading our facilities at Farranlea Road and are indebted to Highfield R.F.C. and Bishopstown Community School who have provided us with temporary playing fields. This time next year should see soccer return to Farranlea Road. Anyone interested in playing should contact:

Dennis Budden 962736 (between 6-7)

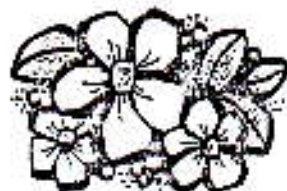
Pat Bowdren 342925

Ebor Benson 963711.

Bulletins to the Homes

Next Sunday is the third Sunday of the month and bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish, by our ever reliable distributors.

For Women



Bishopstown I.C.A.

will re-open on Thursday next, 12th September. Meetings every Thursday at S.M.A. Wilton Parish Centre at 8 p.m. New members welcome.