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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

My dear friends,

Last week your newly elected Pastoral Council was featured on page one of the Bulletin. Congratulations to all, and to those who worked so hard for the election process - and indeed all nominees. Obviously you have the trust and respect of your neighbours.

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Question - What is a Pastoral Council for?

To help create a Parish community centred on Jesus - where people find a sense of belonging, support, and care - where the talents of each are valued and realised.

That sentence is much easier written than realised in life. But together we can reach for the stars - knowing that our real strength is Jesus - and here in the name of God we start.

Very sincerely,

Relationships



One lovely morning, as I sat at my desk, looking out on the kitchen garden behind the house, I suddenly heard the desperate cries of some small animal in distress. They were coming from my right, so I went downstairs and directed my steps to the scene of the trouble. A little pup sheepdog had got caught under the net over the strawberry beds. On seeing me his cries stopped at once and his little head was lifted to look at me, hopefully, it seemed to me. He stayed ever so still as I bent down and he yielded to my fingers as I started to release his little paws and finally his head which was really well entangled in the mesh of the net. I was strangely touched by his attitude of trust, absolute trust in me and so in the human race, I thought. Images of the Good Shepherd, rescuing the stray sheep and other such pictures of liberation scenes passed through my mind. I lifted him on to the path, he shook his little head in a dazed way at first, then took off in the direction of the garden door. Once beyond it, he saw home ground and he trotted off gaily to rejoin his mother and family in the farm yard - I felt good. Anon.

Point to Ponder

Now is the time to think about wise Christmas shopping. Try some of the following hints:

Shop one day later each week for the next seven weeks and you will have an extra week's housekeeping money at Christmas. It's surprising how you can extend the food for one more day if you give it a little thought.

When you shop each week buy even one extra item of dry goods, washing powder, wash-up liquid, toilet rolls, toothpaste, tins of fruit, etc., so that when Christmas week comes you have only to buy the 'goodies' as these are the items that you cannot store in a family home.

Collect all the 10p off vouchers you find around the house and cash them in at the checkout and save the money for a little treat for yourself at Christmas - shoppers need to enjoy Christmas too.

(Of course, you always have the option of donating the fruits of your astuteness to charity - in the true spirit of Christmas!).



Visit the sick

New Heating System of the H



"I'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT
THE HEATING SYSTEM

It was decided on July '91 to investigate and if appropriate to improve on the existing Heating System in the Church. The present system of heating the church is Fan assisted Electric Storage Heaters. The cubic volume of the Church (over 1/4 million cubic feet) is very large due mainly to the very high Dome (over 100 feet), and is consequently very difficult to heat economically.

A New System has been designed to heat the Church. It is called a Direct Gas Fired Air Heater Installation. This system has been used extensively throughout Europe, and is installed in one of the Cork Churches (Church of the Resurrection, Farranree). Basically, the system consists of taking in Fresh Air, cleaning it by filtration, then heating the filtered air by Natural Gas Fired Burner and blowing the heated filtered air into the Church by ~~.....~~ at a rate and Healy (364695).



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temperature compatible with the needs of the church congregation. The system of heating is based on a gradual build up or a gradual cool down of heat. There will be no extremes. It can be noted that during the summer months the system can be utilised to cool the church. The system will be fully operational by the end of the month.

This brief summary of the work was requested by many of the Parishioners.



A Reader's Prayer

Dear Lord,
I have been asked
to read
at Mass today.
Help me to
speak out loud and clear
so that all present
can hear your Word.
Fill me with your love
more deeply at this moment
than at any other time,
so that
through you
some empty weary soul
might be filled
with your strength,
your love,
your peace.

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE FOLD 'COMMENT' in the November issue addresses the question of Sunday work. It is critical of the objection raised by the Confederation of Irish Industry to the suggestion of the EC to ban Sunday work in Irish industry. People come before machines.

But aren't we being ambivalent here? Sunday trading is growing. With Christmas approaching, we are again about to see the invitations to come Sunday shopping. What's wrong with that, you might ask?

The Christian Sunday was traditionally a day of worship and rest. Spending it buying DIY commodities and furniture, clothes and toys is hardly the Lord's idea of rest.

Even if it is seen as rest by the shopper, it certainly is not for the shop assistant. He or she is surely entitled to a day of rest, too, on a Sunday.

There are store owners who are quite happy to sell any day of the week, Sunday or Monday. There are others who are now being faced with the choice of joining the Sunday traders or suffering reduced turnover through sticking with their principles.

The week is surely long enough both for the trader and the shopper. It may be a convenience to shop on a Sunday. It is hardly imperative to do so. If we, as a Christian community, ignored the Sunday traders, then our Sabbath would return to being a day of worship and rest - as the Lord intended.

Think about it.



Thank You!

The local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul wish to thank the Friendship Club for their kind donation of £50 to the Coal Fund.

The Friendship Club also made a generous contribution of £50 to the Calcutta Fund.

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Cork Spastic Clinic wish to acknowledge £49 which was generously contributed by the residents of Highfield Lawn.

Parish Library

The staffing rota is now available in the C.P. Centre.

Calcutta Fund

Vincent Jones wishes to thank all who contributed to the Fund. The total sum collected amounted to £24,000. The money has been converted into almost 1 million rupees - a facility that the bank has given him free of charge. So all contributions are going entirely to Calcutta.

New, Unprecedented, Musical

Would you like to see a show which is grotesque! unbelievable! bizzare! unprecedented!? Then don't miss "G.U.B.U. 2" - a new musical by Tony Doherty which is being performed by the students of Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh from Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th of November at 8 p.m.

This musical is a satire on the political goings on in this country in recent years. The music has been composed by Dave Murphy. If you enjoy Scrap Saturday you'll love this show. Tickets will be on sale at door each night. Adm. £3. For reservations phone 543790 (9 - 4 p.m.).

Visitation

Fr. Finharr Crowley will visit Orchard Road/College Road/Magazine Road areas during the next few weeks.

Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend (the third weekend of the month). Many thanks to our distributors.

If any home in the parish is not getting a bulletin, please let us know.

Aifreann le Gailge

Léifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Bíodh is go mbeidh na léachtaí agus an tseanmóir as Béarla, beifear ag súil go mbeidh na freagraí go léir as Gaeilge.

Cork Council of Trade Unions - Centre for the Unemployed

at 16 Kyrils Quay, tel. 275076,
open Monday to Friday 9-5p.m.

*Advice - Social Welfare, health, housing, taxation.

*Secretarial Services - typing, photocopying of C.V's, application letters, etc.

*Canteen - tea/coffee, newspapers, chat.

*Educational Classes - 16 subjects (list of subjects will be given in next week's bulletin).

All services are free.

The Compassionate Friends

Bereaved Parents Association - parents who have lost children offer support to others. Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at the Grand Parade Hotel at 8.00 p.m. For further details contact Ann Kelly (291892) or Helen Realy (364695).