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Feast of Christ The King.



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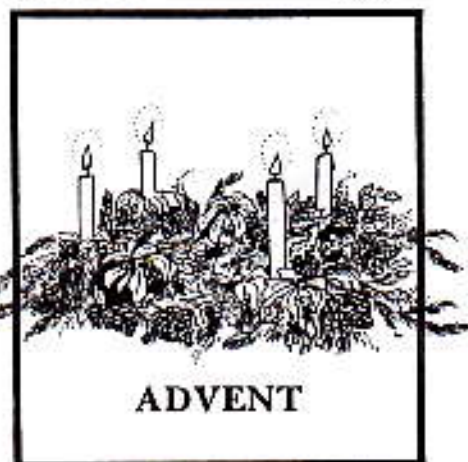
FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

THE RELEASE of Terry Waite and Thomas Sutherland brought immense joy to both their families and all who worked for their freedom. It highlighted the gift that so many of us take for granted. Throughout the world there are thousands of people who are denied that right. We can help their struggle by supporting

such groups as Amnesty, who put pressure on Governments who deny their citizens the freedom of speech, movement and choice.

We shouldn't forget that within our own community there are people who are imprisoned because of the vices that have taken a stranglehold in their lives - vices such as drug addiction which includes alcohol, the quest for power, etc. The greatest denial of freedom is perhaps the pressure on ourselves to be something or someone that we cannot be. Accepting or loving yourself is a tremendous gift. Why not try to appreciate it?



Sunday Devotions for Advent
Evening Prayer with Benediction will be held in the Church on each of the four Sundays of Advent at 5.00 p.m. Do come along and pray for your needs and the needs of the community.

Christmas is Coming
Calling all Young Adults, 18-30 years approx. What's it all about? Why the buzz? the celebration? Come and join us. Meet with other young adults and explore the heart of this festival. It will really help prepare you for Christmas! Where? SCALA, Good Shepherd Convent, Sunday's Well, from November 29th to December 1st. For more information contact Inelda O'Donovan at 393200.

Advent Parish Prayer

Are you free on the following Tuesdays - 3rd, 10th 17th? Would you like to join in our preparation for Christmas from 8.00 to 9.30 each night? Drop your name into the C.P. Centre or phone 344452 any morning.



We extend sincere sympathy to
FINBARR HOLLAND, 11 Lynbrook,
on the death of his father
Michael.

To THOMAS COX, Liam Lynch Park,
on the death of his sister
Emma.



Rest in Peace

MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE, Glasheen Park,
and late of Farranlea Grove, died
recently in the Bon Secours Hosp-
ital after a brief illness. A
dedicated teacher for many years
in the North Monastery, and later
Principal in Kerry Pike, Michael
is remembered as a thorough
gentleman, with a kind word and
welcoming hand for everyone. He
will be missed from our community
where his deep sense of what is
good and holy were evident.

Our sincere sympathy to his
wife Mary, with whom he spent
over fifty years in married life,
to his two sons Kevin and Michéal,
to Virgilia, and his grandchildren
who loved him.



FROM A STUDENT AT MOUNT MERCY

What is loneliness? Sitting at
home every Saturday night watch-
ing "Secrets"? Having no
partner on a school outing? Or
perhaps having to spend a lunch-
time alone? No, these are
merely inconveniences. None
of us can really say we are
alone. We are school pupils.
Every weekday we enter a cluster-
ed classroom of gossip and noise.
But perhaps we know lonely people,
especially the elderly, who need
our company and our gossip. This
is a thought for them.



ALONE (A THOUGHT)

The empty echoes of the room
Send tears upon her cheeks.
The lonely shadows of the night
have stayed with her for weeks.
And waiting for that single call
which beckons to her heart.
But no one comes upon her porch
The loneliness shall start.

by Aideen Murphy



COMMENT

ALTERNATIVE SLANTS by "THOMAS"



'Table d'hote' catholicism or 'A la Carte' catholicism. When you go to a restaurant do you take the set meal or do you choose the things you like from the other menu? Is it the same with religion? Can you take on board only some aspects of the code of your church, and ignore those that seem illogical to you, or is it a case of "when you join a club you must abide by the rules".

"Conscience" usually enters a discussion of this nature and it will be held by many that a "rule" can be flouted if a clear and fully informed conscience is at variance with a church dictum.

Would a clear and fully informed conscience impose a more stringent lifestyle or a more carefree lifestyle, if you were to use it as your yardstick for living, instead of "the rules" of church guidelines. Would they ever be at variance for you?

Thomas sees 'a la carte' catholicism as possibly more difficult and more challenging than 'table d'hote' but would like to hear readers' responses.

Cope Foundation

We have received the following notice from the above:

"Our Annual Church Gate Collection will be held on Saturday 30th November and Sunday, 1st December. A Hostel and Occupational Centre in Middleton has now been completed and has facilities for 30 people. Future developments include residential and occupational centres for Macroom, Mallow and Kanturk. Our Development Programme is financed from fundraising activities of which the Annual Church Gate Collection is a major project.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners for their kindness in the past, and look forward to continued support with this Annual Collection."



CHURCH NOTICE

When you were born your mother brought you here. When you were married your wife brought you here. When you die, your friends will bring you here. Why not try coming on your own sometimes.

Take Note, Clubs and Organisations in the Parish

We are planning to include in the New Year Bulletin some achievements of the past year and hopes for the future. If you would like to contribute to this, write in to us and let us know.



Come, Follow Me

If you are interested in the Mercy way of life, take a first step and come to Villa Maria, Inchadoney, on Sunday, 1st December - 3.00 to 6.00 p.m. For information contact Sr. Julia O'Gorman, 38 Sheares Street, phone 271971, ext. 434, or 270400 between 10.00 and 5.00 p.m.

Prayers of the Faithful Readers

The new rota is available in the sacristy. Please collect your copy.

Coping with Loss or Grief

A public meeting will be held in the Imperial Hotel on Tuesday, 26th November at 8.15 p.m. A talk will be given on the above subject. The speaker will be Val McGinley, who has many years experience in psychotherapy in Tralee.

Table Quiz

At Mount Mercy College on Friday, 29th November at 8 p.m. Tables of four at £10 per table. Prizes galore. Past pupils please support this venture!

Walk for Peace

A Rosary Candle-Light walk for Peace will be held on 8th December. Please assemble at Dun Mhuire, Grand Parade, at 8.30 p.m. The procession will end with Benediction in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church. Bring your own lamp please.



Liturgy Group

The meeting of the Liturgy Group has been deferred to Monday, 2nd December, at 8.10 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

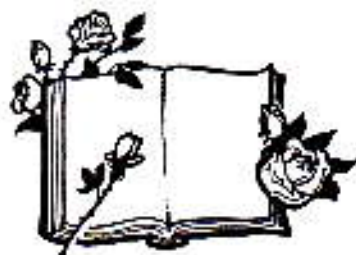
Pastoral Council Meeting

A reminder: the Council meets Bishop Murphy in the C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m. The Bishop will speak on the theme "The Changing Perspective on the Church in our Times".

'Notes' on the last Council Meeting are now available in the C.P. Centre for collection.

Ministers of the Word

Eamonn Nash will lead the Ministers of the Word through some practical issues in reading at Mass. Meet in the Church at 8.10 p.m. on Monday, 25th.



St. Finbarr's H & F Club

The annual Mass for the repose of the souls of deceased members will be celebrated at the Club Pavilion on Monday, 25th November, at 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Mass for the Housebound

There will be Mass and Anointing of the Sick in the Crypt at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 30th November. Would Contact People please arrange transport for anyone in their areas who might need it.

A cup of tea will be provided afterwards and we would be delighted to receive sandwiches and cakes that day from Contact People and parishioners.