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Presentation of Our Lord.



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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

WE MAY BE looking ahead a little, but, as we all know, time slips by all too quickly. Preparations are well under way for this year's Novena to the Holy Spirit. You may be interested in the dates - Tuesday, 2nd June to Wednesday, 10th June.



The first thought that must strike you is that Tuesday is not the best day to start a Novena - so why? Well, Monday, 1st June, 1992, is a Bank Holiday - so how could we gather you from West Cork and Kerry on a fine Bank Holiday weekend? The following Sunday (7th June) is the Feast of Pentecost, and it is fitting that we should set our celebrations round the feast of the Holy Spirit. So, please mark these dates on your diary or calendar.

This year we have a change in store for you in that we have well-known Dominican priests to conduct the Novena - so we can look forward to a beautiful week, filled with graces, inspiration, and special gifts from the Good Lord.

It's also a stressful time for young people faced with exams and serious decisions in life. The Lord would like to inspire and direct you, and relieve you of all undue anxiety and worry. Look out for student night, and many other special features of the week.

God bless you all.

Denis O'Connor PP



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
A special collection will be taken up at the doors next Sunday to aid invalid pilgrims to Lourdes.



We extend sincere sympathy to
MR. TOM GATELY, Wilton Avenue,
on the death of his brother,
To MR. DONAL MANNIX, Bishopscourt
Hill, on the death of his mother.

ANNOUNCING



All Irish Preschool

Introduce your child to Irish early on. Bring him/her to the All Irish Naionra in Bishopstown G.A.A. Tuesday to Friday, 10.00 to 12.30. Conducted by native Irish Speaker. Phone 961222 after 3 p.m.

Colebrook Montessori School

Can your child speak French or German? Classes for 4-12 year olds starting Tuesday, 11th and Wednesday, 12th February. Ring Colebrook School at 343631.



Retired Peoples Network

Social & Cabaret in the Grand Parade Hotel, Sunday, 2nd February, from 3.00 to 5.30 p.m. Open to all Retired People and Senior Citizens. Tel. 966939.



EARLY FEBRUARY is an appropriate time to have a look at the life of St. Brigid.

She lived in Kildare during the 5th/6th century A.D. and was destined, through her noble birth, for a comfortable life, married off into a suitable family! This, however, wasn't Brigid's view of things. She believed in living out her Christianity. There are many tales of her helping the poor. She also campaigned on behalf of prisoners, not giving up in one instance until the prisoner was freed.

When she set up her convent in Kildare, she became actively involved in spreading Christianity in the local community and farther afield.

Brigid was a formidable woman, well able to deal with the Bishops of the day! However, as is the case today, she could not perform the duties of an ordained priest, and so in order to fulfil the spiritual needs of her congregation she needed a priest. She set about finding a solution to her problem. She convinced Conlaith to set up a monastery beside hers, sharing land, church, etc. Such a "double monastery" is the only one recorded in Ireland.

I wonder what "Muire na nGael" would think of her sisters in the church today. She certainly is a hard act to follow!

Ruth



Here's **NEWS**



St Matthew's Gospel, ch. 5.

Guidelines for Happiness

Happiness is recognising that you depend on God and cannot live well without Him. (v.3).

Happiness is admitting that life hurts and being able to express your pain without making other people suffer. (v.4).

Happiness is being so sure of God that you can accept the humiliations that others subject you to without wanting to hit back. (v.5).

Happiness is wanting the really important things in life. (v.6).

Happiness is remembering that we all depend entirely on God's mercy. (v.7).

Happiness is having a single clear objective: to please God. (v.8).

Happiness is to be at peace inwardly so that you are not compelled to project your own inner conflicts and tensions on to others. (v.9).

Happiness is being prepared to pay the price that Jesus paid for walking in love in a hate-filled world. (v.10).

Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure; where your treasure, there your heart; where your heart, there your happiness.

Augustine of Hippo

STOP!

HOW DO YOU RATE?

- A checklist for parents of young teenagers

- * Do you know where and with whom your children are tonight?
- * Are you certain your children are not breaking the law by under-age drinking?
- * Do you know if your children go to pubs or discos where drugs are available?
- * Do you collect your children after a disco, or arrange for their collection?
- * When they arrive home late do you see (rather than hear) them come in?
- * Do you forbid unsupervised parties in your home while you are away?
- * Do you know your children's friends by more than a Christian name - and have you met them?
- * When they say they are staying the night with a friend, do you verify that?
- * Do you check that parties in their friends' houses are properly supervised?
- * Do you realise that their friends' parents may take them to places of which you disapprove?

If you've answered "No" it doesn't mean that you should lock up your daughters or chain your sons to the house. It does mean you should help them become more responsible. Young teenagers like their freedom and independence but at 14 or 15 aren't always able to handle it. Be gently vigilant on their behalf.



Coming Events

Ministers of the Word

There will be a meeting on Monday, 3rd, at 8 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

First Friday

Friday next, 7th February, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days. Confessions on Thursday night at 8.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting in the C.P. Centre next Thursday, 6th February.

Bishopstown Camogie

Training schedule for Senior and Junior Players:

Indoor: Bishopstown Community School, Fridays 9-10 p.m. commencing 31st January.

Outdoor: Bishopstown G.A.A. Grounds, Sundays 11.45 to 1 p.m. commencing 2nd February.

Faillte roimh new players. Information from Rose Desmond, tel. 542739.

Reminder

Drugs and Drug Related Problems

Det. Sergt. Paul Mangan, Cork Drug Squad, will give a talk for parents on this important issue at Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh, on Tuesday, 4th February at 8 p.m. All parents are invited to attend.

Fashion Show

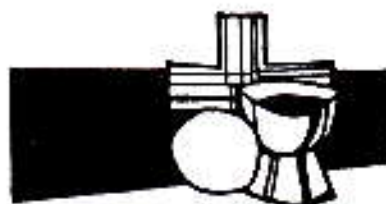
At Bishopstown G.A.A. on Tuesday 4th February, at 7.30 p.m. Admission £4. Fashions by Touch of Class Boutique; Hair Fashions by Wilton Hair & Beauty Salon.



**Have
a
Heart**

Heart Attack - Are You at Risk?

Professor Noel Pickey will give a public lecture at the Metropole Hotel on Tuesday, 4th February, at 8 p.m. on the above theme.



Ministers of the Eucharist

Please collect letters at Altar Rails.



**Thank
You**

Fr. Denis O'Leary, St. Anne's Adoption Society, has written to thank the people of Ballineaspaig for £557, the proceeds of the annual collection held recently at the church.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
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