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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.



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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

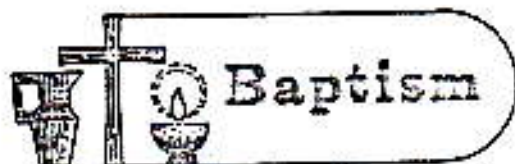
*Fr. John writes*

I find there is something captivating about levitation. As miracles go, there is something light-hearted and almost irreverent about it. It suggests a kind of levity in sainthood. It brings to mind the Mary Poppins story "Laughing Gas" in which the children, Mary Poppins and her uncle all have tea while floating in mid-air. And throughout they are all laughing and only sink to earth when a sad thought crosses their minds.

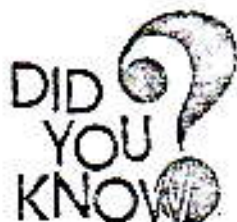
Another charm of levitation is its utter pointlessness from the utilitarian point of view. And that is a healthy antidote to the utilitarianism of our time. Can you imagine the local pastor trying to convert an agnostic to Christ by saying that his saints float?

But perhaps levitation does have a point. There is something dismal about the expression being "brought down to earth" and there is something correspondingly cheerful about a body that is so animated by divine joy that it floats off like a balloon. Joseph of Cupertino, it is said, used routinely fly around the monastery refectory while the rest of the community did their best to eat their dinner. Apparently St. Teresa of Avila and St. John were often seen chatting together floating at the level of the ceiling. There is a sort of perfection of body and soul here; the body is not left out of the mystical experience, but expresses prayer in its own way by rising. Augustine remarked that "when this body will no longer be 'animal' but 'spiritual' then will man be made equal to the angels." Have we not all envied angels their wings?

*Fr. John Newman*



We welcome into our Christian community:  
AIDEEN LYONS MURPHY  
JOANNE MARGARET CREEDON  
DENISE EILEEN FOLEY  
SINEAD TERESA O'NEILL  
FINBARR JAMES BUTTIMER  
LAURA JOANNE CATHERINE O'BEIRNE



Ombudsman

Do you know that the Ombudsman was appointed to investigate complaints from members of the public who feel they have been unfairly treated by certain State Organisations (ie. the Civil Service, Local Authorities, Health Boards, Telecom Eireann and An Post)? It is considered an avenue of last resort for people who feel they have been unable to resolve their complaints satisfactorily.

An office of the Ombudsman has been set up in Cork and will be open on the first Wednesday of every month, commencing 4th March. It is located at 6 Camden Place (Citizens Information Centre) and the opening hours are 10.30 - 12.30 and 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

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<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>
Opening Balance	21,207.10
Sunday and Holyday Collections	61,123.00
Poor Clares' Chapel Collection	2,934.00
Shrines	3,989.00
Bank Interest	829.77
Flowers	317.00
Parish Social	1,633.00
Novena Collection	1,768.00
Parish Directory	689.00
Request	2,924.47
Subscriptions	656.00
Sales (Booklets, The Fold, Diocesan Directory, etc.)	980.50
	<u>99,050.84</u>

Sunday Collections:	
Highest (22/12/91)	£1,311
Lowest (4/8/91)	£918
Holydays:	
Highest (1/11/91)	£859
Lowest (15/8/91)	£710
Poor Clares' Chapel:	
Average for Sundays and Holydays	£52

Credit Balance on 1/1/91	21,207.10
Income for 1991	77,843.74
	<u>99,050.84</u>
Expenditure for 1991	81,541.50
Credit Balance on 31/12/91	<u>17,509.34</u>
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Credit Balance on 1/1/90	23,660.44
Income for 1990	75,130.17
	<u>98,790.61</u>
Expenditure for 1990	77,583.51
Credit Balance on 31/12/90	<u>21,207.10</u>

From comparison of the above figures, it will be seen that INCOME was up 3.6% and EXPENDITURE up 5.1% in 1991.

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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
Wages & Salaries, P.R.S.I.	23,509.28
Heating & Lighting	6,201.54
Insurance	2,075.15
Repairs	3,146.00
Church Requisites (wine, bread, candles, flowers, etc)	6,232.88
Heating system for Church	15,440.00
8% of all collections to Diocesan Office	5,151.00
Schools (£7 per parish child attending Primary School)	4,277.00
Parish Social	1,405.00
Novena Expenses	1,280.00
Stationery, printing Bulletin, supply of Missalettes	5,046.84
Retirement Fund (parish contribution to fund for retired Priests)	2,100.00
Levy for Episcopal Commission	580.63
Parish Directory	500.00
Poor Clares (towards repair costs)	1,000.00
The Fold & Diocesan Directory	540.00
Telephone in C.P. Centre	186.15
Meetings, Lectures, Seminars and Paging System	653.78
Booklets	145.06
Bank charges	329.04
Renovation of Curate's house	1,035.38
Miscellaneous	706.77
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE :</b>	<b>81,541.50</b>

Addendum

Paid since January 1st, 1992:

Contractors for Heating System	£17,878.89
Bord Gáis	£ 1,485.16
Diocesan Office	£ 6,353.00

as well as usual current expenditure.

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We were all shocked and saddened by the tragic death of Aisling Heffernan. She was a second year student of Mount Mercy College and her death has caused a great sense of loss amongst her school friends and staff. We remember especially her parents, brothers, sisters and her grandmothers and we think of them in our prayers.



ESTER HAYES, late of Wilton Gardens, died recently. She had been living in Carrigaline Parish for some time, but wished to return for her Requiem to Ballin-easpaig where she spent most of her married life. Our sincere sympathy to her daughters and sons.

CATHERINE LISTON, Wilton Road, passed away peacefully at St. Albert's Nursing Home, Sunday's Well, two weeks ago. She had been in failing health for the past few years, and accepted her infirmity with wonderful courage and patience.

We extend our sympathy to her daughters Brenda and Anne, and her sons Harry and Tom.



## Announcements

### Liturgy Group

Meeting this Monday, 24th, in the C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

### Lenten Scripture Course

This Lent, Fr. John will lead a course on Gospel Study with particular reference to St. Luke. It will be held in the C.P. Centre each Tuesday evening from 8.00 - 9.15 p.m. The dates are 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March and 7th, 14th April.

If interested sign on in the C.P. Centre.

### Pastoral Council Members

Notes on last Council meeting are now available in the C.P. Centre.

### Wilton Road Area

#### Neighbourhood Watch

Are you interested in reducing crime and vandalism in your neighbourhood? There will be a public meeting in the Crypt on this Monday evening, 24th February, at 8.00. Garda in attendance.

### A.O.S.T.A

An Association of Services to the Aged, will hold a Seminar entitled "Coping and Caring with Ageing" will be held at the Dominican Pastoral Centre, Pope's Quay, on Saturday, 29th February from 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Persons caring for older relatives, visitation groups, meals-on-wheels and home helps should find this of great interest. All are welcome to attend. Admission free.

### Bishopstown G.A.A.

Intermediate Hurlers qualified for the semi-final of the Liam Breathnach Cup v. winners of Barrs or Rockies, when they had a fine win over Douglas last Sunday. The score 3-9 to 0-9.

Hurling coaching for the 6/7 to 12 year olds of the area will re-commence on Saturday, 7th March. It will begin at 10.30 and continue to 12 noon each Saturday. Newcomers are especially welcome.



### Cork Symphony Orchestra

There will be a concert in the City Hall next Thursday, 27th February. Special reduction of £1.50 per ticket is available for Senior Citizens. Contact Finbarr Moloney at 342938.

### Volunteer Stroke Scheme

Public meeting at Southern Health Board Buildings, Grattan Street, on Thursday, 27th February at 8.15 p.m. Talk - "Stroke - The role of the Nurse in the hospital and community".

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY  
NUMBER: 274888**