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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

Lent = Springtime.

Wednesday next is Ash Wednesday - the first day of Lent. As you know, the word 'Lent' is an old English word for springtime - a time of growth and renewal all around us in the world of nature - the grass is growing, the birds are building, the trees that appeared dead spring to life again. A new start is evident everywhere. Why not between me and my God?

Well, what can I do? Attending Mass and receiving the ashes is a good start - note an extra Mass at 7.30 a.m. each morning during Lent (except Saturday and Sunday).

Why not follow through with a little more! Ash Wednesday is

one of only two days of Fast and Abstinence in the whole year. Remember Fr. John's story last year? He visited his sister-in-law, who runs a restaurant, last Ash Wednesday. She ordered a large and varied supply of fish for the menu on that day. Alas, the patrons ordered meat!

Remember the poor - Trocaire comes to mind just now. St. James points out the hypocrisy of advising people "to take plenty of good food and keep warm" when they have neither food nor clothing.

Above all, we should keep our lines to heaven open - a little more time for prayer - whether it be Mass, reflective prayer, Siol, praying with Scripture, Sunday evening Devotions or the Rosary. Any, or all, are great, and ensure the joy of Easter will be very real for us.

God bless you all.

Aennis O'Connor P.P.



Prayer for the good of the soul

Fasting for the good of the body

Almsgiving for the good of our neighbor



prayer · fasting · almsgiving

The Fold

Now multicoloured, 20 page and even better value than ever for 50p. Some of the features in the March edition:

- * The New Europe
- * Immigration and emigration
- * Comment on the Aids crisis
- * Why the Pledge is no longer part of the Confirmation ceremony
- * Questions, Bible Page, etc.etc.

Congratulations To All

SPORTS AWARD FOR AOIFE

Our congratulations to Aoife Waters of Leesdale, who won the Cork Examiner Hockey Award.

Aoife is Head Girl at Mount Mercy College. Great achievement Aoife!

HOCKEY

Successful Hat-Trick

Mount Mercy College won for the third time in a row the Munster Senior Schoolgirls Cup in Thurles during the week. Congratulations to all, and especially to our two parishioners, Grainne Sugrue and Aoife Waters, both of whom starred in the game.



We extend sincere sympathy to FRANCES LINEHAN on the death of her husband Donal. Frances is a member of our Church Choir. Our sympathy also to his aunts MAUREEN and NAN HARTNETT, Wilton Gardens.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Peace

The annual concelebrated Mass for peace and reconciliation in Ireland will be offered at St. Francis' Church on Sunday, 8th March at 3.30 p.m. The special preacher will be Fr. Raymond Murray, Armagh.

Table Quiz

Gaelscoil Ui Riada will hold a Table Quiz at the G.A.A. Hall, Bishopstown, on Tuesday, 10th March at 8 p.m. £10 per table.

MODEL FARM ROAD BRANCH FINE GAEL A.G.M. will be held on Monday 2nd March 1992 at Glengarriffe Hotel at 8.30 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME.

Found

Bunch of keys and rosary beads in leather case in Wilton Gardens. Also found a pair of glasses in Kenley. Please apply to the Sacristy or C.P. Centre, telephone 344452.



COMMENT

ALTERNATIVE SLANTS by "RUTH"

ON READING a recent UNICEF newsletter, I was reminded that children all over the world have serious problems - too many to list.

I was heartened to read about some of the projects being undertaken in various countries, and I noticed that a common factor for success was good communication.

A summer camp scheme in the Lebanon brings children from Christian and Muslim families together. The camps try to build a sense of solidarity and understanding across the factional lines of their war-torn country.

Another interesting project involves animators from Disney Studios sharing their professional skills with artists from the Caribbean and Africa, helping them to prepare educational cartoons on such topics as parenting skills and child survival.

But alas, how unfortunate for those whose story has lost its media appeal! I was ashamed to realise that I had forgotten all about little Albania! There, children are lucky to survive infancy, with serious malnutrition and lack of even basic medicines and hospital equipment. Hepatitis B is endemic and the country cannot afford to immunise even newborns.

Spare a thought today for the millions of children who never get the chance to grow up, and for the millions more who are denied a childhood.

THE BUZZPHRASE GENERATOR

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
0. integrated	0. management	0. options
1. total	1. organizational	1. flexibility
2. systematized	2. monitored	2. capability
3. parallel	3. reciprocal	3. mobility
4. functional	4. digital	4. programming
5. responsive	5. logistical	5. concept
6. optimal	6. transitional	6. time-phase
7. synchronized	7. incremental	7. projection
8. compatible	8. third-generation	8. hardware
9. balanced	9. policy	9. contingency

All you do is choose any 3 digit number at random and take the corresponding word from each column. Suppose you choose the number 455; that yields "functional logistical concept". Or take the number 589 - "responsible third-generation contingency". Or 007 - "integrated management projection".

A little analysis will show you that these phrases really have no meaning, but the author of this brilliant compilation says that even the most competent computer experts will hesitate before challenging one of them.

The Buzzphrase Generator really works. We used it to coin dozens of high-sounding phrases. They all had an authentic ring, and, for all we know, some of them might even have made a little sense.

I read my Bible to know what people ought to do, and my newspaper to know what they are doing.

John Henry Newman



Retired Peoples Network

Social & Cabaret in the Grand Parade Hotel, this Sunday, 1st March, from 3 to 5.30 p.m.

Open to all retired people and senior citizens.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

A meeting for everyone involved in Street League will be held in the club next Wednesday, 4th March at 8 p.m. If you are at present involved with an area or would like to become active with a team, there will be a special welcome for you.

Our two Minor Football teams had five wins last Sunday over Douglas and Passage. They have been progressing well of late and this augers well for the coming year. The Senior Footballers travel to Castlehaven today to begin their Kelleher Shield campaign.

Bishopstown Community Association

The Annual General Meeting will take place next Tuesday, 3rd, at Bishopstown G.A.A. at 8 p.m. All welcome!

CNAC

Annual collection will take place on Sunday next, 8th March.

CNAC is a church sponsored marriage and family counselling organisation which offers help to individuals and couples.

Its mission is twofold:

- 1) To help couples initiate and enrich their marriage.
- 2) To be of support and assistance to couples whose marriages are in difficulty.

Trained counsellors are available.

As a voluntary organisation, we need your support.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of the month and calls to the sick and housebound will be made on the usual days. Confessions on Thursday night at 8.

SEASON OF LENT

Lent will commence next Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence.

Ashes will be distributed during each of the four Masses -

7.30 a.m., 9, 10 and 7.30 p.m.

We thank the lay people helping with the distribution.

During Lent there will be:

- * 7.30 a.m. Mass each morning Monday to Friday (over at 7.50 a.m.).
- * Devotions each Sunday of Lent at 5.30 p.m. - Rosary and Benediction.
- * Thursday nights 8.00 to 8.30 Exposition and Prayer.

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 to 9.15 p.m. The dates are 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March and 7th and 14th April.

If interested, please sign on in the C.P. Centre, tel.344452.

Lenten Reading

On the bookracks in the church there are many booklets suitable for Lent - Meditation, Stations of the Cross, etc.

There is also a booklet on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Why not come and see for yourself?

Ministers of the Word

Meeting next Monday, 2nd, in the C.P. Centre at 8.10.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

The monthly meeting will be held next Thursday, 5th, at 8 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

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