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Fourth Sunday of Lent.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
15 WINGS CROSS CORR.



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

I believe we each have spiritual energy within us. Whenever we think about another person and pray for him or her with love, our energy is concentrated on that person. The energy of our prayer is made available to that person to make good whatever is lacking in his or her life at that time.

Recently, I visited an elderly gentleman in hospital. I was about to leave when he held on to my hand and said, "Pray for me, Father". For some reason I was very taken by his request. It stayed in my head for days.

When was the last time I asked anyone to pray for me? Indeed, when was the last time I asked a brother or sister, or fellow priest to pray for me? I wonder would they think I was getting soft, going dotty? Strangely, we often do not ask the prayers of people who are close to us. We find it easier to ask a stranger.

The Bible calls us saints - not because we are perfect, but because God's Holy Spirit lives in us. There is a power in our prayer far greater than we realize, because when we pray it is the Holy Spirit who is really

active. "Saints of God come to our aid", we sometimes say. What would be wrong with asking the saints in our own home and family to pray for us now and again?

Fr. John Newman



IF YOU FEEL YOU'RE BEING A REAL LENTEN PERSON DON'T READ THIS.

Now, for the few who haven't done a thing about Lent, here's a suggestion. Read something spiritual, just a paragraph a day even. Call to the Parish Library at the C.P. Centre and you're sure to find something to uplift you. Have a look around anyhow. You're more than welcome.

Opening Hours:

Mon - Fri: 10.30 - 12.00.

Saturday: After 7.30 Mass.

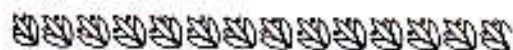
Sunday: After 10 and 11 Masses.

CHOIR

CONGRATULATIONS

Cór an Spioraid Naímh, our own senior choir, have done it again! They were the winners in the Church Choir category at the Church Music International finals in Limerick on Sunday.

We are delighted to congratulate them and their dedicated conductor, Patrick Killeen.



OBSERVE AND REPORT

This is the key to Neighbourhood Watch. How many times have people said, "Oh yes, I noticed something suspicious alright, but I wasn't sure."

Don't be shy about phoning the Gardai. They need to be told. You may be the one to prevent a crime in your area.

REJOICE!



We give thanks to God for the safe return to port last weekend of the Brittany Ferries m.v. Havelet. Aboard, among others, were staff and students of the Geography Department of U.C.C.

A number of the students live in our own and neighbouring parishes. We celebrate in prayer their safe return.



The funeral of Humphrey (Sonny) Lynch took place to his native Bandon on Sunday last. He had lived in Highfield Lawn since his retirement from farming over twenty years ago.

He was well known as a loyal attender and collector at the 12.15 Mass for many years. To the younger generation he was the kindly fatherly 'Lollipop man' at the Rendezvous crossing - their letters to him in his illness are his finest epitaph. May he rest in peace.

We pray for Maud McDonnell, late of 'Fernmount', Model Farm Road, who died recently. We offer our sympathy to her nieces.



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IRISH COMMISSION FOR THE LAITY

THE COMMISSION met for a full day on Saturday, March 21. Among the matters discussed were:

1. The forthcoming 1992 European Forum with the theme, "Life in a Multi-cultural Society".
2. The Synod of European Bishops in 1991.
3. The Bishops' Pastoral on Justice which is in the course of preparation.

REGARDING the European Forum, Bishop Thomas Flynn spoke passionately about the unemployment situation in the West, where it is predicted that 60% of jobs will be gone by 1995.

BISHOP Joseph Duffy recounted his experiences at the Synod of European Bishops held in Rome. The theme was, "We are Witnesses of Christ who has Freed Us" and it was concerned with the re-evangelisation of Europe. He spoke warmly of good liturgies, some ecumenical, or beautiful chanting, of good preachers, 130 in all! The Holy Father was present throughout.

One quote which he considered extremely important was that "Ecumenical Activity is necessary if the Gospel is to be heard". He spoke of general fatigue of the church in Western Europe and the problem of migration in the 'New Europe'.

He encouraged Catholics to 'be heard' in today's Europe without being overpowering.

WE SPENT much of the afternoon discussing possible contributions to the Bishops' Pastoral on Justice, this at the invitation

of the bishops.

TWO SUGGESTIONS from the day could be adopted easily in our parish:

1. In order to 'create' work in the parish we could support projects like the St. Vincent de Paul self-help projects. Instead of DOING IT YOURSELF have your windows cleaned for you, your grass cut or your garden maintained. This creates employment.
2. Stop EACH DAY for a moment or two at 11.00 a.m. and pray for world peace. An international prayer to God, this idea came from Poland.

Pat Lemasney.

DRESS SENSE

Full marks to the Confirmation children and their parents for selecting fashions that not only were pleasing to the eye but practical. Hopefully the days of the "only to be worn once" outfits are gone!

MOTHER'S DAY

MY MOTHER

A schoolteacher was giving a lesson in fractions. "Johnny, suppose there were seven in your family — five children besides your mother and father. And suppose there was pie for dessert. What fraction of the pie would each get?"

Johnny answered, "One-sixth."

"No," replied the teacher. "Don't you understand fractions?"

"I know about fractions, and I know about mothers, too. Mother would say she didn't want any!"





First Friday

Next Friday, 3rd, is the First Friday of the month, and calls to the sick and housebound will be on the usual days. Confessions on Thursday night at 8.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday, 2nd, in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

Pioneer Mass and Social

On Friday, April 3rd, at 8 p.m. in the S.M.A. Hall, Wilton. Admission £3. All welcome.

[OLD FASHIONED SOCIAL-RECREATION ASSOCIATION]



Retired People's Network

Social and Cabaret in the Grand Parade Hotel today, 29th, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Open to all retired people and senior citizens. Tel. 966939.



Wilton Road Area - Neighbourhood Watch

Sgt. Batt Kirby, Cork Crime Prevention Officer, will give a talk (slide assisted) on Thursday, April 2nd, at 8 p.m. in the Crypt. A full attendance is requested.

Flag Day

St. Vincent's Centre will hold a flag day on Thursday, 2nd April. More than 50 homeless and handicapped women are cared for in this centre, and since the laundry in Peacock Lane closed down, funds are badly needed. Please support the flag day.



**TIME
CHANGE**



Bishopstown Community Association

At the A.G.M. the following officers were elected:

Chairperson: Gene McCarthy

Vice-chairperson: Ken Whyte

Secretary: Anne O'Leary

Recording Secretary: Kay McCarthy

Treasurers: John Neville and
Sheila Murray

P.R.O: Jerry Buttimer

The Bishopstown area requires a good Community Association working solidly and actively for all the people - that is the aim of the current Executive. The first meeting of the new Council will take place in Wilton Park House on Tuesday, April 7th, at 8 p.m. Each area is requested to have two representatives present.

P.R.O. Jerry Buttimer is available to meet with any interested groups to discuss any problems, etc. in the locality. His address is 25 Benvoirlich Estate.

The Community Association wish all mothers a Happy and Peaceful Mothers' Day.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
NUMBER: 274888**