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Low Sunday.



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

Just a thought!

No doubt you have watched a tight-rope walker perform at the circus and in the films. You will have noticed that the one piece of equipment always needed for this act is a "balance bar" - otherwise the trapeze artist will certainly fall, and get hurt.

As we go through life we frequently find ourselves in need of a "balance bar". We may experience that need right now. Many different voices give loud and contradictory versions of

what is right and what is good. We want the truth - nothing more, nothing less.

Jesus said, "I am the Truth". With Him we need not fear, nor hurt. Furthermore, the power of the Risen Christ within us gives us confidence, even as we might fear we are about to lose our balance and fall. This confidence enables us to respect the views of others too - often sincerely held, and perhaps aggressively expressed. A loud response from us will make more noise, and do little good.

God bless you all - and may the Risen Jesus bring joy to your lives at this blessed time.

Denis O'Connor P.P.

Pastoral Council Profile

DICK HASLAM



DICK HASLAM, a father and University Lecturer, represents Rossbrook, and has lived in the parish for three years.

Rossbrook is a totally new area, approx. 90 houses all built within the last three years. Dick feels that a community spirit needs to be developed - there are no amenities yet. He hopes for sports facilities at the nearby Regional College; there are existing facilities at Tennis Village.

Dick's hopes for the Pastoral Council are to advance community spirit, and help to advance spiritual and temporal welfare of all parishioners. Asked why he allowed his name to go forward - "A response to invitation".



A CELEBRITY OF OUR OWN

We were delighted to note that Rita Shaw (nee Rita Lynch) was guest of honour at the recent performance of the MESSIAH in the National Concert Hall, Dublin.

Fifty years ago Rita was the soprano soloist in the renowned bicentennial performance of the MESSIAH by the Dublin Grand Opera Society.

We are proud of our celebrated parishioner. It was a well deserved tribute indeed.

ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL, BROUGHT TO LIFE

"Things will never be the same again." So said Des Dunnion when thanking Fr. John at the end of his Lenten scripture series.

The fact is, we may have thought we knew it all, but Fr. John has the ability to take one sentence, word by word, and give it new meaning.

It wasn't all Luke of course. With questions and opinions coming from all sides, he regularly got side-tracked and went back into the Old Testament. It was all very revealing!

Thank you, Fr. John, for sharing with us some of your amazing insights - even if you turned some of our pre-conceived ideas on their heads!

IN SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to TIM SPILLANE, Farranlea Grove, on the death of his mother.



LETTERS

33 Parkway Drive,
Model Farm Road

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate all concerned with the 10.30 children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. It was a beautiful ceremony, so simple yet so meaningful. I'm sure a lot of hard work was put into the preparations. Well done, boys and girls.

Yours faithfully,
Kathleen O'Sullivan
College Road

Dear Editor,

I was one of the lucky people to attend the Children's Stations on Good Friday. My congratulations to all concerned. To the children, for a lovely and very touching ceremony - beautifully portraying the Passion of Christ.

A lot of credit must go to the teachers for the thoughtful and meaningful construction of the enactment of the Passion.

The prolonged applause was a true indication of how the congregation felt.

Yours faithfully,
Phil Moriarty

Rest In Peace

We pray for the late MAUREEN MURPHY, St. Clares Avenue, who died recently. She had been unwell for the past number of years. Being a shopkeeper on the Magazine Road, she was well known to all in that area. We offer our sympathy to her brother and sisters, especially her brother James, a former member of the Pastoral Council.



Chaplaincy Team

Cork R.T.C

Continuing the account which began in the Easter Bulletin.

WHAT'S NEW. This has just been started this year and, as you can see, a marketing follow-up to the What's On. The What's New is an introductory handout at the start of the year. It was geared mainly towards first year students but it wasn't long before all the students wanted a copy of it. It contains all kinds of useful information, such as a map of Bishopstown, Cork City, opening and closing times of the many facilities in the college, useful phone numbers and an introduction to the Chaplaincy Team itself with a few words from each team member. During the first few weeks of the Academic Year we went around to each class to distribute the What's New and discussed briefly to them what we were all about.

STUDENT LINE. The confidential Student Line started this year and again it is something that arose from the students themselves. It extends our availability that little bit further for those who would like to contact us anonymously. The line is used occasionally rather than frequently and each call has been crucial. We are currently involved in a training programme with the Samaritans who have been more than helpful. The line has not been abused at any time, such as a hoax call,

which shows how much the Student Line is respected. As this is the first year, it is hoped to develop it more as time goes by, such as getting some students themselves to also look after the line with full training provided.

Other projects undertaken by the Chaplaincy during the year was a DRUGS AWARENESS WEEK. It was a week where the whole issue of drugs was highlighted. The whole idea was to increase the level of awareness and not take any side. If a student then came across drugs, he or she would be in a better position to make up their own minds. Because of this approach, the week was a major success. Other projects would include the ONE DAY TROCAIRE FAST and DAFFODIL DAY.

To be continued...

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Whether we were Confirmed 50 years ago or 5 years ago, Confirmation is probably the Sacrament we most easily forget about. How many of us could list the gifts of the Holy Spirit, or say how they are at work in our lives?! Over the next seven weeks, leading up to Pentecost, we plan to look at each of the gifts and hopefully to show how relevant Confirmation is for our lives as Catholics.

Wisdom

This is the gift of seeing things as God sees them. We are often preoccupied by one aspect of our lives; a crisis such as a job loss, or a bereavement, asking why does God do this to me? The Holy Spirit helps us to see that this is part of God's overall plan for our lives. This applies in a global context too.



One Week Intensive Irish Course
Graded Irish classes and cultural activities for Boys and Girls, 10 to 16 years. Mount Mercy College, July 6th - 10th. Application forms, etc. from School Secretary, tel. 542685, 10.00 to 4.00 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul
Monthly collection will take place next Sunday, 3rd May.

First Friday

Next Friday, 1st May, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days. Confessions on Thursday night at 8.

Friends of the Regional Hospital

All types of magazines are needed to keep the Outpatients waiting areas supplied - 27 areas in all. Time, Newsweek, Sunday Supplements, Readers Digests, Ireland's Own and childrens comics would be very welcome, as long as they are in a clean condition and no more than a year old. Please leave in the Friends red plastic box at the Main Reception Desk.

The Friends would like to thank the many kind people who have helped in the past.

Found

A ring was found in the church over the Easter period. Please contact the Sacristan.

Liturgy Group

A meeting will be held on Monday, 27th, at 8 p.m. in the C.P. Centre. Fr. Bob Harrison will talk.

National Council for the Blind

Bridge Night in aid of the National Council for the Blind at Jury's Hotel on Sunday, 3rd May, at 7.15 p.m. sharp. Admission £3 per person.



This is a must!

IT'S THE PARISH SOCIAL! Jury's Hotel - 7th May. Make a note of it. Still fantastic value at only £5.50. Beautiful sit-down meal, prizes, dancing, the lot. Great night assured.



"This Parish certainly knows how to organize things." - a comment from a non-parishioner overheard when leaving the church after the Easter Vigil.

I'm sure this sums up the sentiments of all who attended the Holy Week ceremonies. A sincere thank you to our priests and Sister Ursula, and all who were involved in these Liturgies which were so up-lifting, and gave real meaning to Easter.

Thank you to the pupils of St. Catherine's School who stapled and folded the Easter Bulletin so efficiently, and to Sr. Ailbe and their teachers who facilitated them. It's a great help to us.

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