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GENEHEYS CROSS, DORK



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. John writes*

## WEIRD NONSENSE!

PARISHIONERS HAVE asked me about the new book on Jesus. They refer to Barbara Thiering's Jesus the Man, which has been widely reviewed in the newspapers.

People are disturbed to read, according to this 'scholar', that Jesus did not die on the Cross but was drugged into a coma and subsequently rescued by his friend; that he was not born in Bethlehem, but in Qumran; that he married Mary Magdalene with whom he had three children, subsequently divorced her and married Lydia, a bishop, with whom he had a fourth child. What are we to make of all this?

I find it is weird nonsense. What is being foisted on the public as trail-blazing scholarship in biblical studies is utterly absurd. Thiering brushes aside the whole of modern scholarship on the gospels. Instead she applies to the interpretation of the New Testament a 'pesher' method, according to which the real

events lie concealed beneath the surface story. The method allows her to find anything she wants in the text and arbitrarily make persons and places identical with other persons and places. Why declare that Stephen's martyrdom was 'really' only an excommunication, whereas Jesus was indeed crucified?

Thiering's own career is instructive. The blurb on the book says that 'after an early deep involvement with the Church and then frustration with certain of its doctrines' she studied and lectured in the history of religion. The blurb does not tell us that her dissertation was rejected by the Melbourne College of Divinity, that she failed to get an academic post at Sydney University, that she has failed to persuade her colleagues that her thesis about the origins of Christianity has any plausibility. She has been at this project for years and the international community of professional scholars (Catholic, Anglican, Jewish, Protestant) has not followed her at all.

Unsuspecting readers of this genre should recognise it for what it is and are well advised to spend their 'bucks' on more substantial material.





## WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following parishioners who were married during the past few months:

LOUISE BROWNE, 1 Bishopscourt Avenue, who married Thomas David O'Boyle, Salthill.

CHRISTINE FOLEY, 49 Leedale, who married John Twohig, Douglas.

MAEVE GILLIGAN, 6 Bishopscourt Hill, who married Lawrence Timothy O'Sullivan, Limerick.

SIOBHAN KEOHANE, 38 Wilton Gardens, who married Andrew John Keating, Kanturk.

STEPHANIE KENNY, Ardaoibhin, St. Clare's Avenue, who married John Christopher, Bishopstown Road.

DENIS KEOHANE, Kenley Road, who married Finola Doyle, Charleville.

MARY NOONAN, 27 Highfield Lawn, who married John Tattan, Ballycotton.

CAROL NEENAN, Robinscourt, Orchard Road, who married Thomas Kent, Kyle Street.

BER O'SULLIVAN, 10 Fernhurst, College Road, who married Jim Murphy, Upton.

ANNETTE TRINDLE, 47 Leedale, who married Daniel Michael O'Leary, Ballincollig.

EVELYN O'SULLIVAN, Maryville, St. Clare's Avenue, who married Henry Finbarr Cripps, Loreto Park, Cross Douglas Road.

DONAL O'KEEFPE, Treelands, Laurel Bank, who married Ann Conway, Watercourse Road.

Success in marriage is more than finding the right person: it is a matter of being the right person.  
*Rabbi B.R. Brickner*

### SPECIAL DAY AT POOR CLARES, COLLEGE ROAD FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY WEDNESDAY, 7th OCTOBER

On this day, Sr. Colette-Marie was presented for her First Profession, and took vows for three years.

Her parents and family from Templemore joined the usual daily congregation at the 10 a.m. Mass for the ceremony.

Fr. Humilis Lee, O.F.M. was chief concelebrant of the Mass, with Fr. Moriarty of Killaloe Diocese, assisted by Bro. Niall Friel, O.F.M.

Later that afternoon, the Parish Priest conveyed the good wishes and blessings of priests, sisters and people of this parish to the newly professed, and her sisters at the Poor Clares.

Sr. Colette-Marie has assured us all of a special place in her heart and in her prayers.

## Rest In Peace

We pray for the late Donal O'Donovan, Bishopscourt Road, who died last week. Donal would have been well known by all the students of chemistry in U.C.C. The large attendance at his funeral was testimony to the high esteem in which he was held by his former students, college staff and friends. We offer our sympathy to his wife Helen, and family.

We pray for the late John O'Reilly, Model Farm Road. John, who was a former employee of Fords, died last week. He had not been in the best of health for the past number of years. We offer our sympathy to his wife and family.





# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THIS WEEK'S 'Comment' would not be complete without saluting President Mary Robinson and her courageous visit to Somalia. Let us all hope and pray that her humanitarian gesture and her peace initiative will be crowned with success.

## LUKE REPLIES ...

WITH REGARD to my recent 'Media Comment' on a shared Eucharist, I am heartened by the letter of Madelaine MacNamara and a little saddened by that of Gearóid Ó Dubhtaigh.

In the early church, Christians gathered to pray, to reflect on their story and to break bread and share the cup. Inevitably, over the centuries, with human frailty, arrogance and our tendency to complicate

things, we Christians took a simple command 'Remember Me when you do this' and we put our various interpretations on it.

I wonder if Mr. Ó Dubhtaigh is seriously suggesting that other Christians are any the less sincere in their belief that, in celebrating their Eucharist, they are carrying out Christ's invitation to remember Him in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup?

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MANY OF us were brought up with a belief in the triumphalism of the Catholic Church. It seems to me that ALL Christian believers who approach the Table of the Lord in humility, in the belief that they are carrying out Christ's wishes, are worthy of that Spiritual Food. It is the closest they will come, on this earth, to their Lord 'whose home is in inaccessible light'.

My point was, and is, that we should not allow rules and regulations to prevent us from fully celebrating the Eucharist.

# IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to BRENDAN BUCKLEY, Bishopstown Park, on the death of his father.

To DEIRDRE BOURKE, Bishopscourt Road, on the death of her brother.

To ELMA FOLEY, Wilton Avenue, on the death of her brother.

*There is a native, elemental homing instinct in our souls which turns us to God as naturally as the flower turns to the sun.*

Rufus M. Jones.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Wilton United F.C.

Last week our senior team beat Mayfield United 2-1 at Farranlea Road. The junior team lost unfortunately to Grattan United in the F.A.I. Junior Cup.

Our schoolboy teams continue to perform well. The U-14 team beat Youghal 5-2 and so maintain their challenge in the League.

Last week's Lotto numbers - 2,3,12. No winner. Jackpot £450.

This morning at 10.45 sees our U-17 team play Ringmahon Rangers at Farranlea Road in the F.A.I. U-17 Cup. More next week.





### Mission Sunday

There will be a special church door collection next Sunday in aid of the Missions.

### Bulletins to the Homes

Next weekend each home in the parish will receive a copy of the Bulletin.

### Aifreann le Gaeilge

Beidh Aifreann dhátheangach a cheiliúradh an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaífe agus bífe páirteach linn.

### Faith Sharing

During the coming weeks a group of lay visitors will call in pairs on homes in the parish.

Their purpose will be to share their experiences of living the Faith with those they visit.

### Annual Mass

For Industrial Peace and Employment will be offered at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay, on Sunday October 18th at 4 p.m. The special Preacher will be an tAth. Tomás Ó Murchú, Farranferris. All are welcome.

### Pastoral Council

Meeting takes place on Monday, 12th October at 8.10 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

### Somalia Fund Ceilidhe

Togher Muintir na Tire, Togher Parish and Cork Local Radio have arranged a Ceilidhe and Olde Time Evening in aid of Somalia at St. Finbarr's H. & F. Pavilion on Sunday, 11th October from 8 p.m. to midnight. An excellent opportunity for local Donegal and Dublin G.A.A. supporters to meet socially. Music by Domhnall Ó Mairtín agus a cháirde. Donations: £3.

### Another Cry for Help?

Yes! One of our own parishioners, Vincent Jones, appeals for money and food for the people of Medjugorje. He has just returned from there - one of a team who were successful in getting food and clothing through.

Vincent will be heading off on 23rd October. They have every hope of getting supplies direct to where they are needed again.

Any donations contributed at the local shopping centres will be used by Vincent and his team to try to alleviate the terrible misery and hardship he has already seen at first hand. Non perishable food and money are urgently needed.

Please help. And good luck and safe journey to Vincent and his fellow-travellers.

### Children's Art Exhibition

On Saturday, 17th, from 9 to 4p.m. there will be an exhibition of children's artwork from A.M.I. montessori schools in Cork. This will take place in Images Photography, 27 Marlboro Street.

Everyone is welcome. Please come to view the work and make a donation. All proceeds will go to the Somalia Fund.

### Set Dancing

Every Wednesday night at the Bishopstown G.A.A. 9.00-10.30.

### Glór na nGael

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13th, at 8.30 p.m. in the G.A.A. Bishopstown. Fáilte romhat.

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