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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO KNOW

HOW TO LISTEN

Cois-ceim na trocaire, the footsteps of many. Do you remember hearing it during our Parish Novena? The old custom of walking three steps with a funeral if you meet one on the road.

There are other footsteps of mercy. To "walk with" those who are mourning in the weeks and months after the funeral, when their sense of loss is very real and very painful, is a great act of mercy.

The shock of the death of a person we know and love is always very great. No matter how ill he or she has been, we are never really ready for the finality of death. Neither are we ready for the swirl of emotions which can swallow us up at such a time. We can feel sorrow, guilt, anger, pain one after another or all together and it is very hard to make sense of it all. "Am I going out of my mind?" I have often been asked at such a time. The answer is, "no, you are not; you are reacting in a very normal way to your grief."

God bless those who listen to us and put up with our many mood swings as we try to come to grips with our loss. Thank God for the friend or neighbour with the "listening ear" who is prepared to suffer with us in our time of sorrow. That is the real meaning of the word compassion - to suffer with another. To allow another person share the darkest as well as the brightest miles, to walk with him or her in your mind and heart as this sharing takes place; that is compassion in its fullest sense.

In doing this, we have to be careful never to violate the sanctity or the privacy of another; never to probe or press into what they do not wish to tell us. Above all, the 'listener' has to be someone who can keep confidences and not sit in judgement on our negative feelings.

I would go so far as to suggest another 'small Beatitude':

Blessed are they who know how to listen and keep confidence for they will surely ease the burden of many an aching heart.

The first duty of love is to listen.

Paul Tillich



Rest in Peace

PATRICK O'LEARY, Farranlea Park, died during the week after some years in hospital. Our sincere sympathy to his wife Eileen, son Michael and family.

DONAL O'LEARY, Farranlea Park, died in Rosenalee Nursing Home after a period of illness. Donal is remembered as an outstanding teacher and thorough gentleman. He was the founding Principal of the Boys' Primary School in Farranree and is fondly remembered by that community. Sympathy to his niece Una, friends and family.

PADRAIG ART O'CONNELL, died unexpectedly at his home, Fernhurst Terrace, College Road, on Saturday, 17th October.

A quiet retiring man, well respected by his neighbours, he died as he had lived, without troubling anybody. We extend sympathy to his sisters, brother and relatives.

PATRICK J. AHERN, B.D.S., died after a brief illness at the Bon Secours Hospital on Monday, 19th October.

Pat was highly regarded and widely known in his professional capacity. He was everybody's friend, and loved for his humanity and cheerfulness - the quintessential Corkman.

The sympathy of the community goes out to his daughters Eileen, Rosari, Colette and Mary Pat, his grandchildren, and all who mourn his passing.

"Ni bheig a leitheid aris ann."



We offer our sincere sympathy to MARY SHAW, Wilton Gardens, on the death of her uncle.

To CATHERINE LYONS, Glasheen, on the death of her father.

To MRS. O'LEARY, Carrigville, Magazine Road, on the death of her brother.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



The Orchard
Farranlea Park

Dear Editor,

While staying over the weekend in Killarney I visited the famous Cathedral. A notice in the porch gave particulars of a Guided Tour of the Bible and General Topics over eight weeks.

As I read through the list of eminent speakers, including Fr. Liam Ryan, Maynooth, and Canon Denis O'Callaghan, Mallow, there to my great pleasure and surprise I saw our own Fr. John Newman scheduled to give two nights on St. Matthew's Gospel. The thought occurred to me, do we realise the great talent we have?

Yours sincerely,
Joe Crean



NEWS FROM POOR CLARES

We offer our best wishes and prayers to Eileen Lecane of The Crescent, Kenley Estate, on joining the Poor Clare Community.

Eileen is daughter of Philip and Eileen Lecane, and a graduate of U.C.C. She has promised a big remembrance in her prayers for all the people of her native Parish of Ballineaspig.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

The Club plays in the Intermediate Hurling County Final today (25th) in Pairc Uí Chaoimh at 3.30 p.m. Our opponents are Cloyne - a club with a long hurling tradition, but we are hopeful of bringing the County Cup back to the town. Please support!

Our U-15 Hurlers will play in the City Final of their championship next Saturday, 31st, at 3.30 p.m. in Delaneys grounds, Dublin Hill. Their opponents will be Brian Dillons. Best of luck to the stars of the future.

Congratulations to the Martin Hayes led Minor Football team who defeated St. Michaels to win the City Championship. They now play in the County Final in a few weeks.

Learning Irish

Would you like your child to understand another language prior to starting school? Why not take her/him along to our Naíonra (All Irish Preschool) four mornings a week. I have often been asked at such a time: "The answer is, 'no, you are reacting in a very noisy way to your grief.'"

I'M TRYING TO PRAY

PRAYER, we are told, is conversation with God. As with all good conversation it is well to know when to stop talking and listen. Listen to what God has to say to us. In this busy world of ours, it is difficult to find the place and the quietness where it is possible to 'hear' God. But it IS possible. It is unlikely that it will be a Pauline experience en route to our particular Damascus. It is much more likely to be the experience of His presence in a quiet place at home, in church or wherever.

CHRIST HIMSELF, as we know from Scripture, frequently found time for prayer. Yet, HE too had some difficulty when we reflect on His experience in the Garden of Gethsemane. So we shouldn't, I suppose, be too despondent when we don't always appear to succeed when we're trying to pray.

- Visit Cork's newest Church, in Dublin Hill.
 - Parish news from Glandore, Inchigeelagh, Ballinlough, Glounthaune, Farranree.
 - The Green Paper in Education.
 - Remembering Christopher Columbus!
 - A full report on the recent Seminar on the Northside of Cork City
 - Marion and Cathy talk about the experience of having an abortion.
 - "Cura cares". Find out about their work
- ALL THIS, AND MORE IN THE NOVEMBER 'FOLD' on sale at all Masses next weekend**



ADULT EDUCATION

Have you ever had doubts or felt a conflict between your conscience and the laws of church or state? Can freedom and responsibility be reconciled? ...

Our Education Subcommittee has arranged three talks, with three distinguished speakers on the theme of Personal Freedom and Responsibility.

DATES: Tuesday 10/17/24 November.

VENUE: Church Crypt.

TIME: 8.00 - 9.30 p.m.

You are invited to attend each or all of the talks, at a nominal charge of £2 per session. There will be a cup of tea and opportunity for questions and discussion... so do keep these dates FREE and watch this space for further details!!

St. Vincent de Paul

The usual monthly collection will take place next weekend at all Masses.

Liturgy Group

Next meeting of the Liturgy Group will be held on Tuesday, 27th October, at 8.10 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

Concern

Ceile Mór will be held on Wednesday, 28th October, in aid of Concern. The venue is the G.A.A. Hall, Bishopstown (being given free) and the time 9.00 p.m.

Ante-Natal Classes

In S.M.A. Hall, Wilton. For information contact Eleanor O'Connell at 542336 after 6 p.m.

Cork Spastic Clinic

Wish to acknowledge recent generous donation of £76.35 from the residents of Woodlawn, Model Farm Road.

NOVEMBER NOVENA OF MASSES
FOR THE DEAD

Please return your November Novena Envelope (containing your Offering and list of dead you wish to have remembered) to the box at the Sancturay Rail before 1st November. The Novena of Masses begins on Monday, 2nd.

Lost Wedding Ring

Inscription - Denis and Mary 18/9/80. Please contact Denis Brown at 284676.



A trip to hospital can be a very frightening experience for a child. The Friends of the Cork Regional Hospital try to reduce their distress by supplying toys for them to play with whilst waiting for treatment. Toys suitable for children between the ages of 2 and 8 are urgently needed - all toys except soft toys, jigsaws and lego.

Please leave toys at main reception desk in the hospital or ring Mrs. Deeney 543684, Mrs. Grogan 542025 or Mrs. O'Loughlin 545751 to arrange collection.

Many thanks for your great response to our previous appeals.



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