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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

WHAT PRICE FREEDOM? WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Above the gates of Auschwitz concentration camp the Nazis placed a banner which proclaimed WORK WILL SET YOU FREE.

What does it mean to be free? What does responsibility mean in my everyday life? There are so many freedoms - freedom of speech - of choice - freedom to travel - freedom of association - of the individual - freedom from oppression - from starvation - freedom to "do my own thing" - to go against the crowd - to do "what everyone else is doing"...

Each of us wants and needs freedom, but often one person's choice seems to interfere with another person's freedom, or to go against the "public good".

We can accumulate wealth and possessions while others are deprived... or shove to the front in the bus queue... or cheat on our taxes...

The more we look at the many aspects of freedom, the more we can see how one freedom can contradict or interfere with another. Many (most?) of us today experience doubt and even confusion when faced with choices put before us in our materialistic consumer society.

Is it possible for each of us to find a focus where our individual freedom and our personal responsibility can be

reconciled, without conflict? If there is an answer to this question, where can we find it? Does our Christian belief offer any real help here?

In the first of our series of talks, organised by the Parish Education Subcommittee, the distinguished lecturer and writer, Canon Denis O'Callaghan, will explore with us the meaning of freedom and responsibility, and the two subsequent talks will explore church law, and personal responsibility as "call" and "answer".

These should be lively and stimulating sessions, so do please make a note of the dates - November 10th, 16th, 24th, Church Crypt at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome!

SPECIAL EFFORT FOR SOMALIA

At a special function at Dennehy's Cross Bar the magnificent total of £1,000.00 was contributed for the starving poor of Somalia.

The money has been sent to "Concern" for this purpose. All credit to all concerned - and appreciation for this very generous offer.



Rest in Peace

SISTER EUGENIE O'SULLIVAN was born at Milltown, Co. Kerry on 21st December 1909. She entered Drishane Convent at age of 18, and generously spent her life for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the poorest of the poor in far away Malaysia.

She came to St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road, about two years ago, and had been in failing health ever since. She went to her reward in heaven on 27th October 1992. We offer our sympathy to her family and Sisters of her Community.

LARRY DOWNEY, Highfield Lawn. When the Sacred Heart Church opened its doors to the public on the Western Road Larry Downey was among the first group of altar boys to serve there. Ever since he has been a loyal supporter of the Church and the Sacred Heart Community. But like the good man he was, he extended his care and concern to the wider community within this Parish.

Always gentle and sincerely devout, he died as he lived without fuss or disturbance. The large turn out of neighbours and golfing friends for his Requiem Mass bore testimony to the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

Our sympathy goes to his sisters Monica and Noreen who cared for him so lovingly in his illness, and to his nephew Pat and family.

We pray for the late SHEILA BRENNAN, 7 Woodlawn, Model Farm Road. Sheila worked in the Commerce Department at U.C.C. and her kindness and availability to the students were well known.

Sheila had been suffering from arthritis for the past number of years, yet she regularly maintained contact with her huge circle of friends. She was a well-known sportswoman, and she excelled in camogie, tennis and golf. She will be sadly missed by all her neighbours to whom she distributed the Bulletin each month.

To her brother, sisters and especially her cousin Aileen, we offer our sympathy.

A PARISHIONER WRITES....

HOLY SOULS NIGHT

I would like to express my appreciation and that of many others, of the work that went into creating such a suitable and prayerful atmosphere in our church on Holy Souls Night.

The church was in darkness, except for the whole altar area. This was lit with numerous nightlights. On the main altar was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and it was surrounded by brilliant candlelight and flowers, all of which cast a dim glow throughout the church. A tape of gentle unobtrusive music played in the background. It was all so conducive to prayer and meditation.

On leaving, I felt that at death, one moved from Darkness into Light. Thank you, Fr. Finbarr, for this lovely idea.

A Parishioner



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

DRIFTING LEADERSHIP?

'THE CHURCH in Ireland is going through a period of low energy, damaged morale and drifting leadership.' These are not my words, nor are they the headlines in any secularist newspaper. They are a direct quote from an article in THE FURROW by Raphael Gallagher, who is Provincial of the Redemptorists in Ireland.

As such, they must be treated as honest and sincere, responsible, open and constructive. While the article was prompted by the Church's contribution to the abortion debate, he paints a broader canvas.

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HE STRESSES that the core mission of the Church is to proclaim Gospel values, but integrated with the world in which we live and have our experiences.

He speaks of the alienation of so many people through their perception of 'Church' as male dominated, where lay people are not trusted, a Church that is male and clerical in its structure and mode of operation, over-authoritative and under-sensitive to sinners. He is critical of a Church which has failed to help 'nominally practising Catholics ... appreciate the life, liturgy and doctrine of their church.'

I have often felt that the 'characteristic' of our society is that it is possible for each of us to find a focus where our individual freedom and our personal responsibility can be

Christ, the Shepherd, LED the flock. The shepherd always leads from the front. He brings his sheep with him. Only in emergencies is he involved in rear-guard skirmishes. Too often, I feel, our Hierarchy are involved in such skirmishes, adding to the confusion. I would dearly like to see them up front, leading the flock, showing the way, confidently... and with the affirmation that Christ was so very good at: There is great need for such strong, positive leadership.



We welcome the following babies who were baptised recently -

- GORDON ENNET BARRY
- GLENN DERMOT CROWLEY
- DAVID PAUL CROWLEY
- SARAH ANNE KELLY
- SARAH MICHELLE QUAID
- SORCHA LOUISE O'SULLIVAN

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Congratulations to the Martin Hayes led Minor Footballers who qualified for the City League Final. We hope you complete the Championship/League Double.

Sunday 8th November:

11.30 - McSwiney Cup Junior Football semi-final v St. Nicks.

3.00 - Kelleher Shield semi-final Senior Football v Castlehaven in Bandon at 3 p.m.

2.45 - Under 16 County Hurling Final v Killeagh in Carrigtwohill.

Please support.



NEWS and NOTES

A Reminder

Bulletins will be delivered to the homes in the parish as usual next weekend. Thank you to our ever reliable distributors.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Leifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Biodh is go mbeidh na leachtai agus an tseanmoir as Bearla, beifear ag suil go mbeidh na freagrai go leir as Gaeilge.

Parish Pastoral Council

Council will meet on Monday, 9th November, in the C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

The new Bridge Club is now under way and is proving to be very enjoyable. A few vacancies are still available. Time 2.20 p.m. (Tea and biscuits).

Bishopstown Community Association

A very important meeting will take place next Tuesday, 10th November at 8 p.m. in Wilton Park House. Every Resident Association/Community Group is entitled to representation at the meeting. Come along and let's all work for Bishopstown.

Irish Wheelchair Association

Volunteers urgently required to give a few hours selling Advent Calendars at £1 each in their Street/Road/Estate from 20th to 29th November. Please contact Rita at Irish Wheelchair Assoc., Sawmill, Street, tel. 966350/966544.

Ardfallen Fair

Saturday, 14th November, 10.30-3.00 in Ardfallen House, Douglas Road. A day for all the family. Admission - adults 50p, children 20p.

Bazaar

Sale of Work at Ardfoy Convent, Ballintemple on Sunday November 15th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come and buy your Christmas gifts. Admission 20p, children 10p. All in aid of Missions in Africa.

Wilton United

Last weekend saw our schoolboy sides compete in the National Cup Competition. The U-12s defeated Avondale 2-0; the U-14s beat Kilreen 5-0; the U-15s came out on top 2-1 against Rockmount after extra time, and the U-16s defeated Blarney by a similar scoreline. The U-13 were the odd ones out losing 4-1 to Springfield.

On the adult side, the Seniors crashed 4-1 to Ballincollig, the Juniors lost 4-2 to Hibernians of Shanbally and the Minors had an excellent result beating Avondale 2-0 away in the FAI Youth Cup.

Last week's Lotto was 3,4,5 - no winner. Jackpot £850.

Sunday our Senior side play Bohemians in Waterford in the Munster Senior Cup. They were also first out of the hat during the week in the FAI Intermediate Cup Draw and so face Mervue United from Galway at Farranlea Road next Sunday.

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A Parishioner