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Feast of Christ the King



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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Sr. Ursula writes*

LAST SUNDAY afternoon was rather gloomy. After lunch I went with another sister for a spin to Kinsale. At the far side of the town we got out and walked by the water for a short while. We noted that the sky was unusually dark and I made a fairly depressing remark about 'nuclear winter'. Reflecting on it later, I decided that for the next few days I needed to try to acquire a little serendipity - the faculty of making happy and unexpected discoveries by accident.

The first things I noticed were the lovely little winter cherries and pink cyclamen flowering in our garden. Vivid red berries, golden chrysanthemum, some late roses, and even a few pansies became obvious in other people's gardens when I opened my eyes to look.

By paying attention I heard birds sing even during these November days. I noticed children playing and obviously enjoying themselves in different parts of the parish. I held a young baby in my arms and marvelled at the calm trustful way she lay there looking up at me. An old Singer sewing machine with a marble top used by us as a

garden table, spoke of someone's delightful creativity. Wonder of wonders, our iron was not being used by another sister just when I wanted it; a marvellous bonus in a community of seventeen women. Some teenagers were 'over the moon' when I asked them to sing and play at the Mass for the housebound.

Small simple things, all of them, and the cumulative effect would probably have escaped me if I hadn't set out to pay attention.

Then last evening, the following bookmark slipped from a book in our library. Many of you may be familiar with it already, but I'll quote it all the same.

### Blessings

God has not promised  
Skies of blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through.

God has not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.

But God has promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest from the labour,  
Light for the way.

Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy,  
Undying love.

*Ursula O'Sullivan R. B. 17.*



## Rest in Peace

WILLIAM (BILLY) O'LEARY died at his home in Greenfields, Model Farm Road, on 3rd November, after a long illness, borne with great patience and courage. A native of the 'north side', Billy spent many years in England before returning to Cork about twenty years ago. We offer the sympathy of the community to his wife Sheila, his children Aisling and William, his brothers, sisters and relatives.

DENIS O'DONOVAN, College Road, died at his home on 12th November. He was a well known and respected Local Authority executive for many years, latterly with the Southern Health Board. His integrity and conscientiousness were the hallmark of his career, together with a respect and concern for others.

He will also be remembered for his voluntary service to the Lough Credit Union, of which he was a founder member. We extend to his family, sister and relatives our sincere sympathy at their loss.



We extend our sincere sympathy to FRANCES KEOHANE, BishopsCourt Road, on the death of her father. To NELLIE AHERN, Farranlea Park, on the death of her sister.

## **Adult Study**

### Freedom, Responsibility & Church Law

Fr. Gerard Garrett, who is a member of the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, gave the second talk in our adult education series. He indicated that there are 1752 laws making up the present Code of Canon Law, but 109 of these deal with marriage.

The laws are based on an understanding of marriage as a sacrament, a vocation and a covenant (or contract). The present Code was issued in 1983, replacing the Code of 1917. In it, certain Impediments, and other reasons such as ignorance, deceit, fear, are defined which render a person incapable of validly contracting a marriage, although some of the impediments can be subject to dispensation.

This was an informative talk, and a lively question and answer session rounded off a presentation much appreciated by the full attendance.

## Have You Heard?

Congratulations to Fr. Eamonn Donohoe, M.S.C. on his appointment as Parish Priest to the Sacred Heart Church. The induction ceremony was performed by Bishop Buckley last Sunday.

Fr. Donohoe has travelled extensively on the missions, having worked in Africa and Venezuela. He returned to Ireland about seven years ago.

We offer him our best wishes in his new position and welcome him as a neighbour.



## OUR CHILDREN

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHILDREN?  
 DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE?  
 DO YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE WITH?  
 DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING?  
 ARE YOU COMMUNICATING WITH THEM?

It is said that our children/young people are our most important asset. However, children, like any important or valuable asset, need love, care and attention if they are to mature and achieve their potential in life.

If you want to take up any job, profession or vocation in life it is necessary to undergo training, an apprenticeship, a degree course, etc. However, there is no training, apprenticeship, degree course; in fact, no standards for parenthood. It is undoubtedly the most important job any of us will ever undertake. It is important that we take it seriously and give it our best effort.

One area that causes concern is children/young people out at night, hanging around, unsupervised. These children and young people are very vulnerable. They are vulnerable to drugs and alcohol. They are vulnerable to getting involved in crime. The peer pressure from the group they hang around with can be a very great influence on them. It is very hard for them to say NO. If there is an influence for 'BAD' in the group it can affect all of them.

There is no point in blaming others for these problems, i.e., the Church, the Schools, the Gardai, etc. These are problems for all of us, but 'PARENTS' in particular. We parents must work towards preventing these problems occurring, and if there is a problem, we must try to solve it.

If we look at the five questions at the beginning and try to answer them honestly, then that would be a start.

Garda Michael Hayden

### Bishopstown G.A.A.

Best wishes to our Minor Footballers who play Bantry in the County Final today in Carrigadrohid at 2.45 p.m. Please support.

Friday, 27th November a 'Scor na bPaisti' will be held in the club pavilion at 7.30 p.m. Competitions in singing, verse speaking, figure and set dancing.

Annual Dinner Dance in club, Friday 4th December. Contact club for details.

### Blood Transfusion Service

Blood Donor Clinic, SMA Centre, Wilton, on Thursday 3rd December 3-5 and 7.30-9.30p.m.





**Former & Current Ministers of the Eucharist**

A reminder of Retreat being held in the Crypt on Saturday, 28th November, from 2.30 to 5.00 p.m. All welcome.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima**

We have been informed of a special offer in March 1993. Five days/four nights - £297.

If you are interested, please come to a meeting in the C.P. Centre on Thursday 26th November at 8 p.m., or contact the C.P. between 10.30 and 11.00 a.m. Monday to Friday, tel. 344452.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Minutes now available in C.P. Centre.



**Advent Prayer**

Spiritual Preparation for Christmas - four Tuesday nights of Advent, commencing 1st December 8.00 - 9.30 p.m. in the Crypt. Each evening will have a talk/prayer experience and small groups sharing. All welcome.

Please sign on in the C.P. Centre during the next two weeks.

**Education Sub Committee**

Meeting Monday 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. in Fr. John's house.

**St. Anne's Adoption Society**

Annual collection this weekend at all Masses.

**Adult Education Diary**

Freedom in the Christian Life is the title of the third talk in our 1992 series on the theme of freedom and responsibility. Our speaker is Fr. Leonard Perrem, O.P. All welcome! Discussion, participation, refreshments! Admission £2. Tuesday 24th November, 8 p.m. in Church Crypt.

**Christian Art for the Home**

Exhibition at the Dominican Pastoral Centre, Pope's Quay, until Friday 27th November. Open daily 10-2 and 5-9.30 p.m. Works in enamel, forged steel, bronze, pewter, stained glass, paintings and prints, etc. Prices vary from £15 to £165 and the artists are all Irish.

**Mary's Miraculous Medal**

On Cork Multi Channel (06) at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, 22nd November and Thursday, 26th at 4.30 and 10 p.m.

**Holy Show**

Sunday 29th November in aid of Cara House, at the Everyman Theatre, commencing 8 p.m. £5 admission. Tickets available at the C.P. Centre.

**Calcutta Fund**

Bazaar at Jury's Hotel, Sunday 22nd at 2 p.m. Admission free.

Dance at Jury's Hotel, Wednesday, 25th. Home baked apple pie and cream, tea and coffee. Tickets £5 on sale at door.

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