



Baptism of Our Lord

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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**



## SR. URSULA WRITES:

1992 is over and 1993 has just begun. Will it be any different? Will we have the same stories of war and famine, the same length of dole queues? Why does God allow it all? I have heard so many people asking these questions. The answer is, of course, that it will only be different if enough people have the will to make it different.

I came across the following reflection lately. It has given me much food for thought. I offer it now at the beginning of the New Year which we all hope and pray will bring the blessing of peace to us individually and to the troubled parts of our world.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end war,  
For we know You have made the world in a way  
That man must find his own path to peace  
Within himself and within his neighbour.  
We cannot pray to You, O God, to end starvation

For you have already given us the resources  
With which to feed the entire world,  
If we would only use them wisely.  
We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out prejudices  
For You have already given us eyes  
With which to see good in all people  
If we could only use them rightly.  
We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end disease  
For You have already given us great minds with which  
To search out cures and healing,  
If we could use them constructively.  
Therefore, we pray to You instead, O God,  
For strength, determination and will power  
To do, instead of just pray,  
To become, instead of merely wish.

There's a lot in it, isn't there?

*Ursula O'Shallaghan R.I.*



Senior Citizens



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**1993 - YEAR OF THE ELDERLY**

The purpose of the year is to make people aware of the changes which are occurring in Europe as a result of our ageing populations and to promote the principle of solidarity between generations.

Older people have become an even more important part of our society today and the challenges of older age need to be highlighted and addressed.

1993 is to be a year both of celebration and reflection. Celebration of longer and better lives and the positive contribution made by older people. Reflection on the needs of dependant older people and the concerns of those who experience discrimination.



Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married recently:

CLARE DUGGAN, Laburnum Lawn, who married Richard Walsh, Mayfield.  
DAVNET McCARTHY, 'Sharonvale', Laburnum Drive, who married Feidhlim O hElnigh, Clondalkin, Dublin.

NICHOLAS O'CALLAGHAN, Lima Lawn, who married Aine Murphy, Clogheen.

VALERIE O'SULLIVAN, 'Maryville', St. Clare's Avenue, who married Aidan Harrington, Castletownsend.  
MARIE O'DONOVAN, Roger Casement Park, who married Daniel Ring, Castleknock, Dublin.

**CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD**

Nineteen correct solutions were submitted. A further twenty-two were almost correct (or had a misspelling!).

Congratulations to all who got it right and to those who almost did.

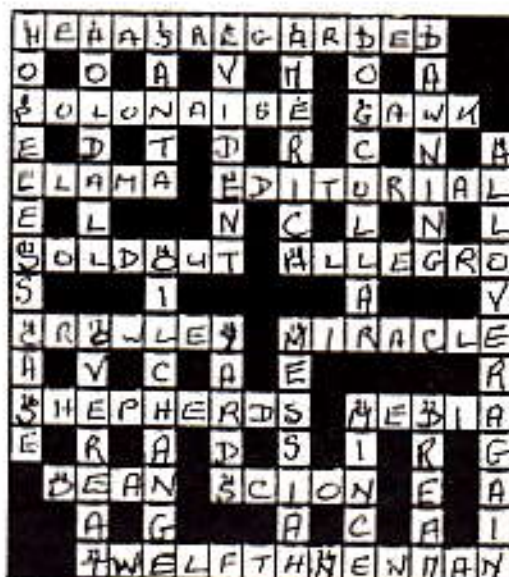
The following came out of a hat:

1st Prize: Terri O'Donoghue,  
'Lisnacrilla',  
Laburnum Lawn.

2nd Prize: Kathleen Fahy,  
30 Farranlea Grove.

We are delighted with the large number of entries.

**SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD**





# COMMENT

ALTERNATIVE SLANTS by "RUTH"

Gay Byrne, Pat Kenny, Gerry Ryan, Gerry Wilson, Marian Finucane. What have they all got in common? Besides being presenters of radio programmes, they double up as the unseen ear for the problems of the listeners. Have you noticed how every time you tune in lately, there's a personal problem being discussed? You know the sort: marital problems, child abuse, money worries, personal relationships, unemployment....

You can't blame the radio producers for milking this source of free material, and for many listeners it makes good entertainment, judging by how popular the programmes are.

But what is it that drives people to air their problems to the whole nation? I suggest that it's because they feel they have nowhere else to turn. The radio is the last resort, and maybe they've heard other problems "solved" on the radio over the years.

Isn't it a poor reflection on us all that our friends, family or neighbours have to turn to a stranger for advice and consolation in times of trouble? The various agencies set up to help people in trouble just can't cope with the volume of problems referred to them. Maybe a little more tolerance on our part would help those around us to express their worries, before a problem gets too big for them to handle alone.

## THE MIND BENDER

The response to the Mind Bender Test surpassed all expectations. The Editor wishes to thank all the participants and especially those from outside the Parish. It is hoped that all enjoyed the mental stimulation afforded by the Test. A similar test may be presented at a later date if the parishioners let the Editor know their views on the test.

Congratulations to the winner and commiserations to the losers.

The winner is:

Mary Murphy,  
Fastnet,  
Wilton Road.

The following are the correct answers to the Mind Bender.

- 26 letters of the alphabet.
- 7 days of the week.
- 1001 Arabian Nights.
- 12 signs of the Zodiac.
- 54 cards in a deck (with Jokers).
- 9 planets in the Solar System.
- 88 piano keys on a keyboard.
- 13 stripes on the American flag.
- 32 degrees Fahrenheit at which water freezes.
- 18 holes on a golf course.
- 90 degrees in a right angle.
- 200 for Passing Go in a game of Monopoly.
- 7 sides on a fifty pence piece.
- 3 blind mice (see how they run).
- 4 quarts in a gallon.
- 24 hours in a day.
- 1 whorl on a unicorn.
- 57 Heinz varieties.
- 11 players in a football team.
- 29 days in February in Leap Year.
- 64 squares on a chess board.
- 76 trombones in the big parade.
- 7 wonders of the world.
- 13 loaves in a Baker's dozen.



# Here's NEWS

## Bulletins to the Homes

Every home in the parish will receive a Bulletin next weekend, delivered by our team of distributors. You might let us know if you do not receive a Bulletin on a regular basis, when we will gladly add your name to our list.

## Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will resume on Monday week, 18th January, at the usual time.

## Aifreann le Gaeilge

Beidh Aifreann dhatheangach a cheiliuradh an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Mar chabhair daoibh beidh bileog an Aifrinn ar fail an mhaidin sin.



## TEENAGE QUIZ

We presume this quiz was beyond the capabilities of our teenage readers, as nobody sent us in a completed entry!  
(Or have we any teenage readers??)

## Cork Association for the Deaf

Wish to acknowledge the generous support received at their recent church gate collection.

## Found

Watch and cross & chain near Highfield. Enquire at Sacristy.

## Bishopstown Community School

Enrolment for Evening Classes will take place on Wednesday, 13th January between 7 and 9 p.m. Tel: 544311.

## Bishopstown Community Association

First meeting of the New Year will be held on Tuesday next, 12th, at 8 p.m. in Wilton Park House.

On behalf of the B.C.A. I wish you all a peaceful and prosperous year ahead - Jerry Buttimer (P.R.O.).

## **Coláiste an Spioraid Naoinh Computer Courses on Apple MAC**

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at 7.30 - 9.00 pm.

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