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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Finbarr writes

NEWS FLASH

LOCAL STUDENT WINS NATIONAL
TITLE

YOUNG SCIENTIST 1993

GAVIN HURLEY from Wilton Avenue, a pupil of Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh, won the Best Individual Award in the Aer Lingus Young Scientists of the Year. He was presented with the award and a cheque for £500 by an Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds.

Gavin used a computer to explain how the magnetism dramatically disappears in a magnet when the temperature increased beyond a certain point. The judges were extremely impressed by the grasp of this complex mathematical and physical subject demonstrated by Gavin.

He will represent Ireland at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Mississippi Beach later this year.

Congratulations Gavin
marvellous achievement!

CONGRATULATIONS



OUTSTANDING PARISHIONER

People constantly comment to me how well off we are in comparison to those in many third world countries.

One cannot disagree with that comment. However, in light of the recent mortgage increases and financial difficulties that many here are now encountering, no doubt they feel the above comment irrelevant to their lives. Christ desired and still desires that every human being has a human right to live with dignity and self-respect. Maybe it's being over simplistic in saying that a little less selfishness and a bit more thoughtfulness from the speculators down to the smallest child could make people's quality of life much less pressurised.

We can all contribute by not being over-demanding on the needs of others. Parents are under great pressure to give to their children what the neighbours' children have. Sensitivity and thoughtfulness for other people are great gifts and a great witness to the person of Christ.



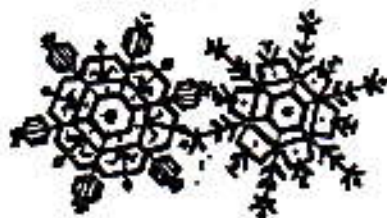
Points of view

Naomh Muire,
Wilton Road

The Editor,
Parish Bulletin.

How can 'Thomas' seriously claim the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the Bishops' statement on the referenda (Bulletin 25/12/92)? A confused statement advised the faithful that a vote for abortion was moral if intended to "reflect a total abhorrence of abortion." Such advice was a clear breach of a fundamental principle of Ethics, viz. that evil may never be willed directly whether as a means to an end or an end itself. The Bishops also overlooked the 1974 Vatican Directive on Procured Abortion which prohibits Catholics from voting for abortion (cf. para. 22). The Bishops' advice was clearly contrary to this Directive. Then a few days before the referendum date five Bishops effectively dissented from the Conference statement and issued their own statements. So what spirit guided which Bishops?

Yours sincerely,
T.J. Waldron



DIOCESAN EMIGRATION SERVICE

Offers personal advice and guidance for those leaving Ireland for work or other reasons. It has a resource centre of reports, literature, journals, facts and information dealing with emigration. It tries to trace those who have not been heard of for long periods, and can liaise between the families and those who are in prison/on remand in England.

The Centre is in regular communication with Irish Advice Centres abroad and with the Irish Chaplaincies for Emigrants, as well as with the other advice centres in Ireland. Queries of non-Irish Nationals can also be addressed.

The Services Centre is at 34 Paul Street, telephone 274520.

Elderly of our Parish

During the present cold spell of weather, remember your elderly neighbours and pay them a visit. A small bit of thought may prevent an accident.



ELLEN (BELLE) O'NEILL, St. Joseph's, Farranlea Road, died in the Bon Secours Hospital recently. Her nephew, Fr. Brendan McCarthy, a parish priest in Surrey, returned to his native Cork to celebrate her Requiem Mass. We remember Ellen as a gentle sincere lady, faithful to her word and generous in good works. Sincere sympathy to her family who mourn her.



COMMENT

by "LUKE"

"LUKE" comments on the Bishops' Pastoral.

WORDS INTO DOING

"A grave evil has put down deep roots on our island and most of us are getting on with our lives...". This quote is from the introduction to the Bishops' Pastoral, "Work is the Key: Towards an Economy that needs Everyone". It refers, of course, to the scourges of high unemployment and emigration.

Since the launch of the Pastoral, there has been little coverage in the media. Yet, the challenge is there, in the hundred pages of this well thought out Pastoral, to meet Christ in the struggle to overcome the evil of unemployment.

It deplores the lack of civic culture where tax avoidance is rampant and where our self-respect as a people is diminished by emigration.

The Bishops speak about the Social Teaching of the Church and of the unique value and dignity of each human person, coupled with the dignity of human work.

They claim that the responsibility for creating more jobs on this island lies, first of all, in Irish hands and refuse to use 'Brussels' or 'the World Economy' as scapegoats.

(to be concluded next week)

12.15 Mass - Sunday

As the number attending the above Mass is large, people are asked to stand clear of the door in the interest of safety.

Appeal

This appeal is to ask organisers of Church Gate Collections to carry out their collection outside the church gates, in adherence with the Garda Siochana permit.



"... AND PLEASE MAKE IT SNOW DEEP ENOUGH TO STOP ME GETTING TO SCHOOL..."



SYMPATHIES

We offer our sincere sympathy to PADDY KILGALLON, 'Coolmaine', Model Farm Road, on the death of his father.



Bridge Club

Bridge Club re-opens in C.P. Centre next Tuesday 19th January at 2.20p.m. Membership cards available. A few places still open. Phone Pamela 542064.

Feeling Stressed?

At St. Dominics, Ennismore:

1) Relaxation-Meditation Classes, including light yoga exercises, beginning Tuesday January 26th. £25 for 9 classes.

2) Reflexology-Prayer Day. Sunday January 31st, 10-5 p.m. Cost £10.

Enquiries - Tel. 502520.



Prayer Service for Christian Unity

To mark the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 Jan.) an interdenominational Prayer Service will be held in St. Finn Barre's Church of Ireland Cathedral on Sunday next, 24th January, at 7 p.m.

Representatives of the main Christian Churches will participate, and Fr. Michael Regan, Chaplain, Cork R.T.C. will preach the homily.

Irish Pre-School

One vacancy exists in the school at Bishopstown G.A.A., Tuesday - Friday 10.00 - 12.30. Call 961222 after 3 p.m.

Thank You



St. Vincent de Paul

May we express our sincere thanks to all who contributed to our funds this season.

Christmas Church Collection £2500.
Choral Concert Collection £335.

A special word of thanks to the children for all the Mass presents - a great success.

Our Coal Fund for the cold and needy of the parish will always need your help.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will visit Kenley during the next few weeks.

Christmas Dues

A special word of thanks to the Dues Collectors, and to all who contributed so generously.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The January Recital on Wednesday next 20th will be given by Eddie Hogan in the Crypt of the Church at Dennehy's Cross at 3 p.m. sharp. An afternoon of delightful music is assured and everyone is most welcome to a relaxing, friendly and heated Crypt.

Set Dancing

Every Wednesday at Bishopstown G.A.A. from 9.00 to 10.30 p.m. Come along.

PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
NUMBER: 274888