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## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

*Sr. Ursula writes*

May Des. worked in the boys corridor of our school for many years. She took care of the cloakrooms, the lunches and the cleaning of the classrooms. She was a good humoured, outgoing person with a heart of gold. Eventually, she left her job at the school and worked as a cleaner in one of the big shops in Patrick Street.

May was scrupulously honest and completely trustworthy, so her employers thought a lot of her. Wages were small in those days but May, who lived alone, kept herself and her little house in perfect order. Her one boast was that she never owed a penny to anyone.

One day I bumped into her in town. She told me she was saving for a new front door. The one she had was old and let in water when it rained heavily. She was also afraid that, because it was so old, it would be very easy for someone to break in while she was out. She was confident that she would have enough saved to have the new door before the start of winter and she was looking forward to it.

A few weeks later the first of those famine pictures, to which we have now sadly become so familiar, appeared on T.V. May

was having her tea at the time. She told me afterwards that she stopped eating because she felt that if she took another bite she would choke. Next morning she took all the money she had saved for her new door and donated it for famine relief. "God is good. We never died a winter yet" was her comment when she told me of it months later.

I thought of this story lately when I attended her funeral. She must surely have heard, "Well done, good and faithful servant", because, like the widow in the Gospel, she had given more than many others. May had given all she had. Faith drew her out to others in need and she did what she could to help.

Giving up something for Lent may seem futile when we remember some of the starvation we see on our T.V. screens. Millions have no choice but to fast, and yet as Gay said at the end of the Messiah, "If only they knew".

If only they knew of the very many people like May Des who are prepared to live simply that others may simply live. We all know suffering and it frightens us, but we have to be people of hope and believe that if we do what we can it does make a difference. We are a tiny country and we have many problems of our own. We also have many, many, selfless people like May Des, God rest her, who very often without fully realising it, bring life and hope to so many.



## *Rest in Peace*

SHEILA AHERN, Liam Lynch Park, passed away peacefully after poor health in recent years. Having moved from Victoria Cross to the newly developed Park she was well known and respected as she reared her family. Our sympathy to Noel with whom she lived, Tom, other sons and daughters, and family.

BETTY MOHALLY, Liam Lynch Park, died recently after a period of failing health. Ever popular and cheerful, she had many friends to mourn her passing. She is remembered especially in St. Finbarr's Club with whom she played in her youth and was women's president more recently. Sympathy goes to all her family.

KAY MURPHY, Wilton Gardens, died unexpectedly at home recently. Always ladylike and kind, her gentle presence will be missed from the parish. Our sincere sympathy to Jane, her sister, with whom she lived. And we extend our sympathy to her nephews and family.



We offer our sincere sympathy to EITHNE O'HALLORAN, Farranlea Grove, on the death of her sister Marion Foley.

To NOREEN KELLEHER, Hairdresser, Farranlea Park, on the death of her father Patrick Kelleher.

## **COMMENT**

ALTERNATIVE SLANTS by "RUTH"

The Bishop's Pastoral is interesting and challenging. He draws a comparison between the religious development of the person, and the journey in faith of a country. Our faith goes from total acceptance, through the questioning phase, to a strong conviction. Those of us who are adults might wonder whether our faith is one of blinkered acceptance or of well-thought out conviction!

The Bishop compares our country to the adolescent in the questioning phase; torn between the secular which legislates for the common good, and the religious, which believes that the common good is the way of the Catholic Church.

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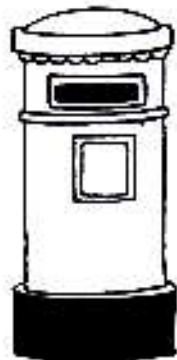
In starting at 'the very beginning' by focusing on Baptism, we are challenged as a community to look again at this very important sacrament. We already have a Baptism preparation team in this parish, helping parents understand what they are undertaking in having a child baptised.

The next step is to make Baptism more public, to let the parents see that they have the support of the whole Christian community as they begin to bring their child up in the faith.

One way we could do something positive about this is by encouraging parishioners to "adopt" a newly baptised child and its family, and undertake to pray for them daily.



Genazzano,  
Farranlea Park



## LETTERS

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Friends of the Mulderrig Family, may I say a warm Thank You to all who helped to make our recent Cake Sale such a success.

I include those who donated cakes and gifts, those who came to buy, those who contributed money and those who helped to organise and sell.

To date we have raised £700 which has added enormously to the Mulderrig Benefit Fund.

Thank you all most sincerely.

Your faithfully,  
Eileen Lemasney

Dear Editor,

The people who collect at our church on Sundays deserve a better deal! I am aware that there have been complaints about these collections at the church door. There is a strong possibility that those who object are those very same people who do not wish to contribute at all. The following points should be considered -

1. The gate at our church is so far from the door that most people drive past the gate, hence no contribution.
2. Those who collect are well motivated volunteers.
3. Almost every charity for which a collection is made is worthy of some support. The money donated is needed to support very necessary work.

Have we here another example of a negative minded minority swaying the sensible but silent majority? This is the case in so many areas nowadays.

Yours faithfully,  
Labouré Kelleher



### Wilton United Football Club

Last weekend our U-17 team exited from the F.A.I. U-17 Cup having qualified for the last 16 in Ireland. The Intermediate team defeated Blarney United 3-2 in the Mossie Linane Cup.

Our schoolboy teams continue to perform well in the League. This weekend sees them compete in the quarter-final stage of the Cup competitions:

- U-12 Mayfield United v Wilton United.
- U-14 Wilton United v St. Marys
- U-16 Rockmount v Wilton United
- U-13 Midleton v Wilton United

We will them all the best of luck.

Farranlea Road Sunday March 7th:  
11 a.m. Wilton v Everton (U-11)  
3.30 p.m. Wilton v Mallow (U-15)

Last week's Lotto: 5, 10, 17  
one winner £250.



**Children's Stations of the Cross**  
Stations of the Cross, dramatised by schoolchildren, will take place on Good Friday. A meeting is being held on Friday March 12th from 4.00-5.00p.m. in the Crypt to make arrangements, and sixth class children from the parish are invited to attend.

**Pastoral Council**

Meeting on Monday 8th March in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m. Minutes of last meeting available in the C.P. Centre.

**Lenten Scripture Course**

This Tuesday 9th (Session 2) in C.P. Centre at 8.00 - 9.10 p.m. Please read Matthew 13.



**Fashion Show**

In the G.A.A. Club, Bishopstown, in aid of the Community School Funds on Tuesday March 9th. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. Admission £4.

**The Menopause**

Public Meeting, Imperial Hotel on Wednesday March 10th at 8 p.m. Medical/Health/Psychological aspects discussed and your questions answered. Speakers - Dr. Rachel Patton and Dr. Michael Kelleher. Admission £3.

**LECTURE/DISCUSSION**

**EDUCATION AT THE CROSSROADS  
Schooling for Points OR  
Education for Life?**

Speaker: Denis Staunton, UCC  
Venue: Church Crypt Room  
Date: Tuesday March 9th  
Time: 8.00 - 9.30 p.m.

Refreshments, Discussion

Admission £2.00



**Brookfield Craft Fair**

Pottery, Jewellery, Knitwear, Flowers, etc. at the Leisure Complex, College Road, on Sunday March 14th, 12.00 to 18.00. Donations to Fr. Roch. All are welcome.

**People of Faith**

Monthly Mass will be held on Friday March 19th in St. Joseph's Church, Mayfield at 8 p.m. The Healing Theme is: The Lord is my Shepherd. Everybody welcome.

**Natural Family Planning (Billings)**

Tuesday /Friday 9.30 - 1.00 p.m.  
2.00 - 5.00 p.m.

N.A.O.M.I. 36 Washington Street, tel. 272213.

Tuesday/Wednesday 8 p.m. by appointment only.

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