



## Soccer News

### Wilton United Soccer Club

After last weekend's cup quarter-finals we now have three teams who have qualified for the semi-final stages. The U-11 team continue to perform superbly. Already top of their League, they qualified for the last four of the Cup defeating Everton 4-1. Their performance was matched by the U-15 side who had a 2-0 victory over Mallow.

The U-13 team put up a great display in Midleton before going down 1-0. Last Sunday the U-18 team beat Mayfield United 2-1, and the Juniors travelled to Kocknaheeny where they beat Blarney Street 2-1.

Last week's Lotto - 1, 7, 11. No winner. Next Tuesday (16th) we are holding a table quiz in the E.S.B. Club, Curraheen Road. It begins at 8.30 p.m. and costs £10 per table of four. All are welcome, please come early.

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## TAKE NOTE

### Work Abroad for Young People

Hotel Bellevue, Lourdes: Wanted girls for dining room work from April 10th to October 16th 1993 inclusive. Age 19-23. Knowledge of French an advantage.

Hotel d'Europe, Lourdes: Wanted girl for au pair to three children, ages 9, 12, 14 years. Excellent hours and wages. Own apartment in hotel. Work commences May 10th to October 16th incl.

Apply to Mrs. Maura Aherne, Carrig Lodge, Lehenagh, Farmer's Cross, Cork, with C.V. and references.

## Adult Education

### SCHOOLING FOR POINTS OR EDUCATION FOR LIFE?

Mr. Denis Staunton's talk on Tuesday night challenged us to re-examine and re-shape our approach to Education. How responsive is our present system to the needs of the young, the disadvantaged? Does it prepare them for coping creatively in a rapidly changing society, where jobs are a scarce commodity, and where those with a job face the likelihood of a number of job changes during their working lives.

The Green Paper commitment to the underprivileged and disadvantaged must be backed up by real resources: otherwise we are condemning increasing numbers to perpetual unemployment in a divided society which affords them very little dignity.

He emphasised the need for a "social" curriculum which should carry the same weight and importance as the present academic subjects. Social skills - eg. relationship skills, how to cope with peer pressure, how to say "no" without losing friends - should be developed by the children themselves, with the teacher acting as facilitator.

This was a learning experience too rich to summarise here, but it left the audience with a sense of great challenge and great opportunity, as our education system stands at the crossroads.

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**A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER**

**A PERSONAL RETREAT TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS**  
30 minutes daily

From Sunday March 28th to Saturday April 3rd, at La Retraite, College Road.

It consists of an opening meeting on Sunday (5 - 7 p.m.), a daily meeting with a Prayer Guide for half-an-hour each evening, and a closing meeting on Saturday (7 - 9 p.m.).

Those who participate agree to try daily prayer with Scripture for 30 minutes each day (or 2 x 15 minutes).

Full information sheets available at the C.P. Centre.

Here are two reflections made by parishioners who attended Guided Prayer last year.

**FURTHER VIEWS ON THE BISHOP'S PASTORAL AT THE CROSSROADS?**

Like most people, I listened to Bishop Murphy's Pastoral "Towards an Adult Faith" being read. I read the interview with the Bishop in the Cork Examiner. I listened to Fr. Liam O'Driscoll's interview with Bishop Murphy on County Sound on a Sunday night recently, and I have played it back several times.

I believe that what he has to say is profoundly challenging. He seemed to me to be saying that we should continue to give to Caesar the things that are his due. But, as members of God's family, beginning at Baptism, we must live as befits Christians. Baptism is the beginning of this

"There are times in everyone's life when it is necessary to slow down, to do a little soul-searching. I have found that the Week of Directed Prayer gives me this opportunity. Even for a little while every day, I am out of the fast lane. There, in peace and quiet, I can look back and evaluate my way of living. More importantly, I can go forward on my journey with a little more confidence in the Lord's presence."

"What the week of Guided Prayer last year taught me to firmly believe if not to fully practice yet: Quiet, silent prayer is necessary every day. Prayer is difficult. It doesn't matter how we pray: just do it. Be ruthless about making time daily, taking account of the rhythm of life and circumstances.

It's important to search for new ways of prayer when old ways no longer work.

Faith Journey. It is obvious, he says, that without the conviction of the parents, the child cannot even begin the journey.

He emphasises the need for adult religious education so that we no longer exist as a conforming community but as a Christian Community with strong convictions.

The future of the Church, as he seemed to visualise it, was in a community of people who wished to worship God and to live out their lives in the spirit of the Gospel. But it would be THEIR choice, with no coercion. It is a mighty challenge in this secular society in which we live. The alternative is, as Bishop Murphy puts it, to "stand hesitantly at the crossroads".

"LUKE"

**Bulletins to the Homes**

Bulletins will be delivered to every home in the parish next weekend. We thank our ever reliable distributors.

**Aifreann le Gaeilge**

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**Junior Church Choir**

There will be a special Easter Mass for children, sung by all ages. All welcome to partake. Please come to rehearsals in the Crypt on Thursday from 5.15 to 6.00 p.m.

Show that you can do as well as you did at Christmas!

**St. Patrick's Day**

Next Wednesday is a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m., Wednesday Masses at 9, 10, 11 and 12.15.

The 9.00 Mass will be in Irish.

**Education Subcommittee**

Meeting Monday 15th at 6.30 p.m. in Fr. John's house.

**Bible Study****Lenten Scripture Course**

This Tuesday 16th (session 3) in C.P. Centre at 8.00 - 9.10 p.m. Please read Matthew, Chapters 5-7, and Chapter 19.

**Ecumenical Peace Service**

Will take place at Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross on Sunday March 14th at 4.00 p.m. The special preacher will be Rev. Cecil Kerr, Christian Renewal Centre, Rostrevor, Co. Down. All are welcome.

**Supper Dance**

In aid of the Calcutta Fund will be held on Wednesday, 28th April, at Jurys Hotel. Music by Ceoltoirí Cois Laoi. Tickets £5 on sale from Vincent Jones 544762, or Mary McNamara 273702.

**Teenage Disco**

At Bishopstown G.A.A. Club on Friday March 19th from 8.00 p.m. to 12 midnight. Admission £2. All welcome.

**ISANDS**

The Irish Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Society will hold an ecumenical Memorial Service for babies who have been miscarried, stillborn or who died soon after birth, at the Memorial stone in St. Catherine's Cemetery, Kilcully, on Sunday March 21st at 5 p.m.

All those who have been bereaved or have suffered loss in pregnancy are warmly invited to attend.

Further information at 546735/353151/545600.

**THANK YOU****Thank You**

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