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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

JUST A THOUGHT ABOUT LISTENING

A group of ladies in a Dublin suburb meet regularly every Wednesday - just for a chat. As one was leaving home for the weekly get-together, her husband asked "What do you talk about every week?" "Not much really", came the reply. This inspired the lady to test her friends on their listening levels.

As she left the meeting she remarked casually to one of the group, "By the way, I just shot my husband before leaving the house". "Oh really", came the nonchalant reply!

We are assured that the act of listening with love can transform people and relationships. We might note some helpful hints:

- 1) Be interested and show it. Genuine concern encourages others to speak freely.
- 2) Avoid jumping to conclusions. Hear the speaker out. Prejudgements can destroy the message.
- 3) Watch for feelings - people often talk to get something off their chests - feelings rather than facts may be the message.
- 4) Respect the confidences given - strictly.

Tailpiece. A well-known gossip was telling a newcomer to the road about the marital difficulties of their neighbour. "Everyone is talking about them - some take her part, some his". Neighbour: "And I suppose a few eccentric people are minding their own business."

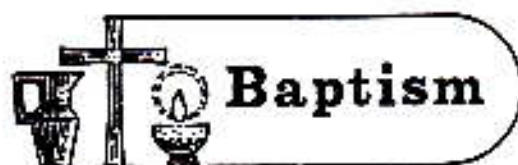
God bless you all.

Reminder

A reminder that special parish cards are sent to those parishioners whom we hear are in hospital.

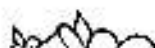
The procedure for letting us know is very simple. At every Sunday Mass, slips of paper are left out on the Offertory table at the centre of the church. Those whose names are written on these lists are remembered in our prayers for the sick at Sunday and weekday Masses, and those parishioners whose names are written down are posted parish greeting cards, as an assurance of the concern and support of the community.

We never call out the names publicly; rather, we include them all in prayer. We ask you to help us remember the sick by letting us know when family members or neighbours to go hospital, etc. Thank you.



We welcome into our parish recently baptised babies:

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AISLING MANDY O'DONOGHUE
RICHARD MARTIN O'DRA
NATHALIE ALIFE BELLETTE
FRANCIS JEREMIAH BUTTIMER
JULIE MARGARET BUTTIMER
ALLYSON MARGARET MOORE



• ————— •
We offer our sincere sympathy to
STEPHEN McCARTHY, Avondale
Apartments, Model Farm Road, on
the death of his sister.
To MRS. AGNES IRWIN, College
Road, on the death of her
brother.

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A Personal Prayer

God give me the strength
to change the things that
need changing, the patience
to accept those which cannot
be changed, and the
wisdom to know the difference.

LETTERS

Naomh Muire,
Derrynane,
Wilton Road

Dear Sir,

Unlike many of our parishioners I have read the Green Paper on Education. It fails to ask and answer the basic question on education, viz., What is Man? Judging by the Bulletin (14.3.93) report on the lecture it contained all the current mumbo jumbo on education: "coping creatively", "rapidly changing society", "social curriculum", "relationships skills", etc. The suggestion that a "social curriculum" be given the same weight and importance as academic subjects with the teacher reduced to the passive role of 'facilitator' is a corruption of true education and a betrayal of children and their parents.

The facilitation techniques in education were developed in the 1960s by Dr. Carl Rogers and Dr. William Coulson in the U.S.A. The techniques and practices have been proven a total failure in the U.S.A. In a public lecture at U.C.C. on 21/2/93 Dr. Coulson stated as much and begged the Irish people not to repeat the mistakes made in U.S.A. Moreover Dr. Coulson emphasised that the ethos of this approach to education is profoundly anti-Christian. At least he is honest enough to admit his error.

The Green Paper was not written in Ireland. It was cobbled together in Brussels and is being used here as an experiment - Irish children are to be the guinea pigs.

Yours faithfully,
Thomas J. Waldron



LAITY COMMISSION REPORT

At our first quarterly meeting last Saturday we spent the entire day discussing the Bishops' Pastoral "Work is the Key". We were all aware that, like the bishops, we possessed no particular expertise in the area of business or economics. But we were in agreement on a number of things.

Present economic policies have failed: otherwise we wouldn't have the ever-rising unemployment figures. So a new approach must be attempted based on sound Church Social Teaching. The emphasis must be on caring, sharing and solidarity, all to the benefit of the individual and the community.

Abuses by management whose main motivation is profitability and by workers who shirk their responsibility in promoting employment are no longer acceptable.

A new morality is needed where those who are lucky to have employment must not abuse this privilege and be prepared to share with those who have no work.

The bishops speak of the spirituality of work. This may no longer be fashionable but society, say the bishops, must not ignore the hunger for God in the human heart. A culture that turns its back on religious faith will lose the ability and the will to give human direction to economic growth.

The bishops claim that reducing unemployment is a daunting task, but not an impossible one. Perhaps, they say, most of us are too

comfortable and therefore are slow to change. But change we must if we are to reach the goal of full employment. Work is about making a living. Equally, it is about people, relating to and serving other people.

If we see the dignity of each person's work in this light, then we are promoting God's kingdom here and now. We may well restore prosperity to our Island Nation in the process.

Pat Lemasney

TOP TEN HYMNS

According to a survey recently compiled by the B.B.C. these are the most popular hymns in Britain:

- 1 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
- 2 *The Day Thou Gavest Lord, Has Ended*
- 3 *The Old Rugged Cross*
- 4 *How Great Thou Art*
- 5 *Abide With Me*
- 6 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*
- 7 *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*
- 8 *The Lord's My Shepherd*
- 9 *Love Divine*
- 10 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

What about ourselves? What would you choose as your favourite hymn(s). If you feel like letting us know, write your choice on a slip of paper, drop it in the C.P. Centre letterbox and we'll publish the results.



This Weeks Announcements

Ministers of the Eucharist - Past and Present

A Mass for ex and current Ministers will be celebrated in the Crypt on Tuesday next, 30th March, at 8 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

First Friday

Next Friday, 2nd April, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Soc.

The monthly meeting will take place next Thursday, 1st April, at 8 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection takes place at all Masses next weekend.

Lost Property

Could you have left gloves, umbrellas, caps, etc. in the Church? Please check with the Sacristan.

Fashion Show

Bishopstown Community School presents a "Sensational Spring Fashion Show" on Wednesday 31st March at 8 p.m. Tickets £4 and £3 for students. Fashions from many interesting shops.

Supper Dance

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

St. Patrick's Purgatory

One-Day Retreats will be conducted on Lough Derg during May. Those who are unable to make the traditional 3-day pilgrimage are particularly welcome. Fasting or walking bare-footed is not required. Further details in the C.P. Centre and Church porches.

Thank You

The Friendship Club wish to express their appreciation to the Bishopstown Lions Club for the party held recently at Wilton S.M.A. Hall. All are agreed that it was a wonderful night!

Computer Courses

Wordprocessing & Graphics, and Desktop Publishing - one week courses in June, Monday to Friday, 9.00-1.00. For details contact: Mike Foley, Computer Centre, Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh. Tel. 543790.

Irish Garden Plant Society

Lecture: The Flowers and Gardens of Gran Canaria, by Harry Wilka, at 8 p.m. in S.M.A. Hall, Wilton.

PLEASE NOTE

The Easter Sunday Bulletin has to be done in advance. So it is not possible to include any notices sent in after Monday, 29th March. Normal rules apply to the Bulletin of April 4th.

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