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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
DENNDY'S CROSS, CO.KE



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**  
*The Dean writes*

## CRITICISM YES, CONTEMPT NO!

THE American cousin put me thinking.

Last week I met a distant relative from the U.S. here on a short visit. Naturally enough I asked what he thought of our 'dear little country'. Everything was just fine. He met some swell folks - the countryside was even greener than Grandpa had told them about back home as kids. "But, boy, you people sure take hammering from the media. Are they some kind of Commies or what?" I was reflecting on this. God knows there is plenty to criticise in the Catholic Church in Ireland - past and present. This is true of bishops, priests and ordinary 'card-carrying' Catholics. But contempt is quite another matter. We resent that - let alone the bloodhound chasing of Eamonn Casey.

Last year the bishops issued a statement on the Church's teaching on abortion. Some sections of media reacted as if they were advocating something akin to the Spanish Inquisition. We disgraced ourselves before

Europe - no less.

People are tired of condescension. People resent - and rightly so - when values that are quietly cherished are mocked as baggage we have inherited - and might well be rid of.

"Let him who is without sin cast the first stone". God help us. Who cares? Actually Jesus does. He understands when decent people are sickened by arrogance and mockery. He has been through it all Himself. He mightn't be so wrong after all. Aren't we trying to follow Him - stumbling at times sure enough, but following in the steps of the Master nonetheless.

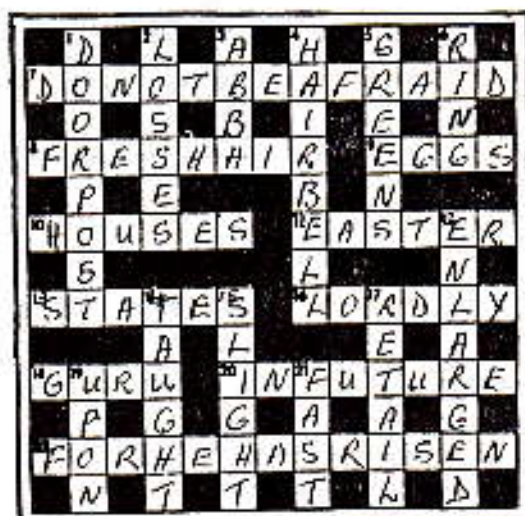
## CHILDREN'S STATIONS - A BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY

Many tributes have been paid to the beautiful pageant acted out by the boys and girls from sixth class in the parish on Good Friday. It was done with great dignity and was very moving. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have been there were privileged indeed.

## Welcome! VISITING CHOIR

We welcome Ashbourne Church Choir from Co. Meath, who will sing at the 11.00 Mass this Sunday. They are in Cork to participate in the Choral Festival. We wish them well.

**SOLUTION TO EASTER CROSSWORD**



Seven correct solutions came in out of which we drew the two winners:

- 1) M. Fleming, 1 Kenley Crescent
  - 2) Lily Casey, Bendemeer Park
- The other correct solutions were from:

Kathleen Fahy, 30 Farranlea Grove  
Ivor Waldron, Wilton Road  
John Waldron, Wilton Road  
Rachel Shinnick, Bishopscourt Rd.  
B. Bradley, Bishopstown Ave.

Obviously, the 'hairbell' was the downfall of many. But Chambers dictionary does allow the option of hairbell/harebell.

**EASTER QUIZ SOLUTION**

Question 1:

- a. Party
- b. Ball
- c. Cheese
- d. Cat
- e. Club
- f. Paper
- g. Finger
- h. Sugar
- i. Floor
- j) Green

Question 2:

Evil; nursed; tutor;  
soiled; sure; ruin; eats;  
amiable; faces; varied;  
line; lies; bounds;  
whims; skill.

QUESTION 3:

- 1) Amen, Name, Mane
- 2) Pool, Polo, Loop
- 3) Fowl, Flow, Wolf
- 4) Dare, Dear, Read
- 5) Lane, Male, Meal
- 6) Leap, Peal, Pale
- 7) Pear, Pare, Reap
- 8) Seat, East, Sate
- 9) Tame, Team, Meat.

No correct solutions submitted!

**IN SYMPATHY**

We offer our sincere sympathy to SIOBHAN and ELLEN O'REILLY, Magazine Road, on the death of their brother.

**BAPTISM**

We welcome into our parish community recently baptised babies:

CONNACH MARY HEALY  
JENNIFER LOUISE MURPHY

**The MAY'FOLD' on sale**  
at all Masses next weekend - 50p

- Bishop Murphy speaks out on unemployment
- Edel House's 21st Birthday
- What Frank Boland thinks of the Irish Bishops' letter - "Work is the Key"
- An evaluation of the New Age Movement
- The latest news from Peru. And all about our new mission in Ecuador
- What children learn in Senior Infants
- Four extra pages of news and photos this issue



## WE CAN'T BLAME IT ALL ON ADAM AND EVE'

THE media bombard us with so many tragedies. And we ask, why?

I read recently in 'Doctrine and Life' an article by Kathleen Coyne, entitled 'Original Sin: A Residue of some Primal Crime?' In it she suggests that Original Sin does not have to be interpreted as a penalty inherited for the crime of a primal ancestor. "Rather than lament an imagined lost paradise, we live in hope for the final integration of our divided self", she says.

Further on she makes the point that "We are not born with inbuilt racial or religious prejudices. We imbibe them in the home and neighbourhoods for there is no sealed wall between ourselves and culture."

Sinful decisions create sinful situations, she says, and we are all collectively responsible. Our actions are conditioned by society and we are caught in the web of evil structures to which we add our own contribution. In this way we have created famines and terrorism and killing fields and gulags and concentration camps and AIDS and drug dependency.

It is not enough to blame it on Adam and Eve. Original Sin, the author believes, is being stuck at the first stage of consciousness, in a condition of 'arrested development'. We need to break free, to experience God's love, to develop as God's children.

God's grace enables us to overcome our darker side. Then perhaps we can hope for a better world?

"LUKE"

## Points of view

Hillcrest,  
Laburnum Park

Dear Editor,

In replying to Thomas Waldron's letter in the Bulletin of April 18, may I begin, in the spirit of the week that is in it, with the greeting 'Peace be with you'.

My letter in Bulletin 334 was hard-hitting, as was Thomas Waldron's original letter. I will leave it to the readers' objectivity to decide if my letter was 'hurtful' or 'personal'. I did not intend it to be either.

What this correspondence certainly shows is the need for people to become involved in discussing the Green Paper on Education, however late in the day.

As part of my work with the Laity Commission I have been involved in on-going discussions on the Green Paper. A response has been prepared and submitted to the Irish Bishops' Conference. They, in turn, have incorporated it into their submission to the Department of Education.

In Bulletin 307 (Sept.27) I pleaded to have the Green Paper read, discussed, debated and reflected on. In the absence of one single response I had no way of knowing how effective my plea was. Now I know that, at least, three people have read it. Deo Gratias.

Sincerely,  
Pat Lemasney



## **SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR**

It's the Parish Social!

Venue: Jurys Hotel

Thursday, 13th May, 8.00-12.30.

Sit-down supper

Tickets, incredible value at £5, available from Parish Council members or at the C.P. Centre.

## **St. Vincent de Paul**

Monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

## **Pastoral Council**

Minutes available in C.P. Centre.

## **Bishopstown Social Services**

The Annual Summer Outing for senior citizens and friends will take place on Thursday 13th May. The destination is WEST CORK and there will be an evening meal at Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.

Coaches will depart at 1 p.m. Tickets £7 all in. Latest date for booking - 7th May. Booking available from Nora Fitzpatrick 546358, Brid Hartnett 544693 or Michael Haydon 541638.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

## **Part-Time Work**

Agents required by local charitable lottery - commission basis. Please contact phone no. 507131, ext. 220.

## **Bishopstown G.A.A.**

Congratulation to our U-21 footballers who qualified for the City Championship final with a fine win over The Barrs. Also to our second U-21 team who have qualified for the semi-final of their competition.

Our senior hurlers are as yet unbeaten in their league. Seven members of our club featured on the Cork U-21 football panel who played Clare in the Munster Championship last Thursday night.

## **People of Faith**

Monthly Mass, Friday May 21st at Church of the Holy Family, Military Hill at 8 p.m. The Healing Theme is: The Lord is my light and My help. All welcome.



## **Irish Garden Plant Society**

Plant Bring & Buy at SMA Hall on Saturday 1st May at 2 p.m.



## **Nature Talk**

"Other Creatures that We Share our World With", at Mount Mercy College on 29th April at 8 p.m. Speaker - Mr. Tom O'Byrne. Adm. £2 (OAPs and students free).



## **Foroige**

Foroige will hold a meeting in the Crypt of the Descent of the Holy Spirit Church on Wednesday, 5th May from 6.00 - 7.00 p.m. Youths between the ages of 12 years - 18 years are welcome.

## **Regional Hospital Incinerator**

A health hazard? There will be a public meeting in the SMA Hall on Thursday, 29th April at 8 p.m. This meeting is being organised by residents worried about the effects of black smoke emissions from the incinerator on their health and environment.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY  
NUMBER: 274888**