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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
REMARKS CROSS CORNER



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Sr. Ursula writes

RELIGION THEY say is more caught than taught. I was thinking the other day how true that has been in much of my own life.

There were two men in the Parish at home, for example, who made a very deep impression on me as a little girl. Hubert Burrows used to give me new shining pennies, always of more value to a small child than the ordinary ones. Fred Nash gave me lovely flowers from his garden and told me wonderful stories about the stars. It wasn't the pennies, the flowers or the stories which made me see these two men as in some way different from other people, and I was an adult long before I really understood what the difference was.

Neither ever spoke to me about religion, but even a little girl understood that, in our small parish community, there was something out of the ordinary about their devotion to the Mass and the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Both men had become converts as adults and for both the Gospel was certainly the good news. Something about the joy with which they went to Mass or the way they prayed when making a visit to the Blessed Sacrament was very evident. As I said, I never heard either of them speak about religion, but I know that there were others besides myself who considered them an example in the parish for their 'lived faith'. The witness of such 'lived faith' made its mark on many of us as young people where I grew up.

Thinking back on it now is a reminder to me that example is better than preaching. The greatest gift that any one of us can give to our youth is our own faith lived quietly to the best of our ability. The rest we can safely leave to God.

Sr. Ursula O'Callaghan R.S.M.

NOVENA TO HOLY SPIRIT 1993

Special Meeting of:

- 1) Novena Committee
- 2) Pastoral Council members
- 3) Contact People

Crypt, Tuesday 11th May, 8p.m.

N.B. DON'T FORGET!

HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

THURSDAY 20th MAY
(ASCENSION THURSDAY)

TO

FRIDAY 28th MAY



Rest in Peace

DIARMUID O'CALLAGHAN, Farranlea Park, died at home after a period of ill health. His gentle, gracious and contemplative presence is sadly missed. Mercy, beauty and forgiveness were three pillars of his life and he tried always to live in the light at its many levels. His quiet presence has enriched the life of this parish for many years. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Joan, son Joe and daughter Noel. Ar dheas Dé go raibh a ainm.



OFFER A LOVING HAND
COFFEE & COOKIES
GLENGARRIFFE HOTEL
Orchard Road, Cork
WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY
10 a.m. to 12 Noon

Jenny Garde is five. She has Cerebral Palsy. She lives with her parents and two sisters at Millwynd, Orchard Road. On the 2nd May, Jenny is travelling with her Mum, Denise, to the Peto Institute, Hungary, for Conductive Education. This trip may help Jenny to learn to walk. It will cost Vivian & Denise approx. £5,000.

Please support this fundraising event by attending the Glengarriffe Hotel on Wednesday morning, 5th May, 10 a.m. to 12 noon for **Coffee & Cookies**. A **Raffle** for some very special prizes will also take place.

If you are unable to attend, a small donation to Deirdre O'Callaghan, West Friars, Orchard Road or to Allied Irish Bank Ltd., Western Road (93-41-94), Account No. 17133055.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 5th AND BRING A FEW FRIENDS.

CITIZENS I

Q. I have a mixture of full rate and modified rate PRSI and was advised last year that I would be eligible for a small mixed insurance Pro-Rata Pension when I retire next year on reaching 65. However, I heard that the rules for this pension have recently been changed and wonder if I will lose my entitlement?

A. One of the conditions which had to be satisfied for this pension was that you must have 260 full rate contributions paid or credited since 1953 or since your entry into insurance, if later.

The new Regulations provide an alternative to this condition and you may now qualify for this particular pension if you have at least 208 weeks PRSI paid at the full rate since 1953 or since your entry into insurance if this was later and you meet the other requirements.

In order to get this Pro-Rata Pension you must have:

1. Paid PRSI before your 55th

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to KATHLEEN SHEEHAN, Model Farm Road, on the death of her sister.

I read my Bible to know what people ought to do, and my newspaper to know what they are doing.

John Henry Newman



INFORMATION

birthday for Retirement Pension or before your 56th birthday for Old Age Pension.

2. A mixed insurance record (have paid PRSI at the full and modified rates).

3. 260 weeks full rate PRSI paid or credited since 1953 or 208 weeks full rate PRSI paid since 1953 or your date of entry if this was later.

4. An average of 20 weeks PRSI contributions when both your full rate and modified rate contributions are counted.

As you apparently meet the original requirements for this particular pension this new Regulation doesn't affect you. It will benefit the people who did not have the required 260 Class A contributions but who will have the 208 full rate contributions paid.

(This column has been compiled by Toghher Citizens Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public.)

Making Decisions

*Lord, It is so hard to know
which way to choose,
which way to go.
But you know how
my life can best be spent;
lead on, then, Lord,
and I will choose
to live in you,
and only walk
where you would have me go.*

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE MEDIA is often accused of printing only the bad news, of floods and famines and atrocities of all kinds. But my 'story of the week' has to be Fr. Tom Clancy's 'On Reflection' column in a recent Cork Examiner. I would like to share it with you.

'Michael' was mentally handicapped but his mother longed for him to make his First Holy Communion. His P.P. was reluctant to agree. 'Michael' wasn't really ready, he felt. He mightn't understand Transubstantiation!!

The years passed and 'Michael' grew into manhood. The P.P. moved away and was replaced by a new Pastor who agreed to meet 'Michael'. Yes, he was ready for his First Holy Communion.

The big day arrived and the Church was full. 'Michael' was well prepared by the Pastor. He would receive the host in the hand, say 'Amen' and consume the host. 'Michael' accepted the host, broke it in two, handed one portion to his mother, then both consumed their halves.

In this great expression of love, didn't 'Michael' show a deeper perception of the 'breaking of bread' than is given to most of us in a lifetime of receiving Communion? Surely not even the disciples on the Emmaus road, who recognised Jesus in the breaking of bread, showed the same insight?



PARISH OFFICE

The office will be closed next week and will re-open on Monday, 10th May. Any enquiries to the Sacristy during Mass hours each day.

PARISH SOCIAL

Don't forget!

Date: Thursday, 13th May.

During the coming week tickets £5 available from Pastoral Council members or from the Sacristy during Mass times.

First Friday

Next Friday, 7th May, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Ministers of the Word

Meeting in C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m. this Monday.

Colour Me Beautiful

A demonstration will be held on Thursday, 6th May at 8.30p.m. in Ardfallen Centre, in aid of the Miscarriage Association of Cork. Admission £3.50.

Bishopstown Community Association

Monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th May at 8 p.m. in Wilton Park House. All area Reps. are asked to attend the meeting.

Progressive Democrats

Maureen Quill, T.D. will hold her clinic at Bishopstown House, Murphy's Farm, at 3 p.m. on Saturday next, 8th May.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

The Society will hold an Adoration and Prayer at the Poor Clares Chapel, College Road, this Sunday, 2nd May, at 4 p.m.

- 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 - and still only 50p.

The **MAY'FOLD'** on sale at all Masses this weekend

Cork Youth Conference

A day of prayer with young people (preferably over 16) next Sunday, 9th May, from 11.00 to 4.30 p.m. in the South Presentation Convent Hall. Mass included. Bring lunch - tea and coffee provided.

Open Day

'Chiaravelle' Montessori School, Victoria Lodge, Victoria Cross (rear of B & B), Sunday May 2nd, 2-5 p.m.

Farranferris Development Fund

Flag Day next Thursday 6th. Please give generously. Adult help would be appreciated. Contact College 303015.

Fine Gael

Model Farm Road branch will hold its monthly meeting on Monday 3rd May at 8.30 p.m. at Rooms Bandon Road. New members very welcome.

National Council for the Blind

A Bridge Night will be held in Jury's Hotel on Sunday, 2nd May, at 7.15 p.m. in aid of the above. Sub. £5.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
NUMBER: 274888**