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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

LAST WEDNESDAY evening I was talking to a man up in Laburnum. I look at my watch - it was 5.15. "I must run", I said, "Benediction at the Poor Clares half-past five."

"Just a minute", said my friend. "When I was a child my mother used to bring me to the Chapel at the Poor Clares, and occasionally to visit an elderly nun in the Convent. I was fascinated by the grill, and the unusual quiet of the Convent visiting room. But my most abiding memory is how happy those Sisters seemed to be - and, I'm told, they lead a very austere life. Are they mad, or are we mad?"

"Well", I said, (with all the solemnity of a Solomon!!), "they certainly lead a very austere life, but I wouldn't say for a moment that either you or the sisters are mad. But I'll say this with all sincerity, that anyone who doesn't make room for God in his/her life is missing out on the best in life."

What better time to make a new start than during the Novena to the Holy Spirit, with Fathers Peter Flannery and Denis Luddy.

It runs until Friday next. It will bring the happiness which you thought had eluded you in life. See you there.

God Bless.



PARISH NOVENA

The Parish Novena continues this week, closing on Friday, with two daily sessions at 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. Special Youth Night on Wednesday 26th at 7.30 p.m.

Please note that the Mass and Anointing of the Sick took place last Saturday 22nd.

PARISH SOCIAL

A GREAT SUCCESS AGAIN

It's definitely a very special event - a chance for the parish to get together and let the hair down!

Reports back from this year's Social were as good as ever. Really enjoyable.

So full marks to Fr. Finbarr, Colette Kenny, Mary Murphy and Ned Fahy for their excellent organising.

Just one thing was missing - David McInerney.



Rest in Peace

We pray for the late Michael Lynch, 'Ardcarrig', Model Farm Road, who died last week. Anybody who knew Michael would have met a gentle and good-humoured man, with a great interest in all sports. We offer our sympathy to his wife and family.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to SHAYRON O'SULLIVAN, 17 Kenley Crescent, on the death of her mother.

GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to PAT LANE, The Belfry, Model Farm Road, who was nominated as Indoor Sports Boxing Personality for 1993.

Pat was an accomplished schools junior and senior rugby player, and on leaving school took up boxing and was one of the original members of the U.C.C. boxing team. He was Cork county champion 1933-34 and college champion at lightweight from 1933-35. He represented Ireland in 1936.

Congratulations to GAVIN HURLEY, Wilton Avenue, a pupil of Colaiste an Spioraíid Naíomh.

Gavin, Aer Lingus Young Scientist of the Year, won third prize in the Physics Section of the International Science & Engineering Fair at Mississippi Beach, U.S.A. Gavin, one of the youngest competitors, was competing with 800 U.S. students and representatives of sixteen other countries.



LETTERS

Dear Editor,

The single, published response to your request for a selection of Top Ten Hymns is surely indicative of the lack of enthusiasm for hymn-singing in our church - except at Novenas!!

One of my favourite T.V. programmes is 'Songs of Praise'. It is such an enthusiastic way in which a community can give praise to God.

Here in Dennehy's Cross, we have everything going for us, a church full of worshippers, a wonderful organist, great choirs.

So what's the problem? Are we all shy and inhibited? Do we need more enthusiastic encouragement?

In a parish where so many things are done so well, we are pathetic when it comes to giving praise to God in song.

I'm sure the Editor would love to have your ideas on raising the roof. I certainly would. So, could we hear it for Songs of Praise here in the Church of the Holy Spirit? Please!!

Sincerely,
Pat Lemasney

Editor's note: Two more people have now sent in their selection.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE MILLSTREET PHENOMENON

The media has had a field day with Eurovision - and quite rightly, too, you might say. Noel C. Duggan and the community around him did Millstreet and rural Ireland proud - and proved the pundits wrong into the bargain.

Doesn't it go to show what community effort and enthusiasm, given the necessary back-up, can achieve? Doesn't it make a great case for de-centralisation?

In the Irish Bishops' Pastoral "Work is the Key", there is a chapter in Part Three headed "Empowering Communities and Regions". The bishops point out that Local Government handles about 13% in Ireland. In Denmark the figure is 70%. Subsidiarity - making decisions at local level - is sadly lacking in Ireland.

The Pastoral claims that local knowledge, commitment and participation are key ingredients in all authentic development. We must get rid of the 'us and them' mentality.

The Millstreet Phenomenon has proved that, with goodwill, enthusiasm, professional expertise and a lot of hard work, mountains can be crossed and success achieved.

Well done, Millstreet. Perhaps instead of wondering where the next Eurovision Extravaganza will be held, we could instead be looking at the example we witnessed of what Ireland as a whole can achieve. Ole! Ole! Ole!

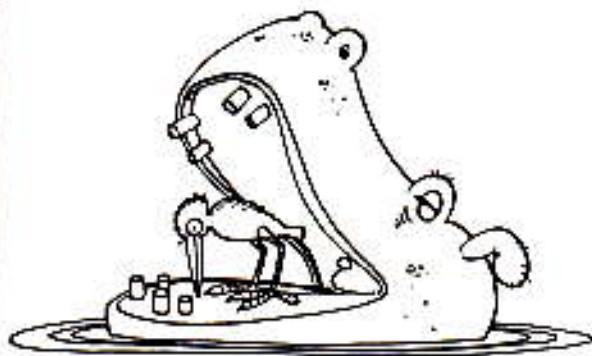


First Communion

Fr. Finbarr would like to thank all who made last Saturday's First Holy Communion such a special day. Thanks to my fellow clergy, the teachers, choir, altar society, sacristan and those who provided refreshments in the crypt afterwards. A special word of thanks to the parents who prepared their children and participated in the ceremony in a dignified and respectful way.

I would also like to express thanks to all the parents who brought their children to the special Mass on Sunday morning. It was a joyful occasion.

O taste and see that the Lord is good.
Psalms 34:8



Whoever trusts in the Lord
is kept safe.



NOTICE BOARD

New Parish Directory

The 1993-94 Parish Directory is on sale this weekend. Invaluable for all parish and Bishopstown area information. Cost £1.

Ministers of the Word

The scheduled meeting on Monday 24th May for new Ministers has been cancelled.

Wilton Road Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Please note that a General meeting of the above scheme will take place at the Crypt of the Church of the Holy Spirit, on Tuesday next, 25th May, at 8.30 p.m. (after Novena). A full attendance is required in order to further continue the scheme.

The meeting is to be confined to residents of the WILTON ROAD only.

Flag Day

The committee for the care of Travelling Children based in St. Catherine's School will hold a Flag Day on Thursday 27th May. Collectors are urgently required. If you can help please contact 544046 or 541376.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

County Final Feile na nGael U-14 Hurling between Bishopstown and Courcey Rovers takes place in Pairc Uí Chaoimh at 6.15 p.m. Sunday May 23rd. Note change of time.

Congratulations to our Senior Hurlers who drew the City Championship Final v. na Piarasaigh having already defeated The Glen and The Barrs in previous rounds. Well done to all concerned.

Diocesan Missions

The annual collection for our diocesan missions in Peru and Ecuador will be taken up on May 29/30th next.

The mission in Trujillo, Peru, established in 1965, continues to be the major mission attached to our dioceses. The recent difficulties there have meant that more than ever, the people need our presence and support. In the past year, things have quietened down and the place is relatively calm at the moment. Six priests work in Trujillo, side by side with some Peruvian priests and Mercy and Bon Secours Sisters. The priests and sisters have a huge workload and now serve close on 250,000 people.

A new mission was begun in Manta, Ecuador, on St. Patrick's Day. Manta is a city of 200,000 people and is situated on the coast just south of the equator, and has a growing shanty-town on the outskirts of the city. The shanty-town's population at present is about 80,000, but people continue to migrate in large numbers from the mountains in the hope of better educational facilities and hope of jobs in the fishing industry. Not all their hopes are realised, however, and the result is that they are the poorest of the poor. There is very little Church presence in these shanty-towns; a few small chapels and no house for priests as yet. It is among these people that the Cork & Ross priests have begun to minister.

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