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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr Writas

IN THE 1980 Ordination class of Maynooth, forty of us were ordained. It was a class of many diverse talents and personalities; young men full of youthful enthusiasm and idealism. Thirteen years on, what has happened?

Out of the class of forty, three have died and five have left the priesthood. Of the five who left, one is a radio presenter, another a county councillor, one a successful businessman in the midlands, the fourth runs a mobile disco show, the fifth a professional singer who is now recognized nationally and internationally.

Of those who remain, the most introvert was made a West of Ireland town's "Person of the Year". The most talented singer and footballer, who played with his county, is now confined to a wheelchair. The remainder of us work in various ministries both at home and abroad.

We were a group of young men who had the world at our feet. Sadly for some, their dream didn't come true; others among us are the most dedicated people I know.

I frequently think of those who found the going tough. What about your class at school or college - where are they now? I invite you to spare a thought and a prayer for them. When I hear sad news of one of my classmates I always say, "Only for the grace of God, go I."



We pray for the late TOM SUTTON of Orchard Road, who died last week. Tom had suffered ill health for the past number of years, but during the past year he suffered constantly.

Tom was a very gentle man and he was cared for with devotion by his wife, daughter, son-in-law and grand-daughters. We offer you our sympathy.

DEFINITION OF THE GOSPEL

Our gospel is:

Joyful in tone
Earnest in spirit
Satisfying to the soul
Uplifting to all
Sane in its appeal

DID YOU KNOW?

WILLS

The following article by Vincent Toher, Solicitor, may be of interest to our readers. We will publish a follow-up on the making of a Will in the near future.

"In this high-powered technological and stressful age, greater care must be taken of one's affairs, particularly ensuring that your affairs are properly in order for those that you leave behind after death.

That is why it is particularly advisable to consider carefully, and put in to practise, the making of a Will. Many times it has been my unfortunate and sorrowful task to advise a spouse and/or children of the difficulties that befall them as a result of a Testator's early and unforeseen demise, and not having made a Will or sought advice in relation to property or assets, no matter how small, during his/her lifetime.

Indeed, it is highly advisable for young couples after marriage and on purchasing a house, to consider the making of joint Wills, which would not only benefit each other in the smooth transference of property and assets on death, but would also benefit the child or children of that union into the future, avoiding unnecessary and traumatic bureaucracy at a time when such 'hassle' can certainly be done without."

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Thank You

The voluntary committee for St. Catherine's travelling children thank all those who helped at their recent Flag Day. The final amount collected was £1,676.00, which will go towards the children's holiday fund.



Baptism

We welcome the following babies who were baptised recently:

NIAMH CATHERINE McAULIFFE
KRIS ANNE LONG
CORNELIUS CHARLES FEENEY
RORY GERARD PRENDEVILLE
SHANE PATRICK O'LEARY
STEPHEN WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER

Congratulations to Anthony Buckley of Wilton Road who was a member of the Cork City team which won the League of Ireland title recently. Anthony was one of the star players in the closing stages of the play-offs. In the final match against Shelbourne many considered Anthony to be the 'man of the match'.

Anthony, a former member of Wilton United Soccer Club, spent some time in England playing professional football, but had to return due to injury. We the parishioners of Ballineaspaig are very proud of you and wish you all the best in the future.



LAITY COMMISSION REPORT

At the quarterly meeting of the Laity Commission on May 29, the emphasis was on "Pastoral Initiatives at Parish and Diocesan Level". Certainly, at parish level, Dennehy's Cross is up there with the best.

The general feeling of the meeting was that, although the Church gets a lot of negative attention from the media, the Spirit is alive and well and motivating people very positively throughout the parishes and Dioceses of the country.

Great progress has been made, for instance, in the Diocese of Killaloe where the CLARE CARE programme has shown how Church and local bodies, statutory and voluntary, can work together for the good of all. In other Dioceses, sadly, lack of enthusiasm has proved a hindrance to the formation of Pastoral Councils which have been so effective in pulling together the diverse activities taking place in our parishes.

Delegates from the Knights of St. Columbanus and Pax Christi respectively gave us an account of their Associations. These were both enlightening and inspiring. Like most people, I suspect, I knew little about either organisation.

There was a lively discussion on the 'set-aside' programme for agricultural land being imposed by the E.C. on Irish farmers. It was felt that there was something obscene and immoral in paying farmers to allow some of their land to lie fallow while so many people were dying of hunger in the world. Perhaps readers would like to air their views on this.

In conclusion, I would like to say a personal 'thank you' to Michael Lehane, Chairperson of our Pastoral Council. At short notice, Michael, with great efficiency and speed, prepared a resume of the Pastoral Council which I was able to present to the Commission. Thank you, Michael.





CORPUS CHRISTI

Thursday next, 10th June, is feast of Corpus Christi and a Holyday of Obligation. Masses on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m., Thursday 9, 10, 11, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m. (No Mass in Community School).

Eucharistic Procession

The Annual Eucharistic Procession in the city takes place next Sunday 13th June.

We assemble in Church grounds at 2.45 p.m. and leave at 3 p.m. sharp, walking via College Road to Grand Parade.



Pastoral Council

Minutes of last meeting now available at C.P. Centre.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Congratulations to Liam Meaney of Victoria Village who was part of the Cork Senior Hurling Panel which won the recent National Hurling Final against Wexford. Liam recently captured an All Ireland Banks Football Medal when playing a vital part in a victory over Dublin.

Liam, who is a member of the Bishopstown Club, is also on the County's U-21 Hurling and Football teams. He is, in fact, Captain of the County Football side, following Bishopstown's victory in last year's U-21 Football grade.

P.T.A.A.

New members of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association will be enrolled at the Annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday June 16th.

Any members of 25 or 50 years requiring a silver or gold pin or badge may contact J. Coffey at 542907, or L. O'Driscoll at 544682.

Somalia

A group leaving for Somalia would be grateful for unwanted games of any kind, for example - Monopoly, Ludo, Chess, Snakes & Ladders, Draughts, Trivial Pursuits, etc. etc.

They may be handed in at Sacristy, C.P. Centre, or priests' houses within next two weeks.



Congratulations to Rosalie Moloney of Farranlea Park, who has been appointed Principal of St. Angela's College. Rosalie has been involved for many years with the production of the Parish Bulletin and spent some time as Editor.

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