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26th Sunday In Ordinary Time



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

"The beauty of the world has made me sad", wrote Pearse. Somehow 'glad' not 'sad' is the word I always feel impelled to use, especially at this time of year when, more than at any other, I am conscious of the beauty of colour. Very soon we will see an explosion of beauty in the Lee fields as the leaves turn and form brilliant patterns of gold, russet, bronze and red. Autumn sunsets can be exquisitely soft and subtle or vivid and glowing by turn. The harvest moon shines with golden splendour in the night sky and after a shower, raindrops glisten on the petals of deep red roses.

Brian Keenan writes in his book 'An Evil Cradling' about this beauty of colour and the effect it had on him. He describes how one of his captors, whom he had nicknamed 'The Shuffling Acolyte' brought a bowl of fruit into his dark and dreary cell. This was a wonderful change from a diet of dry bread and strong cheese, yet he could not eat. "The fruits, the colours mesmerize me in a quiet rapture that spins through my head", he writes. "I am entranced by colour. Before me

is a feast of colour. I am intoxicated by colour. Such wonder, such absolute wonder. I cannot, I will not eat this fruit. I sit in quiet joy, my soul finds its own completeness in that bowl of fruit."

How dull our lives would be without colour and what dazzling beauty we can find each day if we open our eyes and look. Life is full of changing colours, changing everywhere every day. Sometimes it is the riot of Autumn leaves swirling and dancing in the wind. At another time it is the delicate beauty of a rainbow which catches our attention. The bright colours of children's clothing, as their little owners chase like live flowers along our streets can lift our hearts on a dull day. This train of thought has made me realize how simple and yet how very profound is the prayer we teach the junior infants - 'Thank you God, for giving me my eyes.'

Readings for Sunday 3 October

Ex. 18:25-28. Ps. 24. Phil. 2:1-11. Mt. 21:28-32.

PARISH TEAM

Dean O'Connor, P.P. 542972
Fr. Finbarr Crowley, C.C. 343895
Fr. John Newman, C.C. 541572
Sr. Ursula O'Callaghan, 545549.

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Requiescat
in Pace



KIT DALY, Kilcrea Park, was loved not only by her husband and family, but indeed by all who knew her. Even though her death was not unexpected, she was too young to die - and missed by all who knew her. We commend her into the care of the Good Lord, and may He console all who were near and dear to her.

MRS. MAI PAUL lived to a ripe old age. For some years she had resided with her daughter and son-in-law, Eileen and David O'Connell, Villa Santa Anna, Wilton Road, and with her son Jack and his wife in Dublin. She was an example for all by her active interest in life and disregarding the constraints of advancing years. She is missed by her family, her grandchildren and indeed a wide circle of friends.

DR. STANLEY O'CALLAGHAN resided at Bishopstown Avenue since retiring from his medical practice in England. He was predeceased by his wife Carmel (also a member of the medical profession) about four years ago. Stanley was the epitome of the perfect gentleman. He died quite unexpectedly - but as he would have wished, with the least possible trouble to everybody. We extend our sympathy to his sisters Maisie, Ursula and Aileen, Orchard Road.

M. A. B. S.

MONEY ADVICE & BUDGETING SERVICE.
100-103 BANDON RD.,
CORK.

Christmas is an expensive time, and it's just around the corner.

When your family has to live on a low income it's easy to get depressed about the high expense of Christmas. It can be tempting, and all too easy, to think of getting a last minute loan at a high interest rate.

Money borrowed in this way can often cause headaches and heartbreak, all year round trying desperately to keep up the heavy payments, but this could be avoided simply by planning ahead.

Start saving now. Any money you save in your Local Credit Union can help with those special extra expenses, or if you wish, it could be used to help you get a loan (of up to one and a half, or twice the amount saved) with fair and sensible repayment terms.

For example, pay back £8.15 a week for six months on a £200 Credit Union Loan, the total interest charged is just £6.20. With other sources, the same loan could cost you between £60 and £100.

Act now. Remember, if you find you are already at breaking point now is the time to get in contact with M.A.B.S. (Money Advice & Budgeting Service), 100-103 Bandon Road, Tel. 961434. This service is voluntary and free of charge. All matters discussed are treated with complete confidentiality. No contacts are made, or information passed on, without permission.



COMMENT

ALTERNATIVE SLANTS by Naomi

The title of this column set me thinking along lines which brought the background of everyday life more sharply into focus. 'Alternative Slants' seemed to pre-suppose one standard, uniform way of looking at life - a depressing thought which was quickly replaced by a feeling of exuberance, as a kaleidoscope of alternatives opened out instead:

Alternative lifestyle -
Alternative route - Alternative medicine - Alternative diet.

Unfortunately, certain concepts tend to trigger off alarm systems. Ideas - and people - perceived to be on the fringes or outside "the system" are received with suspicion and even hostility, particularly when they appear to rock the boat of a comfortable existence.

I happened to switch on a Scottish T.V. programme in which an individual Muscovite, a self-styled 'Gael', had made his own kilt and sporran (from his father's briefcase) and was to be seen in Red Square playing his own set of bagpipes. Variety is surely the spice of life...

A recent newspaper article about a Buddhist community who run a retreat centre near Castletownbere, attracted my attention. It was a splash of colour on the greyness of the routine news stories. But, given

the centuries-old Irish monastic tradition, this peaceful centre seemed to fit well into the grand scheme of things. In the words of the psalmist:

"Our Lord is great and almighty
His wisdom can never be measured."

Ps.147.

CONGRATULATIONS



We congratulate the following parishioners who were married in the early Summer:

ELMA O'CONNELL, 31 Lima Lawn, Magazine Road, who married Brendan Walsh, Bishopscourt.

JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY, 17 Woodlawn, Model Farm Road, who married Teresa Larkin, Frankfield.

BRIAN CORCORAN, 74 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, who married Noelle Hayes, Uam Var Avenue, Bishopstown.

DIARMUID BUCKLEY, 'Wedgewood', Laburnum Park, who married Kathleen Anderson, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.

DEIRDRE O'CONNELL, 9 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, who married James O'Donoghue, Connolly Road, Ballyphehane.

COIRLE BUCKLEY, 18 The Crescent, Kenley, who married Ross Bradding, Fulham, London.

CATHERINE HARRIS, 138 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, who married Derry O'Riordan, Macroom.

CATHRYN O'SULLIVAN, Kenley Drive, who married CHRIS MCCARTHY, Orchard Road.



NOTICE BOARD

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection takes place next weekend.

First Friday

Next Friday, 1st October, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on the usual days.

Liturgy Group

Meeting on Monday September 27th at 8.10 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Bulletin - Help Wanted

We need some help with folding and counting the Bulletins.

Commitment: An hour to an hour and a half on one Saturday in the month. If you would like to try it let your name at the C.P. Centre.

Important Reminder!

Very important meeting on Tuesday September 28th at 8 p.m. in Crypt for all groups who use the Crypt or C.P. Centre. If any group is not represented we will presume they will not be needing Church premises in 1993-94.

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Youth Club will hold a meeting in Crypt on Tuesday 28th September from 6-8 p.m. New and old members between 12-18 years welcome to attend.

Irish Heart Foundation

A door-to-door collection will be carried out in the Wilton/Bishopstown/Model Farm Road area during the next few weeks.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Table Quiz in aid of Cork Spastic Clinic in Club at 8.30 p.m. Teams of 4. £10 per table.

Junior A Football City semi final replay, today (Sunday) at 12.15 in Ballinlough -v- Brian Dillons.

HELP!

Can You Help?

CURA seeks applications from those interested in becoming volunteer counsellors for its service here in Cork. CURA is a confidential telephone and counselling service for any woman who is unhappily pregnant, irrespective of her marital status or religious affiliation. It is a voluntary organisation.

Applicants will go through a formal selection procedure and training. If you are interested please contact office at 34 Paul Street by phone, letter or in person before Monday 27th September. Tel. 277544. Office Opening Hours:

Mon/Wed/Fri 10a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tues/Thurs 10a.m. - 8p.m.

Saturday 12 noon - 5p.m.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to DONAL McCLEFFERTY, Lima Lawn, on the death of his mother.

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