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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Finbarr writes

Flags and banners representing the cities of Zagreb, Munich and Blackburn, and the countries of Slovakia, Poland, Germany, Holland and of course many from our own country, could be seen in Lourdes during our parish pilgrimage.

Many of the pilgrims from these places have been touched by war, violence and unemployment, with the result that previous generations had to leave their native city or country.

Today, Emigrant Sunday, let it be a reminder that all of us should have the right to live in freedom and dignity. We pray for our own emigrants and all people who have left their native places in search of a better life.

OCTOBER



Bible Study

This is the first of a series of short articles for children on the world's No.1 bestseller - The Bible.

Firstly, let's take a look at what the Bible is. Well, of course it is the Word of God. There are actually 72 books in the Bible - 45 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament.

'Testament' is an old word for 'covenant' or 'agreement'. The Old Testament is based on the agreement God made with the Jews: "If you keep my Commandments, I will look after you".

In the Old Testament we meet some of the 'big names' like Abraham, Moses, Noah, David, Solomon, in the books which tell us about the history of the Jews

before the coming of Christ. There are also the books of Wisdom, including the Psalms, as well as the books of the Prophets.

The New Testament is the agreement of Jesus Christ - if we live according to his law of love, we will have life with God forever.

The New Testament contains the four Gospels which tell of the life of Jesus and his message.

There are also

- The Acts of the Apostles which tell about how the early Christians set up the church.

- the letters of St. Paul and others which explained to the early Christians what the message of Jesus meant for their own lives.

Next month we'll take a closer look at one of the letters of St. Paul.



WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following parishioners who were married in July and August:

JUDY DUGGAN, 22 Sheares Park, Glasheen Road, who married Bernard Harris, Friar's Walk.

TERESA HENNESSY, 128 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, who married Brian Manning, Commons Road.

KENNETH McHALE, 56 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, who married CAROLINE COOKE, The Ridgeway, Model Farm Road.

MARTINA MCCARTHY, 'Glenbower', Bishopstown Avenue, who married Noel Wall, Blarney Street.

COLM TYERS, 'Ceann Sile', The Ridgeway, Model Farm Road, who married Carmel Sullivan, Donnybrook.

MARGARET WALSH, 46 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, who married Garrett Whyte, Barnstead Drive, Blackrock.

BILLY O'CONNOR, 'Vailima', Model Farm Road, who married Gillian Gibson, Castletroy, Limerick.

MAIRE MULCAHY, 'Renvyle', Wilton Avenue, who married Brian McCarthy, Kansas City.

CLAIRE BROWNE, 'Uplands', Wilton Avenue, who married Jonathan Hamill, Belfast.

SARAH KEATING, 'Sundale', Model Farm Road, who married Joe Treacy, Turner's Cross.

JAMES SPILLANE, 'Roncalla', Farranlea Grove, who married Jacqueline Guerin, Ennis.

JACQUELINE SYMTH, 6 Greenfields, Model Farm Road, who married Joseph Hayes, Clonakilty.

COLETTE O'SULLIVAN, 'St. Judes', 4 Highfield Lawn, who married Kieran O'Callaghan, Mallow.

SANDRA MORLEY, Farranlea Grove, who married Richard Gavin, Dublin.



BALLINEASPAIG PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
22 - 27 SEPTEMBER 1993

Herewith my thoughts and feelings on the Pilgrimage to Lourdes. To state anything less would take from the pilgrimage. I could write a book on the five days - so much took place. It was definitely one of the best experiences of my life. Thanks to Fr. Finbarr, it was a great success.

Stephen O'Donoghue

Mr. Terry Layton, in thanking Fr. Finbarr for his inspired spiritual direction of the Pilgrimage, likened Lourdes to a lovely garden full of memories, each a beautiful bloom in itself. Fr. Finbarr of course was the gardener. He constantly tilled the pilgrim soil, planting spiritual seeds in profusion, which instantly blossomed into orchids of the rarest kind. His homilies were inspired. He saw Christ in everybody and encouraged us to do likewise. We felt privileged to have him as our Pastor and we thank him for being with us.

Lourdes is all about the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was, of course, the original gardener of Lourdes. She planted a seed that has grown and blossomed since 1858 into the most awe-inspiring and magnificent profession of Faith since the Crucifixion. Tens of thousands of pilgrims honour Our Lady each day at the Grotto, at Mass and in procession.

The candle-lit procession each evening is a joy to behold. The flickering candles shine 'like a host of golden daffodils' against the night sky. They are raised in salute to Our Lady by the

pilgrims, up to 30,000 strong, extending over a mile in length, as they sing the 'Ave Maria' and say the Rosary in 10 different languages, including Irish.

There were so many beautiful flowers in the Garden of Lourdes that it would not be possible to include all of them here:

- The way our pilgrimage was organised.
- The singing of the hymns.
- The Mass at the City of the Poor.

However, for me the rarest flower of all was an evening about 11 p.m. when our group recited the Rosary on the far bank of the River Gave. Some sat on the river wall, others on seats about, while others just stood. As thousands milled about the Grotto less than 50 yds. away, our group was a small closely-knit community - an oasis of peace, piety and serenity, with all but a single thought - to honour Our Lady of Lourdes. With candles flickering, the noise of the rushing river in our ears, Fr. Finbarr guiding our thoughts and prayers, it felt as if Our Blessed Lord and Our Lady had come to visit us and were beside us.

I am sure the Lord touched each and every one of us on the pilgrimage.



OUR SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to HELEN O'FLYNN, Bishopstown Avenue West, on the death of her mother.



Ministers of the Word

Meeting on Monday 4th at 8.10 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

Readings for Sunday 10 October

Is. 25:6-10, Phil. 4:12-14,
Mt. 22:1-14

St. Joseph's Young Priests Soc.

Monthly meeting next Thursday 7th at 8.00 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

Parish Visitations

Fr. Finbarr will visit homes in the Kenley and Model Farm Road area over the coming weeks.

Highfield Rugby Club

All Ireland League Fixtures:

3 Oct. Highfield -v- U.C.C. at Mardyke at 2.30 p.m.

10 Oct. Highfield -v- Portadown at Model Farm Road at 2.30 p.m.

Please support your local Rugby Club and enjoy an afternoon of good sport and entertainment.

All Irish Preschool

At Bishopstown G.A.A. Tuesday to Friday, 10.00 - 12.30 p.m.
Enquiries 961222 (evenings).

Thank You

PASTORAL COUNCIL

We thank our parishioners who completed the options slips which were distributed at the Masses last Sunday. The matter will be discussed at the next Pastoral Council meeting on 11th October and the result will be published thereafter.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR BULLETIN TEAM**

In 1990 they were awarded Second Place in Ireland for the excellence of our Sunday Bulletin. In 1991 they won First Place. In 1993 they were awarded First Place in Ireland for the Best Design of Parish Bulletin. Well done! We are proud of you. On behalf of everybody in our Parish we offer our sincere congratulations to the Editor - Elsie Harris, Fr. Finbarr, and everybody on the team.

The award was presented to Elsie on Thursday last, 30th September, at All Hallows College, Dublin.

The team themselves are far too modest to announce this, but I feel you would like to know and be glad of their success.

Denis O'Connor, P.P.

THE FOLD

The October issue of The Fold goes inside Cork's RTC to find a fresh approach to community building. The 12 Chaplains are young and committed. Get the story of the Cork women who bake half a million pieces of bread each week! The spotlight is on Skibbereen parish. Young people reflect on Michael Jackson's bad summer and on their good ones! And there's lots of news from around the parishes and around the world. It's still just 50p.

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