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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. John writes

As this Bulletin goes to print, I await a copy of the Pope's latest encyclical letter 'Veritatis Splendor'. The theme of the encyclical is devoted to certain fundamental questions concerning the Church's moral teaching.

The word 'moral' for me brings to mind the uniqueness and mystery of the human person, human dignity, human language, human loving, the social reality of human living and loving. Within that context it raises issues (sometimes contentious issues) like freedom, law, conscience and the relationship that exists among these.

The media, as expected, has already focused in on the issue of human sexuality. What does the Pope say about this dimension of human living? I hope there will be a sensitive and discerning listening to what the Pope has to say and the reasons he says it.

Among the most fiercely contested principles in Catholic teaching to-day is the maintenance of an intrinsic connection between spousal love

and procreation. This was a central issue in Pope Paul's encyclical 'Humanae Vitae' (1968) where he says "each and every marriage act must remain open to the transmission of life" (Number 11). Twenty five years on, will the latest Encyclical reiterate the same view? And if so what kind of moral argument will be given in its support? What kind of impact will it have on Church life and on Church discipline? We await heady times indeed!

Fr. John

EUROPEAN YEAR OF OLDER PEOPLE

YOGA

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of Yoga and Relaxation Exercises at the SMA Hall on Thursday 14th October from 2.30-5.30 p.m. This is a once off occasion with Yoga expert, Marianne Gabriel, Bandon, who is offering her services free on this occasion to mark this special year. Light refreshments served.

Lord Mayor's Variety Concert

Sunday October 31st at 8 p.m. in City Hall. Tickets £2 available from Helen O'Hea at C.P. Centre (Monday 11th, 3-4 p.m.) and Crypt (Thursday 14th 3-4 p.m.). A bus will be provided at extra cost of £1.20 should number of tickets sold exceed 50.

Requiescat in Pace



Eileen Casey, Farranlea Grove, died recently after struggling with failing health in recent years. She is remembered as a quiet, reserved lady with a fertile, quick and incisive mind. She had a particular fondness for reading, especially literary works. Our sympathy to her brother, three sisters, family and friends.

We pray for the late Jo Dunnion, Wilton Avenue, who died recently. Jo was a prominent personality in the golf and local bridge club circles. To the 10.00 Mass goes she was well known as she attended with her husband Des. She was taken ill a few months ago and was cared for at home by Des and her daughter Mary. To Des, Mary and sons Donald and Brendan, we offer our sincere sympathy.



We offer our sincere sympathy to NORA MURPHY, 7 Kenley Drive, on the death of her sister.

To MICHAEL FLEMING, Kenley Crescent, on the death of his sister.

We have received very enthusiastic reports on the recent Lourdes pilgrimage. Here are extracts from what some of our parishioners had to say:

"As a pilgrim to Lourdes what impressed me most were the Chapels of Reconciliation where priests of all nationalities were present. I happened to meet a pilgrim who was overjoyed after making a good Confession after an absence of many years. The joy he was experiencing was very evident and he wanted us to celebrate with him."

Marcella O'Mahony

"The faith of the thousands of sick and handicapped is almost palpable. Seeing so many children among them is particularly poignant. Despite so much suffering there is such love, so much patience and faith and, most of all, a great sense of peace."

Suzanne McCarthy

"Many people were responsible for its success, but two in particular stand out, our spiritual director Fr. Finbarr and our courier Noelle O'Reilly. For us, one of the highlights was the concelebrated Mass for the Irish at the Grotto on the feast of St. Finbarr. During the Mass all our intentions, even those we had forgotten, were offered up and St. Finbarr didn't forget us, as he gave a real Irish welcome, the rain came down in buckets! We were filled with pride when we saw Billa O'Connell leading the singing of the hymns, but prouder still when Fr. Finbarr came to the lectern to read the Gospel. A truly wonderful occasion."

Denis Harrington



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

In a recent Media Comment, I mentioned the name of Cardinal Martini as a possible future pope. I have since read a profile of him by Gerard O'Connell in 'The Tablet' which would certainly not cause me to change my mind.

Regarding the future of the Church in these troubled times, he says: "One cannot desire for the Church other than what Jesus Christ himself desired for it; that it should live ever more and more in the Spirit of the Sermon on the Mount."

"We must look for the movements of the Holy Spirit", he

says, "which push one towards the good, so as to live according to the Gospel in the real world."

These 'movements of the Spirit', in our times, he lists as:

1. That all Christians should come to a more profound knowledge of Christ through the reading of Scripture.
2. An increase in voluntary service in the Church, as catechists, charity workers, missionary volunteers, etc.
3. A love of contemplative prayer leading to a deeper spirituality.

He warns against pessimism. "Jesus tells us", he says, "to be the lamp which shines brightly." It is not for us to judge success or otherwise. "In the end, it does not so much depend on us," he concludes.

A humbling thought!!



Elsie Harris (Bulletin Editor) and Tom Harris receiving the award for Best Designed Bulletin from Bishop Eamon Walsh at the Religious Press Association prize-giving in Dublin



Important Meeting

Tuesday next (12th) at 8 p.m. in Crypt for all groups using the Crypt or C.P. Centre.

Please send at least one delegate from each group or society for insurance information and directives.

Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to every home in the parish next weekend.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

An Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagsigi agus bigi pairteach linn.

Liturgy Group Members

Please collect from the sacristy minutes of last meeting.

Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 11th October in C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Meeting on Monday 18th October in the Crypt at 8 p.m. It is important to attend.

New Altar Servers

Third and Fourth class boys and girls (about 9 years of age) needed to train as Altar Servers. Meeting next Monday, 11th, at 4.30p.m. Contact Fr John Newman at 541572.

Altar Servers Clothes

Would those servers who have discontinued serving and who no longer require their altar outfits please contact Fr John at 541572 to arrange passing them on to new servers. Financial arrangements can be negotiated for the clothes between the families involved.

Readers at Daily Mass

The new rota for readers at daily Mass is now available on the sanctuary rail. Please take your copy. A list of the daily readings is provided each week at the doors of the Church or can be collected from the C.P. Centre (10.00 - 12.30).

P.E.A.C.E

The annual Mass for Industrial Peace and Job Creation will be offered at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay on Sunday 17th October at 4 p.m. Preacher - Rev. Prof. Patrick Hannon, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Bishopstown Community Association

A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday October 12th at 8 p.m. in Wilton Park House. All interested people are invited to attend.

'Colour Me Beautiful'

Mount Mercy College parents' association invites you to the College Hall on 12th October at 8 p.m. for a demonstration by Marion Creedon-Hegarty. Tickets £3. Raffles and refreshments. Don't miss out on a great night.

FINE GAEL MEETING

The monthly meeting of Model Farm Road Branch of Fine Gael will be held at rooms Bandon Road on Monday, 11th October at 8.30p.m. New members very welcome.

Readings for Sunday 17 October

Is. 48:1,4-6. Ps. 95. 1 Thess. 1:1-5. Mt. 22:15-21.

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