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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

PATRONESS OF THE MISSIONS

St. Therese of Lisieux was as popular in my Granny's day as Padre Pio is today. While I never claimed her as my favourite saint, she was a woman whose life fills me with great admiration. 'Little Flower' can be very misleading if we look no further than the title. 'Little bar of steel' was what I heard an older sister in my community once call her and I think it fits very well.

This 'little bar of steel' had the audacity to tackle a Pope single-handed as a young teenager. Her wish to enter Carmel at fifteen had been refused. Her father took her on a pilgrimage to Rome where she had an audience with the Pope. The Vicar General of Bayeux, standing nearby, announced in a loud voice that he absolutely forbade anyone to speak to the Holy Father. Braving his anger, Therese made her request, and did in fact enter the Carmelite Convent at Lisieux three months after her fifteenth birthday. There she lived a hidden and heroic life until her death from

tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four.

She described her life as a glass of medicine, beautiful to behold but bitter to taste, and went on to say that this bitterness had not made her life sad, because she had learned to find joy and sweetness in bitter things. She experienced great aridity in prayer and many temptations against faith, as well as a great deal of physical suffering due to ill health.



Her heart was filled with great longing to serve God. "If only I were a priest", she writes, "how lovingly I would bear You in my hand my Jesus, when my voice brought You down from Heaven. How lovingly I would give You to souls. Yet while wanting to be a priest I admire St. Francis of Assisi and envy his humility, longing to imitate him in refusing this sublime dignity."

Her heroic virtue was expressed in such ordinary ways that it was not easily recognisable. One Sister was

heard to remark - "She is very good but she has certainly never done anything worth speaking about". In the 'eyes of the universe' who were looking for productivity she certainly hadn't. To remind us that 'doing' is not always the be all and end all of everything, she has been chosen as Patroness of the Missions. It is fitting that we should remember her today on Mission Sunday.



PRAISE FOR OUR PARISH DIRECTORY

Quite a few people have commented on the excellence and usefulness of the latest edition of the Parish Directory that came out this summer. We agree. Congratulations to all concerned with the compiling of the Directory.

For anyone who has not got one, there are still some copies available at the C.P. Centre, price £1. It's all there - everything you could need to know about the parish.

"THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE"

is this year's theme for Mission Sunday. Jesus is called the living bread for he is endowed with the fullness of life which he shares with those who believe.

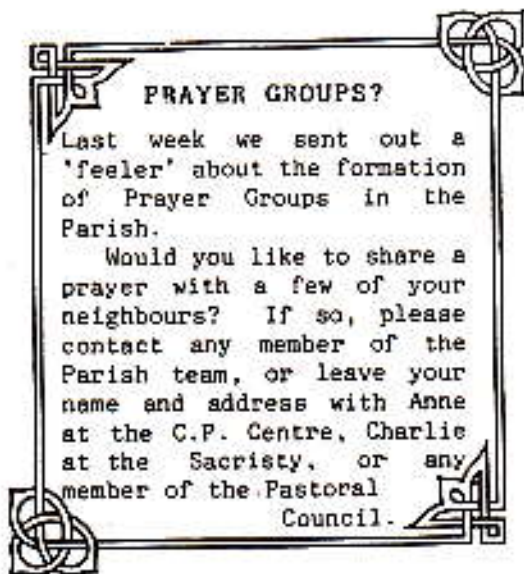


Theresa Kelly, Sheares Park, died recently after a period of ill health. Teresa lived life to the full, from her camogie days with the Rockies, to singing with the Cork City choir, travelling widely, return to education circles and painting. She is missed by family and neighbours. Our sympathy to husband Bernard, daughters Clare, Olive and Isabel, sisters, brothers and family.

PRAYER GROUPS?

Last week we sent out a 'feeler' about the formation of Prayer Groups in the Parish.

Would you like to share a prayer with a few of your neighbours? If so, please contact any member of the Parish team, or leave your name and address with Anne at the C.P. Centre, Charlie at the Sacristy, or any member of the Pastoral Council.



Prayers travel faster when said in unison.

Latin proverb



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

"VERITATIS SPLENDOR"

Being a Church leader these days is pretty tough. The Liberal Lobby demands a 'hands off' policy when it comes to matters of morality in the public domain. At the same time, voices within the Church demand that our Church leaders 'say it as it is', loud and clear, on all matters affecting morality.

So, after all the hype, the Papal Encyclical 'The Splendour of Truth' is with us. Pope John Paul has addressed his encyclical to the bishops. Presumably, we will hear from them in due course. What will their interpretation be?

Daphne McLeod, Chairperson of Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice says, "It is reassuring to see the age-old moral teachings of the Catholic Church re-affirmed so clearly for present day Catholics." She expects the bishops to give the encyclical a 'Brave and positive exposition'.

Cardinal Cahal Daly says that the document deserves close attention, not just from moral philosophers but from all sincere searchers after truth.

Professor Patrick Hannon of Maynooth, who preached the homily at last Sunday's Mass for Industrial Peace at St. Mary's Dominican Church, describes it as 'an authoritative intervention by Pope John Paul II in contemporary theological debate, addressed to

his fellow-bishops in the roles as teachers of sound doctrine."

He claims that Jesus Christ is boldly presented as 'the decisive answer to every man's questions, his religious and moral questions in particular.' And to every woman's questions, too, one assumes!

There are a lot of questions. We need help with the answers.



Joan Murphy has a final comment on the memorable Lourdes Pilgrimage.

A memorable feature of the recent pilgrimage was the celebration of Mass in Bartres, the little village where Bernadette spent a number of years. Here, she helped her foster-mother and cared for the sheep. It was a simple, holy life and simplicity and holiness were positively palpable in the little church. Unlike most of the activities of Lourdes where large crowds participate, this was very much 'our' celebration. It was here too that we remembered especially the needs of the parish, so we felt very close not only to one another, but to all our friends at home.



NOTICE BOARD

Liturgy Group

Please collect minutes of last meeting in the Sacristy.

Can You Help?

The annual Flag Day for Cuanlee (Hostel for battered wives and children) will take place on Monday 1st November. Volunteers are needed for all Masses at our Church. Please help if you can.

Don't Forget

Commencing Saturday, 6th November, Vigil Mass will be at 6.15 p.m.

Visitation

Fr. John Newman will visit Wilton Gardens during the coming week.

**NOVENA
FOR THE HOLY SOULS
NOVEMBER 2 - 10**

Envelopes are available at Church doors. The three Priests of the Parish will each offer a Novena of Masses.

Bishopstown Community Association

AGM will be reconvened on Tuesday November 9th at 8 p.m. in Wilton Park House for the sole purpose of electing a Board of Directors. Only members of BCA Ltd. are eligible to vote and be elected on to the Board of Directors. Membership application forms are available from the Hon. Sec. Wilton Park House.

Bishopstown GAA Club

Scor na bpaisti. Competitions for primary school children in verse speaking, figure & set dancing, solo singing & ballad singing, instrumental music (groups of 2 or 3) and novelty act, in Club Pavilion at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 30th October.

Halloween Disco Dancing competition in Club on Friday 29th October, 7.30 - 11.30. Adult supervision. Mineral Bar. Adm. £2.50.

CONFESSIONAL TIMES

Saturday: 12-1, before and after Vigil Mass.
Thursday and Eve of First Friday at 8 p.m.

Readings for Sunday 31 October

Mat. 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10. Ps. 130. 1Th.2: 7-9, 13. Mt. 23:1-12.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
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