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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

A DEEPLY TOUCHING EXPERIENCE

IT WAS my very great privilege to attend the tenth anniversary conference of I.S.A.N.D.S. and I am deeply grateful to Betty Nagle of Kenley for making that possible. It was a very moving and thought provoking experience and one which touched me deeply. There was so much pain, anger even, in that room in Jury's Hotel, and so much courage, love, acceptance, understanding and support as well.

Grief with all its attendant emotions of denial, anger, guilt, sorrow and final acceptance come from the very centre of our being. When a child, whom we expect to live and grow, to mature and to flower, dies, something of that grief touches not only the family but all who know them. The parents and immediate family of the child want to talk and talk and talk and, often, because the grief touches us all so deeply many of us are afraid to listen. Those who have the courage and sensitivity (and it takes both) to stay and hear again and again

the torrent of pain perform a tremendous act of friendship and of love.

Both parents are grieving, each is looking for comfort from the other, which neither is really able to give because of his or her own pain. This can put a terrible strain on a marriage. The mother has lost a child, who a short while before was part of her own body. Thankfully women can usually, at least, articulate their grief.

The father grieves too. He, just as much as the mother, needs the security given by the presence of another understanding person. Men do not usually have the words to express their grief. Too often we join in the 'conspiracy of silence' which causes further denial.

On a lighter note - it was with great pride that I saw one of our own parishioners, Ann Moloney, receive a presentation for the hard and dedicated work she put into assembling the truly magnificent quilt in which almost 600 'Little Lifetimes' were commemorated. The tremendous response to this idea of a commemorative quilt tells us a lot. "My baby lived for seventeen days," one mother said, "and I put all her lifetime into that patch. I think of her now as tucked up in my heart and that is where she will always be."

What more is there to be said?

A PARISHIONER WRITES...

Dear Editor,

As a friend of the Pro-Life campaign I am against abortion. On 13th September last there was a public meeting 'Choose Life' organised by Pro-Life groups in Cork City and attended by almost 500 people in the Imperial Hotel. People came from different parts of the country to attend this meeting. Last week I attended another meeting of the Pro-Life Campaign which was very well supported. It was wonderful to see the number of young people who were there. A nurse gave a talk on abortion and showed a video in colour on what happens to a baby during an abortion. How anybody would favour abortion after seeing these horrifying and distressing pictures would be hard to imagine. Mother Teresa's message is "Let us remember that every child at its very conception is created for greater things to love and be loved. The best gift of God to a family. So let us pray for the child."

Maureen Boylan

PARISH DIRECTORY

The Parish Directory 1993-94 will be on sale at the Church doors after each Mass on the weekend of 27/28 November. Great value for £1. General information re Church activities, schools, hospitals, bus-times, sport, clubs for the elderly, youth, important telephone numbrs, etc. etc...

This directory is issued only every two years. An essential for every household in the parish and the Bishopstown area generally.

BISHOPSTOWN G.A.A.

Congratulations to our Minor Footballers who retained their County Championship Title with a four point win over Bantry Blues.

Under 21 Hurling County Championship, Bishopstown v Ballincollig in Ballinora on Sunday 21st at 2.30 p.m.

Scor na bPaisti. Baile an Easpaig captured three County Titles at the County Final last Saturday. Well done to Aideen Mawe, Orla Ryng and Yvonne Wycherly, Sioban McCarthy, Orla Ryng, Caitriona McCarthy. Our Set Dancers, though not winners on the night, deserve great credit for reaching the Final.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Vicki and Gwen Curtin and Bridget Malone for helping to sort out the Bulletins last week. It is nice to see young people willing to become involved.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to MRS. K. MCCARTHY, 83 Leesdale, on the death of her father.

To MRS. MARY DELANEY, 29 Greenfields, on the death of her brother.

To BETTY CUMMINS, 35 Parkway Drive, on the death of her father.

To AUDREY O'MAHONY, Bishopscourt Road, on the death of her mother.

To KAY DEERLING, Bishopscourt Avenue, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Keogan.

To BILLY O'SHEA, 'Claragh', Wilton Avenue, on the death of his sister, Mary Carrigy.

To MR. & MRS. MICHAEL KENNY, St. Clare's Avenue, on the death of their grandson in Mallow.

To PATRICK O'BRIEN, 69 Leesdale, on the death of his father.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

"IO TI ASSOLVO"

We Christians are a funny lot. "See how they love one another" said the early observers. Today's observer must surely be puzzled at the outward manifestation of our Christianity. Even in our own country, what evil deeds are perpetrated in the name of our Christian religions.

It was intriguing to observe the reaction to Bishop Eamon Casey's 'revelations' in the SUNDAY TRIBUNE. The spectrum ranged from open 'welcome home' to 'send him to work in Bosnia'.

Confession, it used to be said, is good for the Soul. There must be many a confessor in Italy who would be less than enthusiastic about that claim. Giordano Guerri has written a book called 'Io Ti Assolvo' (I absolve you). In it, he relates how he posed as a Christian Democrat politician

CORK FAMILY PLACEMENT PROJECT

We are currently recruiting new families and would like to hear from anybody who feels they could meet the challenge of fostering a teenager. Training, intensive support and generous allowance given. Contact Con Lynch or Peggy Carty at Southern Health Board, Abbeycourt House, Georges Quay, tel. 985511.

(among other things). He taped the 'confessions' which, to say the very least, were unflattering to the confessors. He expects a reaction from the Church, but not of the Salman Rushdie type. But he tells a story.

"Here in Milan there is a little old man who stands in the Piazza del Duomo. He is 85 and too old to be locked up. His sister left the family fortune to the Church and nothing to him. He goes to the piazza with a stick and when the priests go past, he hits them on the head. He's got about 60 of them."

As I said, we Christians are a funny lot. I hope God sees the joke.

EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

An Information Day organised by the European Information Centre and Cork Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday 24th November in the Metropole Hotel. The objective of the Information Day is to highlight the Fund's actions and its relevance to the different groups. Who should attend? Representatives of Community Development Groups, SMEs, Regional Chambers of Commerce, Enterprise Boards, Local Authorities, Educational Institutes, Professional Associations, Commercial Representative Bodies and Trade Keynote Speaker: Eugene Power, Directorate General XVI, Regional Policy, European Commission. Cost: £20 to cover attendance, conference pack, lunch and refreshments. Further information from Tara Dennehy, tel. 509044, Fax. 271347.



Ministers of the Eucharist

Retreat in Crypt on Tuesday 30th from 8 - 10 p.m. for all Ministers of the Eucharist.

Special Mass

Concelebrated Mass for our deceased parishioners will take place on Monday 29th November at 7.30 p.m.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will continue visitation in Wilton Avenue/Bishopscourt during the coming weeks.

Liturgy Group

Meeting in C.P. Centre on Monday 22nd at 8.10 p.m.

Parents, Teenagers and Drugs

The Parish Education Committee has arranged a talk by Detective Sgt. Denis O'Shea, Drug Squad, to take place in The Crypt of the Church on Tuesday 23rd November at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Christmas Dues

Envelopes will be delivered to the homes in the parish during the next two weeks. If you wish to return your envelopes directly to the Priest's house, please ensure that you use the letterbox on the inner door. Thank you.

College Project

Laura Curtin of Model Farm Road, will be calling to some homes in the parish within the next few weeks with regard to a college project that she is undertaking. She would be grateful for your co-operation.

Travel Pool to Limerick

Anybody travelling to work daily in Limerick interested in sharing driving please contact Declan O'Leary at 344356 (H) / 061-333644 (O).

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

On Wednesday next, November 24th the monthly Recital will be given by Maureen Mahony at 3 p.m. in the Crypt of the Church. Everybody is welcome and better support would be appreciated.

Bishopstown Meals on Wheels

The annual Flag Day will be held next Thursday/Friday, 25 and 26 November. Please support as we are low on funds and the number of dinners has increased. If you would like to help at the Flag Day or become a Cook or Driver, please contact Betty at 541487, or Anne at 541971.

Sale of Work

At Good Shepherd Convent on Friday 26th November, 9.00-5.00.

Ceili Mor

In aid of the Bishopstown & District Lions Club at the SMA Hall, Wilton, on Friday 26th November at 8 p.m. Full Bar, Spot Prizes, Complimentary Sandwiches. Tickets £6, O.A.P. £4. All in aid of 'Sight First'.

Ladies Toning & Aerobic Classes

Lose weight, get in shape. Classes at Highfield Rugby Club commencing Wednesday 24th November at 8 p.m. sharp. Adm. £2.50. All are welcome. Proceeds from first night to St. Vincent de Paul.

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday: 12-1, before and after 6.15 p.m. Vigil Mass. Eve of First Friday at 8 p.m.

Readings for Sunday 28 November
Ex. 34:11-12, 15-17. Ps. 22. | Cor. 15:20-28, 28. Lk. 28:21-44.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
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