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OF WELLS'S CROSS, CO. Wick

BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

3rd Sunday in Advent



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
The Dean writes

*"I am the Light of the World.
Whoever follows me will have
the Light of Life."*

The well-known author and historian of the early years of this century - H.G. Wells - was once asked: "Who was the greatest leader who ever lived?" Wells, a non-Christian, answered, "Jesus Christ." When asked the reason for his choice he replied, "The real test of greatness is - what did he leave to grow?"

Jesus set people thinking along fresh lines that changed their lives, and the lives of countless millions. This inspiration has lived on from generation to generation ever since. Of course it was more than inspiration - it was power enabling us to fulfil our true potential - to bring to reality the beautiful qualities which lie dormant in all of us. He came that we might have life, and have it to the full - the dawn of brighter days, and fresh hope - the warmth of his life in our own lives, and the lives of those around us.

*"Tell everyone who is discouraged,
Be strong and do not be afraid
God is coming to your rescue."*

Isaiah "Come, Lord Jesus"

Denis O' Connor P.P.



**PRE
PARE
THE
WAY
FOR
THE
LORD,
SMOOTHEN
THE PATH
FOR OUR GOD**



1 Riverdale,
Skibbereen

LETTERS

Dear Sr. Ursula,

Thank you for writing such a sensitive and very beautiful report on the I.S.A.N.D.S. conference in Bishopstown Bulletin.

Every good wish in your work.

Eileen O'Sullivan

LUKE REPLIES:

I thank Gearoid Ó Dubhtaigh for his response to my Media Comment of November 14. In his (much longer) published letter (November 28) he speaks on a number of occasions of giftedness. My point was simply this. We are gifted by God with intellect and with the freedom to use this intellect to make choices. Let us be open to the Holy Spirit in prayer. Let us use our God-given gifts and 'be not afraid'.



Rest in Peace

Dr. Sheila Loughnan, Kinloch Court, Bishopstown Avenue, died recently at the Mercy Hospital, where she had given the best years of her professional life.

Sheila was highly respected for the standards of excellence she brought to her work, and her concern for patients.

In failing health for some time she was always so appreciative of any small kindness from others.

We offer sincere sympathy to her relatives and friends - in particular her brother and sister-in-law, Drs. Dermot and Eileen Loughnan.



To KEVIN MURPHY, Laburnum Park, on the death of his father.

We offer our sincere sympathy to EILEEN MCCARTHY, Bishopstown Avenue, on the death of her mother Eileen O'Donovan, Carrigrohane.



ON THIS DAY

Take Pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Gladden the heart of a child.

Mend a quarrel. Search out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust.

Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate, be kind, be gentle. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Express your gratitude. Worship your God.

LAITY COMMISSION REPORT

At our December meeting we were introduced to Fr. Joe Dargan, S.J. He spoke enthusiastically of the task given to him by the Episcopal Conference to carry out an evaluation of the present state of pastoral activity throughout the Church in Ireland.

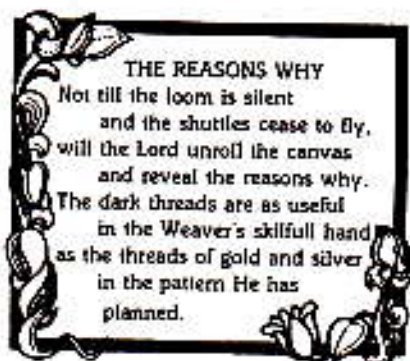
Based on the Irish bishops' Ad Limina visits to the Holy Father in 1992, he spoke of Pope John Paul's challenge to them to respond to today's needs with a Pastoral Plan, especially to the needs of young people. He called on the bishops to do great things for them.

Fr. Dargan insists that the plan must come UP from the parishes. He calls for a dynamic programme at Diocesan level, to look at what is happening and to plan for the future - with the bishop as leader.

God can bend and change, and form and reform any of His creatures to fit them for the purposes he designs.

C. McAuley

He is currently visiting all the Dioceses. I can reveal (as they say in the media) that Fr. Dargan was visiting Cork this week and meeting Bishop Murphy. I am sure we will be hearing more on the subject.



To-day is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday and all is well.





Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner

A reminder that Bishopstown Social Services will hold their annual dinner for senior citizens and friends on Sunday 19th December at 6 p.m. in the Bishopstown G.A.A. Pavilion. Tickets £4 available from:

Nora Fitzpatrick 546358

Brid Hartnett 544693

Michael Haydon 541638.

Transport available if required. A great night is guaranteed.

Legion of Mary Stall

Catholic Papers will be on sale each Saturday evening after the 6.15 Vigil Mass.

Christmas Tape

Our church choir are celebrating their 21st anniversary and have brought out a tape of Christmas music. It is now on sale in the C.P. Centre, only £5. The tape would make a beautiful Christmas gift for those away from home.

Music Celebration

In preparation for Christmas, a carol concert will be held in the Church of the Real Presence tonight Sunday 12th, at 7.30 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

People of Faith

Mass for Christmas will be held on 17th December in the S.M.A. Church, Blackrock Road, at 8 p.m. The Theme of the Mass is - Freely Give.

Advent

Benediction continues each Sunday during Advent at 5 p.m. Also Exposition and Quiet Prayer after 7.30 p.m. Mass until 8.30 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

Greenery and Holly Needed!

Greenery and holly needed for our Church Crib. If you can help, please contact the Sacristan during the week.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

On Wednesday 15th December Mass will be offered in the Club Pavilion at 6.30 p.m. for the repose of the souls of deceased club members. All welcome.

The A.G.M. of the club will be held immediately following Mass - a full attendance of members is requested. New members welcome.

Bulletins to the Homes

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

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Leifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaigi agus bigi pairteach linn.

Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 13th December in the C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

Readings Sunday 19 December

2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16.

Ps. 88. Rom. 16:25-27. Lk. 1:26-38.

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