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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

THIS STORY IS TRUE!

I thought this little story (from the priests' retreat) deserves to be re-told.

A small boy in torn jeans is admiring large gleaming limo in New York parking lot. Along comes the owner and opens car doors by remote control.

Small Boy: Hi mister - do you own this car?

Big Man: That's right sonny - I sure do.

Small Boy: How much did it cost mister?

Big Man: I have no idea son.

Small Boy: Do you mean to tell me you own this car, but don't know what it cost?

Big Man: That's absolutely correct - I got it as a present from my brother.

Small Boy: I wish I - could be a brother like that.

Big man (like me) thought Small Boy would say "I wish I had a brother like that." Rather intrigued he said, "Would you like a ride?" "Sure," came the reply. "Right, I'll drive you home." Big man pulls up, as directed, outside a run-down tenement. Small Boy - "Wait

just a minute mister," and disappears in - re-emerges with his small handicapped brother in his arms. "Look Johnny, when I grow up I'll buy you a car just like that - all for yourself."

Big man, with parents' permission, takes both kids for tour of city - declares it's the happiest day of his life.

The story is true - I'm told. It calls for reflection.

All the best.

Denis O'Donnor P.P.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to HUMPHREY AND ANNE MURPHY, Lima Lawn, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary recently, and to TED AND DOROTHY O'CONNELL, Wilton Road on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.



Parish Novena 12th to 20th May.

Parish Social 26th May.

Corpus Christi Procession on 29th May.



Letters

Bishopscourt Road

Dear Editor,

Blind Pews

While recently observing people returning to their seats after Holy Communion at a busy Mass, I was struck by the apparent hesitancy of a number who were plainly uncertain as to where they had been sitting.

The lady in the 'red coat' - their landmark had moved and they were lost!

This had led, in our experience, to family groups finishing up in separate pews with 'baggage' - umbrellas, gloves, etc. ending up in the Lost Property.

Why not make life a little simpler for the simple (simply half asleep on occasions) by attaching numbers to each end of each row of pews from front to rear of the church.

Yours sincerely,
Kevin O'Mahony

Heavenly Father, walk with me today down every street, in every shop; stand in each queue and share each conversation; let me introduce you to all I meet, and see their needs and listen to their fears.

Dear Editor,

To tie in with Fr. John's writing on last Sunday's Bulletin, the following may be found to be appropriate:

"SLOW ME DOWN, LORD,
I'm going too fast,
I can't see my brother walking past,
I miss many good things day by day.

I don't know a blessing when it comes my way.

Slow me down, Lord.

I want to see more of the things that are good for me. A little less of me and a little more of you.

I want the heavenly atmosphere to trickle through,

Let me help a brother when the going gets rough;

When folks get together it isn't so tough.

Slow me down, Lord, so I can talk with your angels.

Slow me down to a walk."

Your sincerely,
Bill Moriarty

Kantara,
Farranlea Park

Dear Editor,

I wish to add my voice to that of Ms. O'Riordan and Mr. Ryan regarding the new Mass times. Our times should not be the same throughout the whole area. There should be a choice.

Yours sincerely,
Mary McDonogh

P.S. I really READ the Bulletin every week and congratulate the team on same.



TIME OUT

Four ways to mentally apply the brakes.

* Drive 10mph slower. Many of us drive fast, even when we're not in a rush. Try a new route or simply notice the old one more.

* Take a moment before eating. Saying grace or just sitting quietly reminds us to notice our meal instead of just wolfing it down.

* Shower after work. Just for a minute or two, to "wash away" the day's work and allow you to leave it behind for the evening.

* Honour the process itself. Whatever the task or activity, slow down, do just one thing, do it well, and allow yourself the sense of accomplishment without feeling the need to get it done and move on.



We offer our sincere sympathy to
ELAINE MULCAHY, Orchard Road, on
the death of her mother.
To DES WIXTED, College Road, on
the death of his mother.
To COLM O'CONNOR, 23 Kenley Road,
on the death of his mother.
To BRIDGETTE FITZGERALD, Kenley
Drive, on the death of her
father.
To DENIS HARRINGTON, Lima Lawn,
on the death of his sister in
Dublin.

children's corner

Next Saturday will be a very special day in our parish. Jesus will be coming in Holy Communion, for the first time, to the First Class children of St. Catherine's School. They have spent months preparing for this Big Day.

Every time we receive Jesus in Holy Communion it is a special day for us too. We should spend some time preparing for His visit - telling Him we are sorry for the times we didn't live in His way, asking Him to forgive us, and to help us to be better from now on.

When we receive Communion we should have clean hands, as well as a clean heart. Try to concentrate on what is happening at this special time. Don't forget to spend some time after you receive, praying to Jesus and thanking Him for His gift to you.

Hope the sun shines on your day, and in your heart.



Pat Jackson

"DIDN'T MARY'S AND JOSEPH'S STABLE
HAVE TELEVISION OR NOTHING,
GRANDPA?"



Announcements

Pastoral Council/Contact People

A meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd May at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt to discuss distribution of literature for forthcoming parish Novena.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Our Annual Mass will be held on Wednesday 4th May at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt. No meeting on Thursday.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will continue visitation in Kenley this week.
Fr. John Newman will continue visitation in Leesdale.



Great Night Out

Bingo at City Hall on Saturday 7th May at 8 p.m. £2,000 in prizes. Books £5. In aid of Eucharistic Procession Fund.

Bring Life to your Faith

In the "new-look" **FOLD** there's something for everyone.

WE ASK WHAT OUR CHILDREN REALLY LEARN AT FIRST COMMUNION. WE LOOK AT HOW PARISH LIFE MUST CHANGE IN CORK AND ROSS. AND WE VISIT DURRUS & KILCROHANE PARISH, AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF WEST CORK.

All this and more for just 50p.

Volunteers Please

Volunteers Needed

CMAC is setting up a new project in marriage preparation. We are looking for volunteers who are married (35-40 years of age approx.) who would be interested in skills training for work in helping couples prepare for marriage. If you are interested we are holding an information night on Monday May 16th at 8 p.m. Please come along or ring 275678, 10-5 p.m. Prior experience not necessary.

TAKE NOTE

Bishopstown Community Association

The next meeting will take place at Wilton Park House on Tuesday 3rd May at 8 p.m. All living in the area, or involved in activities in the area, are welcome to attend. If your area has a Residents' Association we would like to know about it. Please send details to the P.R.O., B.C.A. Wilton Park House.

Well Done

Congratulations to the Highfield U-18 team who beat Shannon 15-14 in the final of the Kiely Cup in Musgrave Park on Sunday last.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
NUMBER: 271551**

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Ps. 97, 1 Jn. 4:7-10, Jn. 15: 9-17. No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.