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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
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HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

Conducted by

Fr. Dan Bray and
Fr. Kieran Campbell CSSR.
Thursday May 12-Friday 20

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Two Sessions Daily
10.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 12th & Sunday :
10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Saturday: 10.00 and 6.15 p.m

Mass & Anointing of Sick:
Saturday 14th at 3 p.m.

Reconciliation Night:
Monday 16th

Special Youth Night:
Tuesday 17th

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Please support the Novena by
reciting Novena Prayer

HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA PRAYER

Holy Spirit of God,
faithful companion,
giver of calm and peace,
move us to trust in the tremendous
love of God our Father for us.

Holy Spirit of God,
healer of all our ills,
inspire us to count our blessings
and be grateful for them.

Holy Spirit of God,
source of all wisdom,
guide us to make wise decisions
and support us in all our difficulties
throughout our lives. Amen



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

A SHELTERING TREE

I was visiting friends of mine who have been married for almost twenty years. The husband had had a birthday and a card from his wife stood on the bookshelf. The caption caught my eye. It read, "You are not only my husband and lover. You are my companion, confidant and FRIEND". With a sudden flash of insight I

realised why the marriage was so good. That couple were, above all else, tremendous friends and had a great capacity for friendship which I have been privileged to share.

"Friendship is a sheltering tree", Coleridge wrote. All of us, on reflection, will find we have good reason to thank God for the many, many times we have been able to shelter under its branches. We have all needed people to laugh with us and to cry with us, to rejoice at our success and to console us in failure. People who will listen not only to the poignancy of pathos, but also the babblings of bathos and not reject us as dull and depressing. People with whom we can share our deepest hopes and dreams and above all, our fears. People who will be gentle with us when we cannot be gentle with ourselves, and who are wise enough, kind enough and courageous enough to challenge us when we need to be challenged.



A life without a few close and very intimate friends is a very impoverished life. To have a friend it is necessary to be a friend. Friendship is never a 'one way street', nor is it always a 'primrose path'. It is at times a hard and even a boggy road, but it is a road that, when travelled, is permanently rewarding.

Nobody knew this better than

Our Lord who was ready 'to lay down His life for His friends.' John 15:14. On the night before he died, Jesus said to his apostles and through them to us, "I have called you friends." John 15:15. Perhaps we could use our Parish Novena as a time to deepen this friendship which is, after all, the basis of all true friendship.



We offer our sincere sympathy to BETTY LANE, Cherrygrove, EILEEN BENNETT, St. Francis Avenue and MAURA McELHINNEY, Laburnum Park, on the death of their brother, Sam O'Carroll.



Happy Saver

The happiest person on earth is the one who saves friends.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

OLE! OLE! OLE!

Like most people, I suspect, I watched the Eurovision Spectacular. I marvelled at the set and at the electronic wizardry. The voting was exciting and there was a sense of pride at Ireland's winning. And then I went to bed.

NEXT day I wasn't so sure. I thought of the £2 million that it had cost, the same last year, the same in 1995. I thought of the huge sums being spent by Government on P.R. and on jetting around the world. I reflected on the half a million being spent on promoting a positive response to the proposed Divorce Referendum, when it is generally agreed that half the voting population will vote against it.

So, am I a kill-joy? Ask some of the 300,000 real people who are unemployed. Ask the homeless families or the people with so many other social needs. Surely they must be thinking: how many homes would this kind of money build? How many of their social problems could be solved?

All this from a Government whose priority is to solve the unemployment problem and whose Constitution guarantees to cherish all the children of the Nation equally.

And then I thought: the World Cup is around the corner and the whole circus will start again. Sure, we're a great little Nation!! Or are we? What do you think?



For the Elderly and Housebound

There are two beautiful tapes, very suitable for the elderly and housebound, available in Veritas at £4.99 each. "Ciunas" have hymns and prayers with which listeners can join in. Such hymns as 'I'll Sing a Hymn to Mary', 'Holy God', and prayers like 'The Angelus', Morning and Night Prayers.

Samples of the tapes can be seen in the C.P. Centre. If anyone would wish the Communications Committee to purchase the tapes on your behalf we will do so and deliver them to your home.

CELEBRATION

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Congratulations to our Senior Footballers who were victorious over Carbery in the first round of the County Championship. Good luck on May 28th when they take on St. Nicholas for a place in the quarter finals.

U-21 footballers play Brian Dillons in the City Final of the B Championship this Sunday at 11.30 a.m. in Ballinlough.

Bishopstown Senior Hurlers defeated Blackrock in the City Senior Hurling Championship on the score 4-8 to 0-9. Next Tuesday they play the winners of Na Piarraigh v. RTC in the semi final. We were beaten in the final last year, after a replay, and we hope to go all the way in 1994.

**Jumble Sale**

In aid of Romanian Orphanages at The Ridgeway on 14th/15th May, 10.00-6.00 p.m. Toys, clothes, household items and more. Come now!!

Annual Summer Outing

Bishopstown Social Services Outing for senior citizens and friends will take place on Thursday 19th May. The destination this year is Killarney. The outing will include a visit to Muckross House and Gardens and entry cost and evening meal at Abbey Hotel, Ballyvourney, is included in the ticket of £10. Latest date for booking is 16th May and tickets available from Nora Fitzpatrick 543658, Brid Hartnett 544693 or Michael Haydon 541638/541012. Coaches will depart at 1.00 p.m.

Cope Foundation

Flowers of Hope collection takes place from 2nd to 14th May. Please support.

Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 9th May at 8.10 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Computer Courses for Students

One-week courses in June, Monday-Friday, 9.00-1.00. For brochure contact Mike Foley, Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh, tel. 543790.

Bishopstown Park Open Day

Sunday, May 8th, at 3 p.m. Come and walk Bishopstown Park with Tom O'Byrne, Chairman, Irish Wildlife Federation. Venue: Bishopstown House, Murphy's Farm.

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26. Ps. 102. 1 Jn. 4:11-16. Jn. 17:11-19.

Mass for Sick & Housebound

Saturday 14th May at 3 p.m. in the Crypt. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass.

A reminder to the Contact People to ensure that transport is available where required.

As always the organisers are dependant on the wonderful response from Contact People and parishioners who supply sandwiches and cakes, to ensure that those who attend the Mass enjoy the social aspect afterwards.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will continue visitation in Kenley this week, and Fr. John Newman will begin visitation in Rossbrook.

Ascension Thursday

Next Thursday, 12th May, is a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Masses on Thursday at 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m. Confessions before and after Vigil Mass.

**Bulletins to Parish Homes**

Next weekend 15th. Our thanks to all distributors.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

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

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