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Feast of the Most Holy Trinity



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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**  
*The Dean writes*

## CHERISHING THE FAMILY

Last week the bishops of Ireland issued a Pastoral to celebrate the International Year of the Family. If you haven't got one be sure to take your copy at the Church door, and read it.

At this time we have many - and often conflicting references to family life. The Government are hell bent on bringing in divorce - Roddy Doyle presents an appalling picture of crudity and violence. Who would want to belong to, or perpetuate, such an institution?

Goodness me - what ever happened to the story line "They lived happily ever after" - is it all a myth?

In spite of all the cynicism about the 'happy families' - millions of people treasure days and events in the family as the happiest memories of a lifetime. Ups and downs - sure; but, by and large, they wouldn't have it otherwise.

Just a generation ago Fr. Peyton went around the world preaching "The family that prays together, stays together." It's still true, you know. Parents will complain they can't

get their siblings to buy this line - perhaps not. Why not go it together without them.

The Holy Spirit is the best of Counsellors - the service is free - confidentiality is assured - and there is no room for cheating. Why not try for yourselves. The rewards are wonderful.



I MYSELF AM THE  
LIVING BREAD  
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## Feast of Corpus Christi

Next Thursday 2nd June is the Feast of Corpus Christi and a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday night at 7.30, Masses on Thursday at 9, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m. Confessions on Wednesday evening before and after Vigil Mass.



## **COMMENT**

ALTERNATIVE SLANTS

BY NAOMI

During the week I attended two seemingly different functions: the first, a lecture in U.C.C. on 'Work and Spirituality' by former Dominican theologian, Matthew Fox; the second a school graduation Mass whose theme was 'Do not let go of the dream'.

The prevailing mood of the Mass was bright, cheerful and optimistic. Talents were acknowledged and displayed and positive emphasis was placed on the innate ability of everybody - in this case, young people - to make things happen for the good.

Matthew Fox was also optimistic. His thesis, set in the framework of Creation Spirituality was that the concept of Work needs to be redefined at this point in global history. Terms like 'jobs' and 'unemployment' were shaped by the industrial revolution and have remained virtually unchanged since then. With the earth's survival seriously threatened, for ecological and other reasons, these terms need alteration.

Referring to the chillingly negative youth culture expressing despair in the face of the present 'system' - Kurt Cobain of "Nirvana"'s recent suicide is a case in point - he

pointed to the necessity for a cosmic vision and mysticism in life. In that context there is much healing work to be done.

Perhaps Matthew Fox and the Leaving Cert. students have more than a little in common.



### **BISHOPSTOWN SOCIAL SERVICES**

The annual Outing for senior citizens and friends took place on Thursday 19th May.

Despite adverse weather conditions a large group of 99 departed shortly after 1 p.m. and headed towards the Kingdom. The first stop was a short break at the Abbey Hotel, Ballyvourney. From there we went on to Killarney. We visited Muckross House and Gardens, both of which were truly magnificent. We availed of the excellent restaurant facilities at Muckross House for afternoon tea. We paid a short visit to the town of Killarney, and were fortunate with the weather which, although dull, at least stayed dry.

We returned to the Abbey Hotel and had a most enjoyable evening there - an excellent four course dinner followed by music, singing, dancing and customary raffle for numerous spots and a few drinks.

A great day was had by all. Many thanks to all our sponsors and supporters.

Michael Haydon  
Community Garda  
Secretary



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OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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If you are interesting in purchasing a copy, please leave your name at the C.P. Centre.

# LETTER

Kenley Heights,  
Madel Farm Road

Dear Editor,

I'd like to express my thanks to all involved in organising the novena.

As a cynic, and one who doesn't have much time for the conventional trappings of religion, I had to dig deep to find the willingness and openness to attend the novena in the first place.

It wasn't altogether an overwhelming experience, but the Thursday night 'healing' session was particularly good. For me, the Holy Spirit was really present - a very significant development in the spiritual life of one parishioner!

Yours sincerely,  
(name and address with editor)



## Rest in Peace

We pray for Mrs. Josephine (Jo) Browne, late of Bendemeer Park, one of the longest residents of the Park, who died recently. A very active member of the 'Bulletin Folders' until her recent illness, Josephine was well known to all the dog walkers in the Pres. grounds, as she went there daily. She will be sadly missed for her sense of humour, but above all for the acceptance of God's will in her life. To her nieces, nephews, sister-in-law and relatives, we offer our sympathy.



We offer our sincere sympathy to JOHN CASHMAN, Cherrygrove, on the death of his brother. To CARMEN NESDALE, Orchard Road, on the death of her father.

## Best of Luck

The Bulletin Team wish all students success in the forthcoming examinations and we hope you have an enjoyable summer holiday.





**First Friday**

Next Friday 3rd June is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound at the usual times.

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

Reminder to new Ministers of meeting on Tuesday next, 31st, at 8 p.m. in the Church. Commissioning will take place at Masses on 4th/5th June.

Current Ministers please hand in your certificates to the C.P. Centre for updating.

**Ministers of the Word**

Amended daily rota ready for collection at Altar Rails.

**Prayers of the Faithful Readers**

Amended rota ready for collection at Altar Rails.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Monthly collection will take place next weekend.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday 2nd June at 8 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

**Computer Courses for Students**

One week courses in June, Mon.-Fri. 9.00-1.00. Contact Mike Foley, Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh, tel. 543790.

**Pioneer Total Abstinence Assoc.**

The annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Wednesday 8th June at 7.30 p.m. New members will be presented with their badges at this Mass and any pioneer of 25 or 50 years requiring a silver or gold pin or badge may contact J. Coffey at 542907 or L. O'Driscoll at 544683.

New members to the Pioneer Council would be very welcome - contact either of the above phone numbers.

**THANK YOU**

The girls and boys of the Ridgeway raised £246.84 at their Jumble Sale for Romanian Orphans and they would like to thank all their customers.

**Irish Summer Camp**

July 11 - 22. Age group 5 to 15 years. Monday-Friday, 10.00 to 3.00 pm. Contact Runai, Colaiste Samhraidh na Dige, 13 Paraid na Dige, Corcaigh. Fon 274110 after 8 p.m.

**Bridge**

Bridge will be run for local charity in the Crypt on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. commencing on 22nd June.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY  
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