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12th Sunday In Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

There will be an election in October... Oh no, not another election! Yes, and a most important one for the parish. The term of the present Pastoral Council expires in October 1994 and a new Council must be elected.

You may well ask, "Why have a Pastoral Council?" The Council is there to assist the Parish Team in the administrative and pastoral work of the parish. We cannot expect the priests and parish sister to do everything; they need the help of the community. Besides, parishioners need to have a say in what happens in the parish and the Council provides them with the forum and the opportunity to have this say.

The message is - keep the election in mind. Take a good look in your own area during the next couple of months. In September you will be offered the opportunity to nominate the person you consider can best represent your area for the following three years and then in October the election will take place.



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

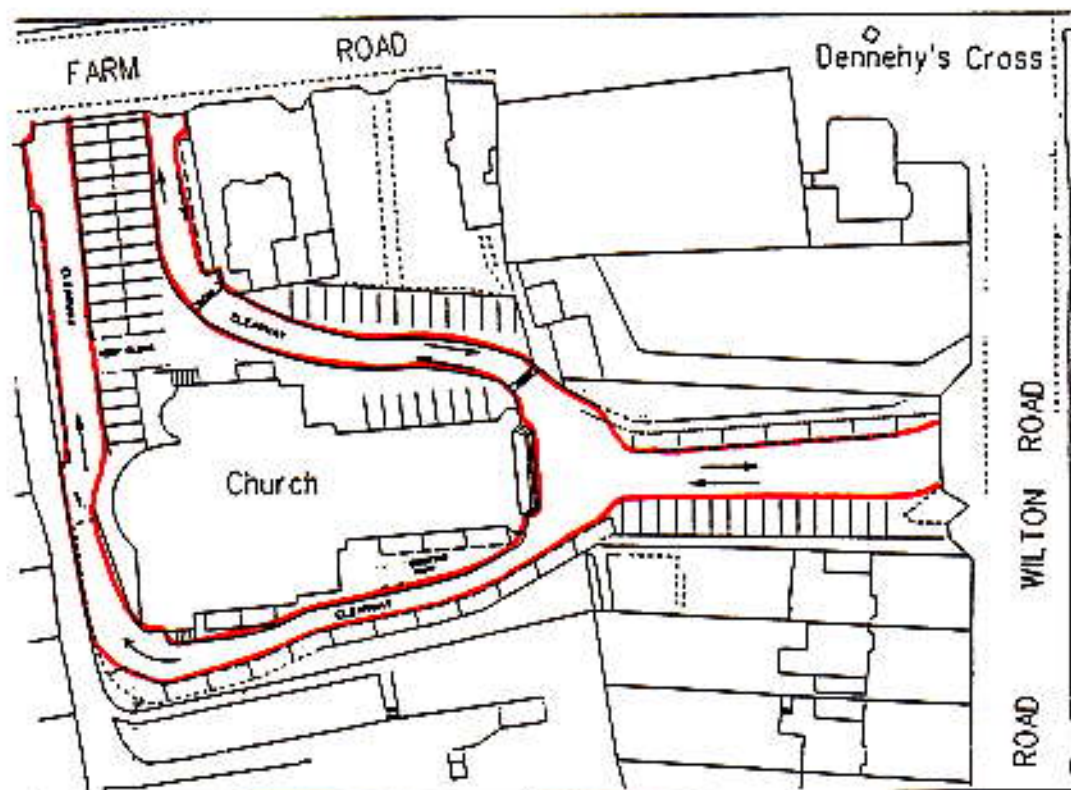
DECISIONS! DECISIONS! The menu at a Chinese restaurant can be overwhelming. And the growing menu of ministries in the church can be equally confusing. You have heard the inner call to go into the vineyard and do your bit. But how do you find your proper place among all the different labourers?

Sometimes it may seem more like a jungle than a vineyard - Minister of Word, Eucharist, Collector, Contact person, Bulletin preparation, Altar Society, etc. Selecting one calls for prayer and common sense. The choice can be even more difficult if the work to which you feel called is not even on the menu! You may simply be trying to respond to a need "out there" that is begging for a Christian response. This means you have to create a totally new ministry.

New and old are always part of the changing life of the church. The Lord's invitation is offered to all - the harvest is plenty.... come with me into the fields.

Fr. John

PROPOSED CAR PARKING FACILITIES



A Committee was set up to investigate the possibility of maximising the car parking facilities at our Church. The following resulted from investigations carried out.

- 1) The average peak number of people attending the Church on Sundays, Vigil Masses, Funerals, etc. is 1100.
- 2) The main problem is that there is insufficient space within the church property to provide the necessary parking spaces.
- 3) The main recommendation submitted was to provide a clearway from the main entrance on Wilton Road to exit on Model Farm Road.
- 4) The recommended scheme and clearway is shown on map. Cars

would enter from Wilton Road and park as shown; exit via the clearway around the church and finally to exit gate on the Woodlawn side. Cars on the Model Farm Road will only enter via gate adjacent to P.P.'s residence.

As it will take some time for parishioners to become acquainted with the entry/exit suggestions, it is recommended that initially only the road will be marked out. The roadway width will vary from 6 metres on the Wilton road side to 3.5 metres around the church and 4.0 to 4.5 metres to the other two points on the Model Farm Road.

Constructive criticism is welcomed.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"



LETTERS

Watching the Dennis Potter interview on T.V. recently was, I felt, a very humbling experience. Here was a man, successful author and playwright, dying of cancer, having lost his wife in similar circumstances quite recently.

He claimed to have no particular belief in God, yet he laced his conversation with excerpts from Scripture, psalms and hymns. Dying, he said, held no particular terror for him although he was obviously experiencing discomfort at the very least throughout the interview, if not actual pain. He broke off the interview more than once.

He spoke critically at the sad state of morality in Britain at the moment, in politics, in business, in the media. He was most insistent on the necessity for the outspoken, moral media. Are we so different here? Are there lessons to be learnt?

Dennis Potter thanked his interviewer graciously at the conclusion of the interview. The Lord called him home soon afterwards. I found it an enriching experience to witness, with no hint of the maudlin. I pray that the Lord was waiting in the wings to welcome home a good man.

Curator's House,
Waterworks,
Cork

Dear Editor,

I was astounded and hurt by the inclusion of bishop-bashing propaganda in recent Parish Bulletins. In Bulletin No.385 I find it gratuitously insulting to have the fruits of the pastoral care of an Archbishop scrutinized in such a critical manner. May I ask if 'Luke' would speak in a similar manner of Bishop Michael Murphy, D.D. had he made the comments. I find this parish bulletin scandalous.

I was also taken aback by Bulletin No.383 where 'Luke' describes the Catholic Church's teachings on divorce as possibly too legalistic. The Catholic Church does not fabricate its response to the world's demands for divorce out of human feelings, etc. Jesus Christ was only too well aware of man's desires when He ruled out the dissolution of marriage, Mt.19:6.

Finally, I take exception to the use of Bulletin No.386 by 'Luke' to reiterate the misunderstandings of the secular media regarding the Catholic Church and the purpose of the new catechism.

Yours in Christ,
Gearoid Ó Dubhtaigh

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.



Announcements

Invitation

Following the tremendously successful nature walk with Tom O'Byrne on 9th May at the historical Bishopstown House (Murphy's Farm), the Bishopstown Community Association invite you to a repeat day on Sunday 19th June. Activity will commence at 2.30 p.m. All welcome. No charge.

All Ireland Children's Hospice

The Hospice is in the process of setting up a Domiciliary Nursing Service in Cork for children with life threatening/life limiting conditions. The Hospice has nurses who visit and help families on a regular basis with ill children. Not only do they provide nursing care but allow the parents to have a break, secure in the knowledge that their child is in safe and capable hands.

If you feel that you need this service, please phone 303163. All communication will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Thank You

The Irish Guide Dogs Association would like to thank our parishioners for help and co-operation during their recent churchgate collection.

Little Friends of Jesus

The children who pray before the Blessed Sacrament in St. Joseph's Convent on Saturday mornings pray for the needs of all our parishioners. If you would like them to pray specifically for you, please send your request (or hand it) to Sister Catherine, St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road.

Special Collection

The annual Peter's Pence collection will take place next weekend at the church doors.



Congratulations!

To Lima Lawn on Second Prize in the 1993 Tidy Districts Competition. Keeping up the excellent work and hoping for First Prize in 1994.

Readings for Sunday 26th June

Wis. 1:13-15. 2:23-34.

Ps. 29. 2 Cor. 8:7.9.13-15. Mk 5:21-43.

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