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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. John writes

I am a list maker. Most of us are list makers at one level or another. It's the rare person who hasn't scrawled off a shopping list on a scrap of paper. From such small beginnings, lists expand in grandeur and importance, from handwritten lists of Christmas gifts to published lists of honours students, top ten records to the ten Commandments. There are lists of the best and the worst, the largest and the smallest, and so on.

For the obsessive list maker, however, a list is more than a weekly inventory of food, drink and dirty laundry. The true list maker's list is the stuff of life in progress, a game plan for the distant and not-so-distant future. I cannot get through a day without a mug of coffee and a list. I make daily lists, weekly lists, monthly lists, and even yearly lists. All are evolving catalogues of goals and projects, deadlines, appointments, good intentions, impossible dreams.

Such lists are by definition impermanent; they come and, if I am properly disciplined and efficient, they go. "Mend puncture" on the daily list

gives way to "clean grill"; "rake leaves" slides into "write for Bulletin". As the year turns, so does the changing cycle of lists, done and undone.

One list, however, never changes. Years ago a friend told me about the Life List. The premise of the Life List is simple: you write down, in no particular order, 100 things that you want to do in your lifetime. It's harder than it sounds. My Life List, which I thought ambitious, ended at No.74. I go back and look at it every couple of years to see how I'm doing. Some items look increasingly less likely as time goes by: No.8, for example ("make an important scientific discovery") and No. 48 ("learn Turkish"). Others have been accomplished, as No. 7 ("visit the Holy Land"). I still cherish hopes of No. 12 ("sail around the world"). A list great or small, is not for setting limits or establishing boundaries. "If you do not think about the future," said John Galsworthy, "you cannot have one." That's what a list is for: it's a map of where we hope to go, travelling into the vast and unknown territory of the future. It's a way of looking forward while we put behind us all the failures and flops of yesterday.

Fr. John

Dear Readers,

Already we are being assailed. It's coming at us from all sides. It's in the shops. It's starting to come through the letter box. So, I make you a promise. The word CHRISTMAS won't be mentioned again in this Bulletin before December!

A second promise I would like to make is this. Our Bulletin won't say one word about the Millennium before June 1999. However, as I certainly do not expect to be still the editor of the Bulletin by the year 2,000, I can't guarantee that one!

We haven't had much of a summer. So do let us all enjoy the autumn. One season at a time... One year at a time.

Sincerely,

Elsie Harris

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to PAT MULLINS, 115 Leesdale, on the death of his sister.

A TRIBUTE FROM A NEIGHBOUR

Mary O'Shaughnessy, our dear neighbour and friend, passed away peacefully last Wednesday morning. Those who knew her personally will know of her many acts of kindness and help that she gave in her own quiet way to those in need. During her illness she never complained or lost her sense of humour. She was a person of deep faith.

To Aidan and her family we offer our deepest sympathy and prayers. She will be greatly missed.

THANK YOU

The Coffee Morning in the C.P. Centre held last Thursday by Betty Moloney of 114 Leesdale, in aid of Marymount Hospice, raised £280. Many thanks to all who supported this very worthy cause.



Hear Ye!
Hear Ye!

Bishopstown & District Lions Club

We wish to form a Leo Club in the area. The word Leo comes from Leadership, Experience and Opportunity, and membership is confined to young people from 18-29 years old.

Serving the local community, while having fun as a member of a Leo Club enables young people to express themselves in a positive and caring way, as well as making new friends.

Anyone interested in joining the Leo Club is invited to attend a meeting in the S.M.A. Hall, Wilton, on Thursday 13th October, at 8 p.m.

LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS

If you have received your First Holy Communion, you are invited to join a small group of young people to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a quarter of an hour on Saturday mornings at St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road (next to Lee Garage at City end of Model Farm Road).

Please come to a meeting at St. Joseph's Convent on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. on October 22nd with a parent/parents.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

HASTEN SLOWLY

Archbishop Dermot Clifford of the diocese of Cashel and Emyl is a man who is not afraid to speak his mind. Not so long ago he took on the G.A.A. establishment when he criticised the holding of the Feile in Thurles, where money won out over morality.

At the opening of the new Law Term in Dublin he emphasised the danger of succumbing to the liberal agenda. "We ought not to apologise for retaining our heritage," he said, based as it was on a rich Christian tradition.

It is a strange thing that those liberals who wish to strip us of so much that is good in the Catholic or Christian tradition, who push pluralism as if it were their own invention, are the least liberal when it comes to tolerating other people's views.

The Archbishop wasn't the only one concerned with falling standards. Presbyterian minister, Rev. James Brogan, also speaking at the opening of the new Law Term, referred to the Ten Commandments and the Gospels as a "complete scheme, or law, of gracious salvation, a clear display of divine love, an open vision of God's redeeming grace." Isn't that a beautiful description of the Good News?

Archbishop Dermot Clifford poses the question: should the behaviour of society force our legislators to alter the law? Or should society be governed by the law?

Much is to be learned from the experience of other countries where the liberal agenda has prevailed. Has society benefited from the changes? Or have they gone further down the slippery slope?

We have much in our society that is worth preserving, flawed though it might be. We should not be catapulted into change simply to be seen to be liberal.

Congratulations!

UNIQUE HONOUR

Mr. Victor Constant, 'Kilconor', Bishopstown Avenue, has been nominated recently by the President of France to the rank of Chevalier in the National Order of the Legion of Honour (Chevalier dans l'Ordre national de la Legion d'Honneur). The honour has been awarded to Victor in recognition of the debt of gratitude France owes him for the contribution he made during the Second World War to the victory of the Allied Forces and to the liberation of France. This is the highest honour the President of France awards. The only other Irish person to have received this award is Mr. Peter Sutherland. We are very proud to have Victor as one of our parishioners and we wish him our deepest congratulations.

GET-WELL WISHES

We wish Dean O'Connor a speedy recovery and hope he'll be back with us soon. We hear he is stable and making good progress in hospital.



Bulletins to the Homes

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

Aifreann le Gaeilge

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

P.E.A.C.E. Mass

Fr. Anthony Gaughan, Dublin, will preach at the Mass for Industrial Peace & Job Creation at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay, on Sunday, 16th October at 4 p.m. In this time of industrial tension please make the effort to go along to this special Mass.

Bible Study

Fr. John will lead a Bible Study on The Gospel of St. Luke on the following Tuesday nights in the C.P. Centre - Oct. 18th, 25th, Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, Dec. 6th, 13th. Each session begins at 8.05 p.m. sharp and is over at 9.30 p.m. We read a portion of the Gospel, explain its historical and social setting, and see what relevance it has for us today. Questions and discussion will be part of the work. If you are interested, please sign your name in the sheet provided in the C.P. Centre.

Don't Forget!

Sale of Cakes, Plants and Knitted Items in the Crypt this weekend after the 6.15 p.m. Saturday Mass, and the 10.30 and 12.15 Masses in aid of the Cork Branch of the Irish Kidney Association.

Christian Meditation

Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. (sharp) to 7.30 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

The Ministry of Music

In Praise of Worship. Do you enjoy singing in the choir or in the Church? On Saturday 15th October at 8.30 p.m. Miss Diane Phetherick, a gifted singer and leader will introduce 'Songs to Sing' both new and old for you to sing. Songs that will be useful for many Celebrations.

Who will be there? Organists, Choir members, Church goers! All sorts of folk who love to sing. You will be most welcome. Come and join the Celebration.

B.B.C. Huge Religious Event

"SONGS OF PRAISE", broadcast on B.B.C.1 every Sunday at 6.25 p.m. promises to be something really spectacular on this Sunday, 9th October. It will be recorded at the Old Trafford Football Stadium in Manchester.

The service will be ecumenical and the aim is to gather as many people as possible who love singing hymns and also enjoy football. Over 40,000 tickets were sold before the end of September so it promises to be the biggest religious event the B.B.C. has ever staged. Don't miss it!

Readings for Sunday 16 October
Is. 53:10-11. Ps. 32. Heb. 4:14-16. Mk 10:35-45.

Priests' Emergency
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