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FROM OUR
PARISH TEAM
Sr. Ursula writes

GUILT - AN EVIL EMOTION

Women, someone once said, are riddled with guilt as wood is riddled with woodworm. A man once challenged me that being a woman I understood women, but had no concept of what guilt is for a man, and the pain and shame to which it can drive him, and which he seldom shares with anyone. I take the point and, coming across a short reflection by Anthony de Mello, S.J., I offer it for what it is worth.

Violence

The Master was always teaching that guilt is an evil emotion to be avoided like the very devil - all guilt.

"But are we not to hate our sins?" a disciple said one day.

"When you are guilty it is not your sins you hate but yourself."

You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from building nests in your hair.
Chinese proverb

MISSION SUNDAY

PATRONESS OF THE MISSIONS

St. Therese of Lisieux was as popular in my Granny's day as Padre Pio is today. While I never claimed her as my favourite saint, she was a woman whose life fills me with great admiration. 'Little Flower' can be very misleading if we look no further than the title. 'Little bar of steel' was what I heard an older sister in my community once call her and I think it fits very well.



Her heroic virtue was expressed in such ordinary ways that it was not easily recognisable. One Sister was heard to remark - "She is very good but she has certainly never done anything worth speaking about". In the 'eyes of the universe' who were looking for productivity she certainly hadn't. To remind us that 'doing' is not always the be all and end all of everything, she has been chosen as Patroness of the Missions. It is fitting that we should remember her today on Mission Sunday.

Letters to the Editor

The Orchard,
Farranlea.

Dear Editor,
St. Finbarr, Patron of Cork

At the suggestion of the Liturgy Group I submitted articles to commemorate the feast of St. Finbarr in 1992, '93 and this year. These were a condensation of three versions of his life story.

It must have come as a great surprise, perhaps shock, to many people when publication was announced recently of a new work by Professor Pádraig Ó Ríain of UCC entitled "St. Finbarr of Cork - The Complete Life", in which we are told positively that Finbarr never lived in Cork. He is convinced that Finbarr spent his life in the north of the country near Bangor, and that his association with Cork arose through local legend and the spreading of his cult and devotion to him. Many ordinary people will find this extremely difficult to accept (and what about other students of the subject?) However, the good Professor first propounded his theories as early as 1976 when he delivered an address which created some sensation, but was then gradually forgotten.

Hopefully, the new book will lead to clearing of the anomalies, especially to the satisfaction of the thousands who honour the saint by having his name. Meanwhile, people with an interest in the subject should read the book, which I intend doing at an early opportunity.

Sincerely,
Joe Crean

Moisin Dubh,
Pairc Woodleigh

A Chara,

Your Media Comment by Luke is, as always, pertinent and sensible.

We don't sing in church. In Dunmanway long ago, on Confraternity nights, the Convent girls were on one gallery, and our school (led by my father Jack, the Principal) on the other. On the Friday he told us if the girls sang 'Tantum Ergo' and 'O Salutaris' and especially 'Faith of our Fathers' at the end, louder than we did, he would be so ashamed of us he would have to double our home exercises on the Monday.

So we sang and, while my light baritone-soprano made little difference, Sean Kelly on my left, whose vocal chords seem to have settled early into a bass, poured a golden torrent of music.

Overseas on U.N. duty, my friend, Bernie O'Donovan of Bishopstown, a retired colonel, then an articulate captain, gathered the boys every night to sing 'Brennan on the Moor', 'Kelly the Boy from Kilann' and many more.

In our churches we ask too much of our organists, good musicians, who usually play the instrument well and also train a small number of singers, while soldiers of the legion stand silent in the nave. Two solutions: 1) gather 20 ordinary folk on a week-night to go over the hymns, 2) have a layman go up to the altar rails and call on people to sing.

It's all about leadership!

Le Dea Ghui
Eamonn Young



Announcements

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue visitation at College Road/Magazine Road during the coming week.

Bible Study

Reminder that Fr. John is leading a Bible Study on the Gospel of St. Luke in the C.P. Centre, the second session taking place this Tuesday 25th, commencing at 8.05 p.m. sharp and finishing at 9.30 p.m. We read 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. It will continue on 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd 29th November and 6th, 13th December. Please come along next Tuesday.

Classical Guitar Recital

At Cork School of Music on Wednesday next, 26th at 8 p.m. Tickets £4 available from Pro-Musica, and at the door.

Formation of Leo Club

Leo Clubs are part of Lions International. Membership is confined to men and women between 18 and 29 years.

Leo Clubs become involved in many activities - assisting the handicapped, organising discos, book collections for hospitals, fashion shows and many more.

Meeting with regard to forming a Leo Club will be held at S.M.A. Hall, Wilton on Wed. Oct. 26 at 8.30 p.m.

Priests' Emergency

Number : 271551

IN PRAISE OF WORSHIP

A small group from Dennehy's Cross joined an ecumenical gathering in the Wilton Parish Centre last Saturday night to hear Diane Phetherick introduce "Songs to Sing". It was in the Bulletin!! With her enthusiastic leadership and helped by a talented group of instrumentalists from Bandon, we sang our own "Songs of Praise".

Diane drew on hymns from Africa and the U.S., from Israel and Taize, and, very soon, we were transformed into a choir of singing, harmonising, even clapping Christians. If time hadn't run out and if the tea hadn't been introduced, dancing was the only thing left!!

I'm sure God saw it all and was pleased.

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following who were married recently:

STEPHEN HARRIS, 138 Leedale, who married Linda Coughlan, The Orchards, Glasheen Road.
NIALL OLDEN, Bishopstown Avenue, who married Martina Kinsella, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny.
JOHN O'LEARY, Carrigville, Magazine Road, who married Susan Edwards, Montenotte.
FIONA SUPPLE, Bishopscourt Road, who married Damien Byrne, Dublin.
DIANA SCRIVEN, 9 Kenley Drive, who married Joe Moore, Ballincollig.
NOELLE MURPHY, 'Roncalli', Model Farm Road, who married Philip O'Sullivan, Ballincollig.

Readings for Sunday 30th October
Dt 6:2-6. Ps. 17. Heb. 7:23-28. Mk 12:28-34.