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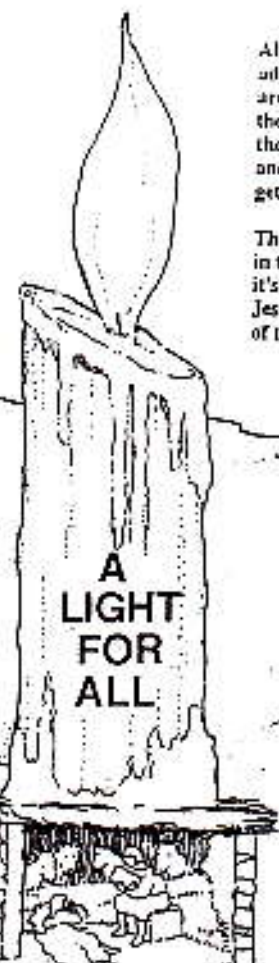


CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENWYD CROSS, CORK

ADVENT 1994

All over the world
adults and children
are searching for the light:
they search for peace,
they search for ways to be happy,
and to make the world a place where people
get along and respect each other.

They find the light
in the crib of Bethlehem:
it's Jesus, the Son of God!
Jesus is the Light
of the world!



Week 1 Waiting for the light

Like a candle long ago
Your promise, Lord, burned true.
You keep all your promises.
Keep us true to you.

Week 2, preparing the light

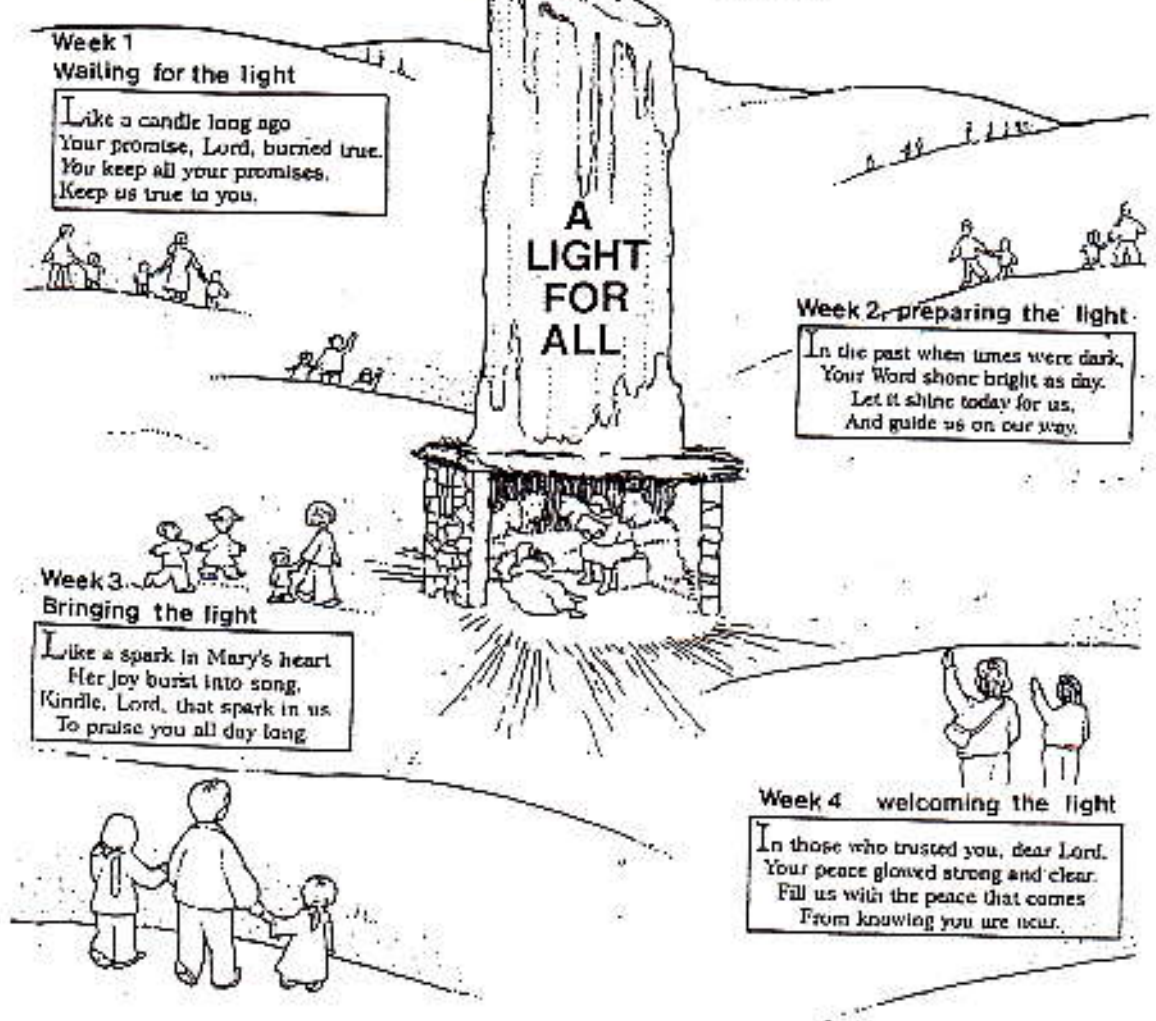
In the past when times were dark,
Your Word shone bright as day.
Let it shine today for us,
And guide us on our way.

Week 3, Bringing the light

Like a spark in Mary's heart
Her joy burst into song,
Kindle, Lord, that spark in us
To praise you all day long.

Week 4 welcoming the light

In those who trusted you, dear Lord,
Your peace glowed strong and clear.
Fill us with the peace that comes
From knowing you are near.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

16 Tara Court,
Glasheen Road

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for quoting in your bulletin (Oct.30) the wonderful passage from Khalil Gibran, addressed to parents about their children.

It nourishes and encourages us as individuals towards respect and love in our personal relationships.

Is it not by acknowledging the gifts made to us by people of other beliefs, that we may, AS A PEOPLE, be nourished and encouraged towards respect in its collective form of tolerance and towards love for other peoples, other faiths, other religions (or none).

Why not, in our Church activity, practice intellectual honesty, as well as integrity and openness to "foreign" spiritual influences?

Why leave ourselves open to risk of criticism that we might sometimes be practicing subtle forms of spiritual "foreign exploitation", if not of piracy or cannibalism!!!!

And if this criticism is even very occasionally valid, are we not as a community letting down the people who might make that criticism, who are perhaps even members of our own faith?

Madeline MacNamara

Editor's Note: Khalil Gibran, poet, philosopher and mystic has had books translated into more than 20 languages. The passage on Children was taken from "The Prophet".

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Sr. Majella O'Sullivan, St. Catherine's Convent, on the death of her sister.

Did You Know?

That the Legion of Mary stall outside the church sells a large variety of Catholic papers after all Sunday Masses - the Irish Catholic, The Universe, Catholic Times and the Standard/Catholic Herald.

Bishop Comiskey's contribution in the Irish Catholic is always worth reading, as is Fr. Denis Paul's column in the Standard/Herald. The Standard/Herald also has a lively letter page.

The Catholic Times, a new paper, set itself up as the paper that gives the Church's view on everything.

As well as all of these, you can also buy The Word, Reality, St. Martin's Magazine and The Messenger.

To someone who had not read The Messenger for years its very much updated format came as a surprise. In the December issue there are "Questions Parents Ask", readers' letters, a garden page, cookery page, crosswords. Fr. Finbarr Clancy touches on the delicate subject of family rows. In a series "Reasons for believing in God" Fr. Michael Paul Gallagher has some advice for the doubters among us. This edition has in fact 19 items, 50 pages, and all for 45p. The Messenger has come a very long way from the days when the ladies used the grand red cover to paint their faces! That's how the story went anyhow.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

"Come, Lord Jesus, Come." The New Testament closes with these words. We find them in the Book of Revelation on the back page of the Bible. The early Christians prayed this prayer. It was their very special prayer, their Advent prayer.

The Church year begins today, the First Sunday of Advent. The word ADVENT means the arrival of an important person or thing. For Christians Advent is a time of waiting, a time of hope, a time of preparing for the coming of the Saviour, a time for remembering the Incarnation, when "the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us."

In the rush of the hectic days before Christmas there will be times of waiting, many of them frustrating - waiting in traffic, at the bus stop, to be served in a shop, waiting even for the kettle to boil. Maybe it would be a good idea to use these times of waiting to remind us of our Advent waiting. Instead of increasing our blood pressure, let us 'steal' such moments to bring what we have and what we are to the Lord, so that His birth, in our hearts, may take place again this Christmas. In the next few hectic weeks let us use some of our times of waiting to remind us to pray the Advent prayer of the first Christmas -

"Come, Lord Jesus, Come"

Mark O'Hallaghan R.S.T.

Emergency help!

A truck leaves Cork in mid December carrying christian aid for displaced Bosnians. Can you help with food? Tinned meat would be most acceptable, flour, coffee, sugar, dried goods and footwear, as men, women and children are in dire need now that the harsh winter has arrived. The organisers have received enough clothes. Goods may be left at the C.P. Centre where they will be collected.

How great is the need?

If Ireland were captured, God forbid, and the population of the three provinces (3½ million) were pushed into Munster, we get an idea of the magnitude of the problems for a displaced and distressed people.

Donations to defray cost of transport are urgently needed. Please forward to - a/c Bosnia 43344445, Bank of Ireland, 70 Patrick Street.

THANK YOU

Our thanks to the Communications Committee for the special YEAR OF THE FAMILY consecration to the Sacred Heart ceremony last Sunday afternoon. It took tremendous organizing to make such an occasion become a reality. The huge turnout must surely have made their efforts worthwhile. It was good to see so many of the parish "family" come together to pray.

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Will be sung this Sunday evening November 27th at 5 p.m. at the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen Road. All are welcome.



St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
Monthly meeting next Thursday,
1st, in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.

Advent

During Advent Benediction will
take place every Sunday at 5 p.m.
and there will be a half-hour of
Taize Prayer after the 7.30 p.m.
Mass on Thursday evenings.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will continue
his visitation on the Model Farm
Road this week.

Liturgy Group

Meeting this Monday, 28th, at
8.10 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Mass for Deceased Parishioners

A reminder that the Mass will be
celebrated this Monday, 28th, at
7.30 p.m.

Would You Like to Join?

A number of people have shown an
interest in forming a new Folk
Group in the parish (as Karisma
has disbanded). If you would
like to sing or play an
instrument, please contact one of
the priests.

Mass for Sick & Housebound

Mass will be celebrated on
Saturday 10th December 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
dependent 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.

First Friday

Next Friday, 2nd December, is the
First Friday of the month.
Calls to the sick and housebound
will be made on the usual days.

Cake Sale

Next weekend, 3/4 December, the
Parents & Toddlers Group will
hold a cake sale in the Crypt
after the 6.15 Mass on Saturday
and 10.30/12.15 Masses on Sunday.

Qualified Social Worker

Is available two mornings a week
to an organization or charity who
would require her services
(voluntary). Please phone 544909
(6-9 p.m. ONLY).

Bazaar

In aid of Sacred Heart Adoption
Society will take place in
Connolly Hall on Sunday 4th
December at 2 p.m.

Weekday Readings

Mini weekend introducing the
Readings of Year C, with Fr.
Wilfred Harrington, O.P. at
Ennismore, 7.30 p.m. Sat. to 5.30
p.m. Sun. Further details from
St. Dominics Retreat House,
Ennismore, tel. 502520.

Monastic Afternoon

At St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, on
4 December, 3.00-5.30 p.m. Talk
and display on monastic life,
refreshments, slides, Vespers.

Readings for Sunday 4 December

Bar. 5:1-9. Ps. 125. Phil. 1:3-6.8-11. Lk.3:1-6.

Priests' Emergency

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