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2nd Sunday In Advent



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## *Second Sunday of Advent*



LK 3-6



ONE MORE \*  
POWERFUL THAN I  
IS TO COME - MK 1-7

YOU WILL KNOW THAT  
THE LORD IS COMING  
TO SAVE US AND IN  
THE MORNING YOU  
WILL SEE HIS GLORY.



## COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

### MINDING THE COUNTRY

It was said to me recently that the Bulletin was often too serious, including, I presume, Media Comment. I take the point, 'though it's not always easy to be lighthearted in this old world of ours.

Tom McGinty, the Diceman, who is HIV-positive, managed to be lighthearted when asked recently if he was religious. "I am, to an extent," he answered. "I pray a bit, in a Hail Mary, Our Father, how's - your - father sort of way." I'm sure God understands.

I enjoyed immensely watching Brendan Kennelly being interviewed by Marty Whelan on TV's "Off The Record". Referring to today's changing morality, he said, "Yesterday's mortal sin is today's middle-class ambition." Think about it!

My best smile was reserved for the teacher from Kerry Pike N.S. who rang Marian Finucane's Live Line. She asked her infant pupils to tell her who was "minding the Country" in the present political crisis. "Mary Robinson" responded one little student. To her question "And who helps her?" another replied, "God!" Out of the mouths of babes?!!

Back to more serious stuff next week!!



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

Fr. John writes

The former Franciscan priest, Matthew Fox has just published a new book, *The Reinvention of Work*. The Industrial Revolution Fox writes, "increased the horror of work at the same time that it has forbidden us the language and myths to name it for what it is." And our present narrow definition of business - bottom line profits only - clutters the soul. It detracts the inner person. It interferes with our vast capacity to be emptied so that the divine can fill us." His solution is not, however, to submit to the Marxist doctrine that work is by nature exploitative. Instead, Fox sees in work what Aquinas saw; that "it is natural for people to love their work and the reason is that we love to be and to live and these are made manifest in our actions." Fox turns to the environmental revolution, connected to a renewed spirituality in which the sacred lives "not above us or beyond us or outside us, but in us and through us", to find the keys to the way to live the myth to live by. Interesting vision. I wonder how it sounds to the professionals, the shift-workers, and the non-workers of the everyday?

*Fr. John Newman*



## THE CAIRO CONFERENCE

At the recent International Conference on Population and Development, the Holy See delegate re-stated the age-old moral principles and gave consensus only to what was good in the U.N. draft. At the end of Mons. Renato's contribution the applause from the more than 3,000 present was tumultuous. The assembled governments, the Press, and the accredited delegates rose to their feet in a standing ovation. The two world faiths, Catholicism and Islam defeated the U.N. project to have mandatory abortion imposed on the world.

Nation after nation from the Southern hemisphere - South America, Central America, Philippines, Africa, the Islamic nations sought the podium to express their countries' reservations. (Alas we waited in vain to hear our Irish contribution. It was left to Germany to speak for E.U. who supported the draft.)

As government after government sought the microphone it became a massive and spontaneous outpouring from the exploited nations. In an attempt to stem the rush to the microphones, Dr. Sai of Planned Parenthood Int. and U.N. Chairman intervened. He called attention to Article 2 of the draft stating that governments need not implement articles at variance with their culture and religion.

- Report by Jane Quinlan (accredited Irish delegate by the Drs. Billings to the ICPD Conference)

## CHILDREN

Your Advent Mass will be held in our Church next Sunday at 12.15 p.m.

Don't forget to bring -

1) Your greeting card for the Child Jesus, brightly coloured, with a little string attached so that it can be hung on our Christmas Tree.

2) Your gift for the poor - it doesn't matter how small or big it is, but wrap it up so that nobody knows what is in it but the child Jesus. After the Mass the Vincent de Paul Society will unwrap the gifts and give them to families in our Parish who haven't much for themselves this Christmas.

3) Bring all your friends and mummies and daddies with you.

We'll all have a happy time together at this Mass.

More details? See notices at the end of the Church.

## THANKS

The Communications Committee and Sr. Ursula would like to thank most sincerely everyone who helped us in any way whatsoever to organise the Special Mass and Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. So many, so willingly, gave of their time and effort to make the occasion so worthwhile - one which, please God, will continue to bear fruit through the years and which ALL the children who participated will remember as a very special occasion when they shared their love of the Sacred Heart with all their families. You were great.



# HERE'S NEWS

## 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.

## Ministers of the Word

The next meeting of the Ministers of the Word will be in the C.P. Centre on the first Monday of December (5th Dec.) at 8.10p.m. The topics for the meeting are ; What to wear as a Minister of the Word, The form of the Liturgical Year and the Advent and Christmas readings.

## Theatre Night

The Cork R.T.C. Theatre Group is presenting 'The Playboy of the Western World' by J.M. Synge in the R.T.C. Theatre, Rossa Avenue, on 5, 6, 7, 9, 10th December at 8.00 p.m. Tickets - Adults £4, Students and O.A.P's £1.50.

## Annual Christmas Dinner

The Bishopstown Social Services Annual Dinner for Senior Citizens and Friends will take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday 18th December, at Bishopstown G.A.A. Pavilion. Tickets £4 and transport available if required. Contact persons:

Nora Fitzpatrick 546358  
Brid Hartnett 544693  
Michael Haydon 541638

## Bishopstown G.A.A. Club

Annual General Meeting on Sunday 4th December at 2.30 p.m. Members and intending members welcome.

Mass for deceased members at 11am at Club Pavilion on same day.

## Ministers of the Eucharist

"Advent Reflections" for present and past Ministers will be held in the Crypt on Tuesday 6th December at 8 p.m.

## The Immaculate Conception

Next Thursday, 8th December, is a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. and Masses on Thursday at 9, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m.

## Visitation

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

## 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.

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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