



3rd Sunday in Advent

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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Finbarr writes

Having seven brothers and sisters, twenty seven nephews and nieces, many people would consider this a nightmare situation when it comes to Christmas and birthdays.

However, I see it as very advantageous. The Christmas gifts that I buy (one per family) are a token of gratitude for the support that I receive from them all throughout the year.

Christmas has always been for me a great family time, when I make a special effort to show a more outward sign of my affection to my closest family and friends.

As I write this, the phrase "it's the thought that counts" keeps coming to mind. We all need family and friends to help us through life's good and tough times. What our families need, speaking from my own experience, is support, togetherness and encouragement. As we approach Christmas, could we make a special effort to be that to one another, just as the Holy Family were in their lives too.

Cork Spastic Clinic

The above wish to gratefully acknowledge £42 which was collected from the residents of the Orchard, Farranlea Park.



Christmas Reminder

As we enter the season of Christmas parties and celebrations, we urge all parishioners to remember the risks of drinking and driving. Remember, depending on the measure and alcoholic strength, it is now possible to be over the limit after only one drink.





COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

The Tangled Web

"Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive". In the present political confusion, is it not virtually impossible to discover where lies the truth or where lies untruth, deceit, half-truth or even downright lies ?

Are we not all shamed by the spectacle of our political leaders crying, *"openness, accountability, transparency"* and, at the same time, observing the charade that passes for parliamentary debate ?

Or are we suffering the consequences of substituting the personality cult for the sounder parliamentary process ? After all, politicians, like ourselves, are human. As such, they are liable to human error. But then, we do not judge them on their mistakes. Rather, we have a right to expect them to admit their mistakes openly and honestly.

On a recent Sunday, we heard a homily likening the consequences of a lie to the scattering of a bag of feathers. One wonders where this political bag of feathers will come to rest and when each and every feather will be accounted for. One wonders how many more people will be hurt along the way. One wonders but, then, we live in an imperfect world, don't we ?

Let us pray (and I mean this sincerely), for all our politicians.

Congratulations



Congratulations to PAUL O'KEEFFE, from Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh, who received first place in Accounting in this years' Leaving Certificate. An award was presented to Paul by Mr. Richard Bourke, President of the Cork Chamber of Commerce on Thursday December 8th, to mark the achievement.



Rest in Peace

In Memory of Last Years' Dead of the Parish.

On Monday 28th November, we had a Mass and prayers in the Church at 7.30 for our beloved dead, celebrated by Father Finbarr and Father John. The families of recently deceased were invited. Sr. Ursula did the organisation and it was a credit to all, but how truly touching and moving for us, the families! We were all brought together in our sorrow but were uplifted and consoled. Many thanks for this occasion.

Imelda O'Hanlon.

Sympathies

We offer our sincere sympathy to ANNE MURPHY, Lima Lawn, on the death of her brother, Daniel Ryan.

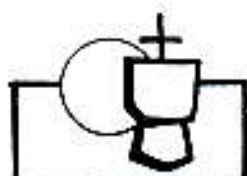
To MAUREEN SUTTON, Orchard Road, PEGGY MEEHAN and PAT LYNCH, 10 Kenley Close, on the death of their brother.

To GERARD O'SULLIVAN, 13 Kenley Close, on the death of his mother.



Parish Visitations

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



Sunday Benediction

Benediction will be celebrated in the Church on each Sunday during Advent at 5.00 p.m.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

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

Essential Christmas Reading!

The Fold is on sale this weekend. Christmas hopes, fears, stories and more. Profile of a lay chaplain. Responses to the child abuse issue.

*The FOLD is just 60p
Don't go home without it!*



Concert

Christmas at the Sacred Heart Church

On the 15th and 16th December at 8.00p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, the Leaside Singers present a celebration for Christmas. Participants include the Sacred Heart Church Choir, the Shakespearian Loft Players, the Ursuline Convent & others. Tickets are £2.00 each.

People of Faith

The People of Faith Christmas Mass will be held on Friday December 16th at 8.00p.m. in the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Clogheen. The theme of the Mass will be "Mass of Giving". We ask people to bring an offering of money which will be donated to a worthy cause.



Christmas Craft Bazaar

L'Arche Community

The L'Arche Christmas Craft Sale will be on Sunday 11th December from 10-4p.m. at the L'Arche Centre, Togher Road (behind Togher Church).



TAPES

Church Choir Music

Did you know that our Church Choir (Cór an Spioraid Naoimh) made two recordings of choral work over the past few years? One is of Christmas favourites, and the other is a selection of other Church Music.

The final few copies are available at the C.P. Centre. £5 each or the two tapes for £8. Great value!

Readings for next Sunday

The readings for Sunday December 18th are ; Mic. 5:2-5, Psalm 79, Heb. 10:5-10 and Lk. 1:39-45.

Priests' Emergency

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