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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENEHYS CROSS, COBK.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

CONFIRMATIONS

Confirmation in our Parish is early this year - 23rd March. It's a day to be looked forward to by children and their parents - rightly so.

The testing time for these young people, of course, lies in the years ahead. Many of their peers have given up going to Mass - good young people in many ways. But Mass - No - the usual retorts: it's boring - the shower who go are a lot of hypocrites. Anyhow, they no longer accept that Jesus comes present during Mass.

All this can be extremely hurtful for parents, doubly so when they love their child and their religion.

What can they do? First of all, don't make it a cause of straight conflict. More hurt will only follow - you know the kind of anger that can erupt - "I hate this house and wish I could cut away all together," etc, etc.

Remember the values absorbed from home have a habit of resurfacing in later life - hopefully also in this case. I add 'hopefully' because outside

influences have become so powerful latterly. In fact, parents have to live with doing their best - and pray.

And for the young - I would hope they would think a little more before they do things that break their parents' hearts. After all nobody, but nobody, loves you like they do - and there are better ways in life.

God bless you all.

Aennis D'Connoy P.P.

Prayer Orientations (2)

'Pray as you can, do not pray as you can't.'

We are being led by the Spirit in many hidden ways to enter into the life of the Trinity.

When we disclose something of ourselves to another in trust and love, we are sharing in God's revelation to the beloved Son.

When we listen with loving attention to another who speaks of what is deepest in life, we understand a little more the Son's listening attention to Abba.



Mary Catherine O'Donoghue, Wilton Road. We give thanks to God for the life and example of the late Mrs. O'Donoghue. While she was able, she was a regular attender at 9.00 daily Mass in our Church - and the Rosary beforehand. She retired to Listowel almost a year ago to be cared for by her daughter, Dr. Olive Pierce. There she died surrounded by her family and grandchildren with the same serenity she exuded through life. We extend sympathy to her family, Noreen, Olive, Fr. Gerard, sons-in-law and daughter-in-law Carmel, and her many grandchildren.

Eileen O'Connell, Villa Sancta Anna, Wilton Road. Eileen's death came as a shock to her many relatives and friends. After all it was only something over a year since she cared for her own mother in the last months of her life. But her care and concern extended to all her friends - her cheerful and positive outlook was infectious. She will be missed by all who were privileged to know her, but especially by her husband David, her daughter Orla and sons David, Daniel and Declan to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

The New Catechism (2)

2301 Autopsies can be morally permitted for legal inquests or scientific research.

The free gift of organs after death is legitimate and can be meritorious.

The Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body.

Bible Corner [2]



Egyptian Granite figure, h. 39cm (2850-2650 BC) Cairo Museum.

The desire to be permitted to sit or live in the Temple expresses the longing for an intimate relationship with God.

*One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

- Psalm 27,4. JN



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

WRITTEN IN STONE ?

It was refreshing to hear the newly appointed Bishop of Killaloe, Bishop Willie Walsh, on RTE's WOULD YOU BELIEVE? programme, suggest that criticism within the Church was not necessarily a bad thing.

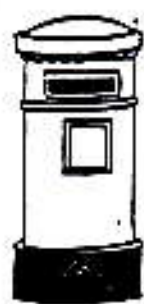
He went on record during the week claiming that he refused to believe that there was a media conspiracy to influence the Church. Media bashing generally, he claimed, was a distraction from dealing with problems.

He listed the problems. These were: the Catholic Church's teaching on pre-marital sex, contraception, homosexuality, priestly celibacy, sexual abuse of children and the Church's action (or lack of action) to it, attendance at Sunday Mass, falling vocations, Confession, the Church's role in education.

That's a long list of questions. Both in the TV programme and in the Press coverage, he seems to be saying: the day of the cover-up is over. It is no longer acceptable to bury our heads in the sand. In a Church that has evolved over two thousand years, it may well be necessary to make changes.

The Message is still the same. The Good News has not altered.

But some of the things we believed to be written in stone are not immutable. Perhaps it is time we recognised that fact and let the Spirit guide us. I believe the Spirit has moved Dr. Willie Walsh and I give thanks to God for that.



LETTERS

Dear Editor,

The excerpt on Baptism from the New Catechism in last week's Bulletin made me both dismayed and sad.

I had thought, and indeed believed, that the Church had moved away from the idea that an innocent baby is born with guilt that needs forgiveness. How could this tie in with the concept of a loving God? This theory, I am told, began with St. Augustine and has been promoted through the centuries by a male Hierarchy. No woman, no mother, would accept it. How then can we be asked to "hope there is a way of salvation for children who have died without Baptism." This theology suggests a kind of God that I could not believe in.

Yours sincerely,

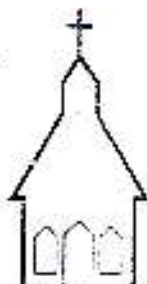
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Bishopstown Community Association

Meeting in Wilton Park House on Tuesday 7th at 8 p.m. Following the successful outcome of the Association's efforts regarding the closure of the outdated incinerator at Cork University Hospital, efforts are now being directed towards the provision of a permanent library for the citizens of Bishopstown. If you live in Bishopstown or have an involvement in a voluntary group in the area, we issue a special request to you to come along and contribute to discussions on this and other community issues. This month we issue a special invitation for Residents Associations and other groups of the catchment area to select representatives to attend the monthly BCA meetings and so facilitate the exchange of ideas regarding events and needs of the community.

We would again appeal for volunteers to cook just one day every third week for Meals-on-Wheels. Enquiries to Betty McCarthy at 542187.



Friday February 10th is the feast of St. Colmait. She is said to have fled from her home in Clare to Aran. However, the main part of her life was spent in Ballyvourney where she founded a convent and where there has always been a deep devotion to her.

Ministers of the Word

Meeting on Monday 6th in C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.



THE TABLET - A Good Read

Did you know that the Legion of Mary Box had now added The Tablet to its list of religious papers and magazines.

The Tablet is an international Catholic weekly and contains articles by many well-known writers. It also has letters, book reviews and other items that go to make up a really interesting paper.

Under the heading of "Viewpoint" the issue of the 21st January has some extraordinary things to say about the Church in Germany. All registered members of the Catholic and Protestant Churches in paid employment **MUST** pay Church tax amounting to 9% of income tax. For instance, a married Catholic with three children earning £2,000 monthly pays £16. The only way to avoid paying church tax is to leave the Church, which incurs excommunication! It has to be done officially and thereafter one is denied access to the sacraments, including the Last Rites. A strange morality, isn't it?

Readings for Sunday 12 February

Jer. 17:5-8. Ps. 1. 1 Cor. 15:12,16-20, 1Jn.17. 20-26

Priests' Emergency

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