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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
St. Ursula writes

THE FIRST SNOWDROP

In spite of the greyness of the weather, isn't it marvellous to see the first snowdrops? Isn't it good to know that somewhere within the sodden soil seeds are sprouting, that deep in the earth there is movement, energy and life? The days are getting longer and the birds are singing.

Where there is sound there is movement; where there is movement there is life; where there is life there God is and where God is there is Love.

Ursula O'Sullivan R.B. 17



Annua

*To love our
neighbour
in charity
is to love
God in man.*

St. Francis de Sales



ST VALENTINE

The legend of St. Valentine
Was in a prison cell,
Thinking of his little flocks
He had always loved so well.
And wanting to assure them
Of his friendship and his love,
He picked a bunch of violets
And sent them by a dove....

And on the violets' velvet leaves
He pierced these lines divine,
That simply said "I LOVE YOU....
And I'm your Valentine."
So through the years that followed
From that day unto this,
Folks still send messages of love
And seal them with a kiss....

Because a SAINT in prison
Reached through prison bars one day,
And picked a bunch of violets
And sent them out to say,
That faith and love can triumph,
No matter where you are,
For faith and love are greater
Than the strongest prison bar.

Letter to the Editor

HAS LIMBO NOT BEEN ABOLISHED?

Dear Editor,

Three articles in the February 5th Bulletin prompted me to write.

The letter from the person who was dismayed that we can only HOPE for the salvation of those who die without Baptism echoed my sentiments entirely. How distressing for the family of a baby who dies near birth. I thought Limbo had been abolished years ago. Has something else been put in its place?

Will the New Catechism have any major influence on our lives? There's so much that is positive and progressive going on in the church today that could be influential on the young people in the Dean's article. Yet

focussing on the rules will only turn them away. And with rules varying from country to country (the Tablet) who can blame them?

I've noticed that many people now tend to identify themselves as Christian rather than Catholic. Could this be to avoid accusation of belonging to a rules-bound, male-dominated church?

But the church by its nature is not a democratic organisation. Our faith is what makes us belong. This brings me back to the Dean's inspiring article. If I can pass on my faith, in its simplicity to my children, I know I will have done a good thing.

Sincerely,
Margaret McCarthy

The New Catechism (3)

2299 The dying should be given attention and care to help them live their last moments in dignity and peace. They will be helped by the prayer of their relatives, who must see to it that the sick receive at the proper time the sacraments that prepare them to meet the living God.

2300 The bodies of the dead must

be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honours the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit.

If you want to know what the Catechism says about a particular issue, drop a note to the CP Centre.



Prayer Orientations (3)

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

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and will never leave me to face my perils alone.



We extend our sincere sympathy to ANNA HERRICK, The Manor, Model Farm Road, on the death of her father.

To MAURA COUGHLAN, Kenley Heights, on the death of her mother in England.

NAR-ANON - SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES

Nar-Anon Family Group is a self help support group for anyone who has a loved one abusing Drugs. Drug Abuse is getting worse and is destroying our young people - right here in Cork and elsewhere. The pain, fear and worry about drugs for families is sometimes unbearable. Families have to be strong in the face of Drug abuse.

Nar-Anon's 12 step programme can be a wonderful help and is Strictly Confidential for families of drug abusers.

Meeting - Saturday 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday 8.00 p.m.

at St. Augustine's, Washington Street.

Bible Corner [3]



Diorite statue, h. 42cm (2600-2480BC)

The wings of God image is drawn from the bird which protectively spreads its wings over its young. It represents the feminine-motherly protection of God.

*Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.*

- Psalm 17,8 JN



Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will visit the remainder of Kenley this week.

Parish Visitation

Fr John will continue visitation of Liam Lynch Park and begin Roger Casement Park.

TABLE QUIZ

In aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland 200 TABLE QUIZ, Silver Springs Conference Centre, 22nd Feb at 8.00pm. Questions by Ger Canning, RTE. Team entry 4 people £20. Contact Joe Johnson, 10, Brookville Estate, Glanmire or the C.P. Centre.

Lent 1995

Are you looking for something positive and instructive to do this Lent? The Parish Education Group are planning a short course on the New Catechism for four Tuesdays in Lent. It may be just the thing for you. Watch the *Bulletin* for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The Alcoholics Anonymous is a strictly confidential service to help people deal with alcohol abuse. The general AA telephone number in the Cork area is **500481**. For information and contacts ring between 8.30-10.30pm. Al-anon is a service which provides help and support for families and friends of alcohol abusers. For details of meetings, contact St Francis Friary, Liberty Street, Tel. **270302**.

Table Quiz

Gaelscoil Uí Riada will hold a Table Quiz at the G.A.A. Pavilion on 15th February at 8.30 p.m. £10 per table.

Children's Mass

Would the parents and children interested in organising the children's Mass please come to the Church on Saturday, 18th and 25th February, at 2.30 p.m. for rehearsal.

Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the Parish next weekend.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

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

Pastoral Council

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

Legion of Mary

A meeting of the Legion of Mary takes place every Tuesday at 7.15 p.m. in the C.P. Centre. New members would be welcome.



Afternoon Bridge (Open)

New Bridge Club is starting at the Glengarriff Hotel, on Thursday afternoons, 2.00-5.00 p.m. opening on 16th February. All are welcome.

Priests' Emergency

Number : 271551

Readings for Sunday 19 February

19 Sunday 1 Sam. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. Ps. 102. 1 Cor. 15:45-49. Lk. 6:27-38.