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3rd Sunday in Lent



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

In Bishop Murphy's recent "Letter for Lent" he wrote, "Participation must extend beyond Sunday Mass into every area of parish life. It is the duty of all to make the parish community a caring community, conscious of the problems of the community and responsive to its needs. Caring for others is the Christian response to Christ's command that we love our neighbours as ourselves."

Here in this parish, thankfully, we have no shortage of people who are prepared to get involved in specific church ministries, such as Ministers of the Eucharist and Word, Singing, Prayers of the Faithful, etc. However, we have many more who organise social groups in the parish buildings, such as the Friendship Club, Bridge Club, Brigini, Youth Club, etc.

Throughout our parish many more are involved in organising sporting clubs and social activities. I feel that these people do not receive the recognition they deserve. They, too, are making a very worthwhile contribution towards making our parish a more caring and

Christian community. Personally, I would like all those involved in 'unofficial' parish ministries to feel that they are responding to their calling at baptism to give witness to Christ in their lives.

CHURCH NOTICES

LENT

Extra morning Mass at 7.30 a.m.
Taize for half-hour after 7.30 p.m. Thursday Mass.
Benediction Sunday at 5.30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION DAY

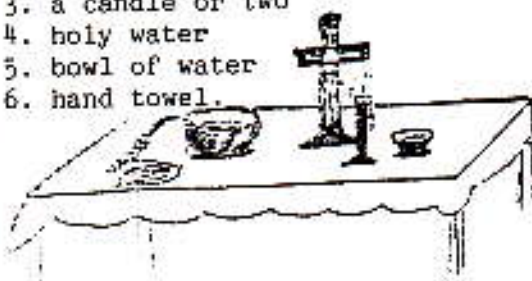
Next Thursday 23rd March at 10.30 a.m. Please note there will not be a 10.00 a.m. Mass.

HOUSEBOUND AND SICK

If you don't normally receive a visit from a Priest on the First Friday and would wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Priest of your area.

To prepare for the visit please have a table set up with the following items:

1. a white cloth covering table
2. a crucifix
3. a candle or two
4. holy water
5. bowl of water
6. hand towel.



P.E.A.C.E. WEEK 1995

The 19th Annual P.E.A.C.E. Mass was celebrated on Sunday March 5th in St. Augustine's Church. It was memorable for a number of reasons.

Firstly, as Most. Rev. Dr. Michael Dallat, Auxiliary Bishop of Down & Connor, the preacher, pointed out, we DO have peace. We must now concentrate our prayers and Christian Effort on reconciliation.

It was noteworthy, too, for the beautiful sung Mass of composer John Gibson, with organist Angel Climent. Pat Killeen conducted our own Church choir, augmented by the children of St. Vincents.

Finally, it was a fitting tribute to the dedication and perseverance of Cecil Hurwitz in never ever giving up on the power of prayer to bring peace to our Island. Both Bishop Dallat and Bishop Murphy commended Cecil for his tireless work.

Each year, during P.E.A.C.E. Week, Cecil Hurwitz presents a list of the names of those who died, month by month, as a result of violence in Northern Ireland. This year, as always, the monthly lists were lengthy. It was so significant that in September and

in November only one name appeared. We can only humbly say: Deo Gratias.

P.E.A.C.E. Week 1995 concluded with an Ecumenical Service on Sunday March 12th, at St. Finbarre's Cathedral.

Fr. Neal Carlin of the Columba House of Prayer & Reconciliation, Derry, the preacher at this Service, took up the theme of reconciliation again. He spoke of the need for a renewed Ecumenical Spirit between Catholic, Protestant and Dissenter on this Island. The dialogue must begin, he stressed, at individual and parish level. We all share the responsibility for bringing about lasting peace and reconciliation.

LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS

Dear children - isn't there a lot of sadness and suffering in the world? Many people turn away from Jesus. They don't talk to Him. They don't listen to Him. He is always there, always loving us all.

Little Friends of Jesus is a group of children who come to St. Joseph's Convent on the Model Farm Road (Drishane Sisters). On a rota basis they stay 15 minutes with Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist. Some parents come along too. They make up to Jesus in this loving way for all the pain and hurt that He suffers. Would you like to join them as a special friend of Jesus? If you would, please put your name and telephone number or address in the notebook at the end of the church during the coming week, or get in touch with Sr. Catherine in St. Joseph's Convent, tel. 542257, and we will contact you soon.

Rest In Peace

Nan Hartnett, Wilton Gardens, died peacefully at home during the week. Nan is remembered as a gentle, prayerful, and considerate person. She made time for people and always spoke kindly of everyone. Her sisterly friendship with Maureen was very special. We extend our deepest sympathy to her sisters, Maureen and Chris, and family.



BRIDGE SESSION RAISES £235

At a recent session of the Tuesday afternoon Bridge Club, £235 was raised to help send a very special young person to Lourdes with our choir. All credit for organizing this event goes to Eithne Pollock and Noreen McDonnell. Well done, Eithne and Noreen!

A MESSAGE FOR ALL PIONEERS

The Annual Diocesan Pioneer Mass will take place on Thursday March 30th at 8 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road. Pioneers from all Centres in the Diocese are invited to attend - those who have received their gold and silver pins are especially invited.

Bishop John Buckley will preside at the Mass and present pins to silver and golden jubilarians as well as to new members.

Fr. Bernard McCuckian, Central Director of the Pioneer Association will be the guest speaker. Pioneers of 25 and 50 years who wish to be presented with silver or gold pins please contact J. Coffey, tel. 345281, as soon as possible, as pins have to be ordered.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to GERARD DALY, 27 Leedale, on the death of his father.

To TOM BARRETT, 29 Parkway, on the death of his brother.

To ARTHUR O'CALLAGHAN, Farranlea Grove, on the death of his brother-in-law at a young age.

Prayer Orientations (7)

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next. Amen.

The New Catechism

2490 The secret of the sacrament of Reconciliation is sacred, and cannot be violated under any pretext. The sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore, it is a crime for a confessor in any way to betray a penitent by word or in any other manner or for any reason. *If you wish to comment, drop a note to the CP Centre.*

Bible Corner (8)

The suppliant of Psalm 73 is wearied by temptations and troubled by oppressive doubts. Unscrupulous, greedy persons have become the objects of his wonderment and envy. But in the temple he comes to the realization that they stand on shaky ground. What really liberates him is not the knowledge that "sin does not pay," but the experience of the "nearness of God" (v 28). Only that is a sure defence against despair. This nearness means "life". With God is the fountain of life. Being with God in faithfulness and love is the one thing necessary.



Limestone statue from 18th c BC with fountain vessel.



Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will visit homes on Magazine Road and College Road during the coming weeks.

Sunday Creche in C.P. Centre

Please note that the Creche will be closed this Sunday.

Healing Mass

Next Thursday, 23rd March at 8 p.m. in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Western Road.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Past and present Ministers are invited to the annual Mass in the Crypt on Tuesday 28th March at 8.00 p.m.

Children's Mass

Children and parents who are interested in arranging the Children's Mass for March please attend a practice on Saturday 18th and 25th at 2.30 p.m.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our esteemed member, Mary McDonogh, will present her choice of music at our monthly recital on Wednesday next, March 22nd at 3 p.m. in the Crypt of the Church at Dennehy's Cross. Be advised. Be there. Everyone is welcome.

Line Dancing

In Highfield Rugby Club every Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

Typing Service

Thesis, Essays, C.V.'S, etc. typed for £1 a page. Phone 545268.

Are You Between 18 and 28 years?

The Bishopstown & District Leo Club is a fund-raising organisation, but not in the traditional sense. We intend to make it a lot more interesting. Meetings on Wednesdays at 8.30 p.m. in SMA Hall, Wilton.



We will hold a CAKE SALE next Sunday in the Crypt of the Church.

Cork Simon

Will collect food in the Laburnum area on Monday night 20th March. Non perishable food items, particularly tea and sugar are requested, as well as detergents, disinfectants, etc. All collectors have official ID cards/armbands.

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