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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

Judith tells me Jimmy McCarthy gave a concert at Easter for the students of his former alma mater - Christians. I'm re-reading some of the lyrics from his The Song of the Singing Horseman album. Read, see what you think.

This is a prayer boat
So that it may float on down
To the feet of the Lord
Burning bright above confusion
Rising up with the hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah
Begone unholy winds
From hallowed halls
Call godly friends.

I want you, I want you
In my life, my Lord
I want you in my heart
And on my word, my Lord
I'd love you
I'd love you
In my life my Lord
The child within my heart
And on my word, my law.

For all of you who must discover
For all who seek to understand
For having left the path of others
You find a very special hand

And it is a holy thing
And it is a precious time
For it is the only way
Forget-me-nots among the snow
It's always been and so it goes
To ponder his death and his life eternally.

One bright blue rose outlives all those
Two thousand years and still it goes
To ponder his death and life eternally.

Fr. John



EASTER SANCTUARY

Congratulations to all those who decorated and highlighted our Sanctuary for Easter. It was very effective, very uplifting, a symbol of hope.

We also congratulate our neighbours in the Sacred Heart Church on their Easter garden. It's inside the church and is lovely. Be sure to call in and see it.

Rest in Peace

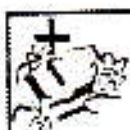
Jason Lang, Greenfields, Model Farm Road, lost his young life in very tragic circumstances on Saturday 8th April. Jason, who was just 21, went to Tralee for the weekend with some friends. Some harmless banter with local young people suddenly turned into deep tragedy when a youth from Tralee turned a gun on Jason, and then on himself, bringing heartbreak and bereavement to two families. We offer our deep sympathy to his parents, Sheila and Frank, his sister Hazel and his many relatives and friends.

We pray for the late Gerry Gray, Bishops court Lawn, who died recently after being ill for the past number of months. He was a Minister of the Word here in the parish, and dedicated much of his life working with the St. Vincent de Paul in a gentle and unassuming way. To Nora his wife, and daughters, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Peg Forrest, Wilton Gardens, died recently after struggling with failing health for some time. A quiet, sincere and warm-hearted woman, Peg will be missed from our community. Our sympathy to her husband, Declan, sons Robert and Raymond, and brothers Jack and Thomas.

We pray for Kathleen O'Shea, late of College Road, who died recently. She spent the past 64 years of her life living there, and no doubt saw many changes over the years. A gentle lady, Kathleen was always conscious that life had its continuous ups and downs. We offer our sympathy to her son and daughters.

Jim O'Brien, Laburnum Park, died at St. Patrick's Hospital on 29th March. Jim had spent many years in the licensed liquor trade at his premises in Coburg Street. He had been in failing health for several years. His wife, Maura, nursed him at home for most of that time, until eventually he needed constant hospital care. We extend sincere sympathy to Maura, his relatives and former colleagues.



Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.





COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE FUTURE GENERATIONS

PORNOGRAPHY in the media has been increasing almost by stealth in recent times. It has crept into family-type T.V. shows in the guise of entertainment where it is obviously unwelcome. We need to be on our guard against its advances and not be slow to speak out.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, speaking at a recent seminar in Clare, commented on the fact that sex crimes have increased greatly in recent years. He declared that, in his view, there was "no doubt that pornography has played a large part in the increase in sexual crime."

We surely owe it to future generations to protect them from this unacceptable trend.

I am not a regular cinema-goer but, on my recent visits, I was astounded at the blatant sexism of some of the advertisements. Two in particular left me wondering what the connection was between message and product. One advertised jeans, the other beer. I am convinced that, were I a woman, I would be protesting loudly at the exploitation.

I am not promoting the "comely

of the game today. Need it be?

Taizé Prayer Groups in Cork

U.C.C. Taizé Group every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Chaplaincy House, College Road, Cork. Contact: Fr. Fiontán O Murchú (021) 276871.

Dominican Taizé Group first Sunday of every month (ex. July & August) in the Pastoral Centre, Pope's Quay, Cork. Contact: Keith Cotter (021) 509839.

Knocknaheeny Taizé Group every second Sunday at 7 p.m. in Sisters' House, Knocknaheeny, Cork. Contact: Sr. Margaret O'Donovan (021) 392762.

Sunday's Well Taizé Group every second Sunday in St. Vincent's Church, Sunday's Well, Cork at 7 p.m. Contact: Fr. John Cleary (021) 304070.

Scala Taizé Group every Sunday at 8 p.m. in 1, St. Finbarr's South, Dunbar Street, Cork. Contact: Fr. Ciaran Campbell (021) 315200.

R.T.C. Taizé Group every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Chaplaincy House, 3 & 5 Elton Lawn, Rossa Avenue, Bishopstown, Cork. Contact: Barry McEntee (021) 542663.

Don't keep the faith - spread it.



Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will visit College Road/Magazine Road area this week.

Friendship Club

Meeting of the members on Monday 24th April at 2.30 p.m. in C.P. Centre re Outing.

Liturgy Notes

Liturgy Group

Meeting this Monday 24th at 8.10 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland

The Cork Branch of the Society is anxious that an Alzheimer patient and the carer would get as much help as possible. It can offer one day a week at the Day Care centre in Deepark each Friday. On the second Tuesday of the month there is a support group meeting in Connolly Hall, Lapps Quay at 8 p.m.

April 23rd to 28th has been designated Alzheimer Awareness Week nationwide and an Interfaith Service will be held in St. Luke's Church of Ireland, Douglas at 7 p.m. this Sunday 23rd. On 25th there will be a table quiz in Nemo Rangers at 8 p.m. and raffle tickets will be sold in shopping centres. Please support these efforts. Telephone number of Day Care Centre is 311698.

Birthday

SÍOL AND SIOLRA MEMBERS

This year Síol celebrates its tenth birthday. To commemorate this, there will be a special Mass at Ballinlough Parish Church on Sunday 30th April at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards, cost £5. Names to Noirin Jones or Carmel O'Shea.



Bridge Tournament

In aid of the National Council for the Blind will be held in Jurys Hotel at 7.15 p.m. on this Sunday 23rd. All grades catered for.

HIGHFIELD R.F.C. MASS

The annual Mass for deceased members of the Highfield R.F.C. will take place on Sunday, 30th April, at 11.00a.m. in St. Catherine's Convent Chapel.

Self Defence

Shotokan Karate. Classes 7.00-8.00 every Wednesday at Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh with qualified Black Belt Instructor.