

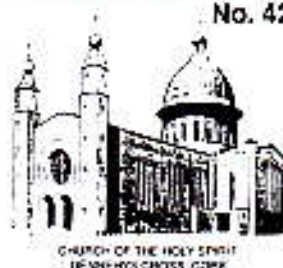


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3rd Sunday of Easter



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
16, NINE HY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

as you did it to one of these, the least of mine, you did it to me."

Keep up the good work - and spread the Good News.

SPREADING LOVE, TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP

I want to tell you about one of the lovely things that happen in this Parish. A week or two before Easter I called casually to a house on the Wilton Road. The lady of the house had just been acting hostess to a group of her neighbours who live alone. Nothing elaborate - a cup of tea, a cake, and a chat. But everybody went home feeling great.

This wasn't the first time I had stumbled on such a gathering in this Parish. I know that others have done likewise for their neighbours in similar circumstances, spreading love, and trust, and friendship. On other occasions I have found new arrivals in the Parish being invited in for a cup of coffee and an introduction to their immediate neighbours - a beautiful thought, and Christianity in practice.

"I was a stranger and you made me welcome. Lord when did we see you a stranger and make you welcome? As often

BIENVENUE - WELCOME

Le clergé et les paroissiens de l'Eglise de la 'Descent of the Holy Spirit' souhaitent la bienvenue aux membres des chœurs du Loudion, à l'occasion de leur participation à la Messe de 12.15 p.m.

The clergy and parishioners of the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit extend a warm welcome to our visiting French choir, 'Les Chœurs du Loudion' on the occasion of their first visit to the 42nd Cork International Choral Festival. We wish them a happy stay in the City by the Lee and thank them for coming to sing for us.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND RENEWAL

Saturday 20th to Friday 26th
May

Note it in your diary

WATCH THIS SPACE!



Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married recently:

TONY BUCKLEY, 'Wedgewood', Laburnum Park, who married Margaret Dinan, Montenotte.

GERALDINE GRAY, 1 Bishops court Lawn, who married Edward Bateman, Ballinrea Cross, Carrigaline.

OLIVE KELLY, 10 Sheares Park, who married Michael Harris, O'Connell Avenue, Turner's Cross.

JOHN COLLINS 21 Sheares Park, who married Imelda Falahee, Summerstown Drive.

CHRISTINA O'SHEA, 27 Parkway Drive, who married Niell Wright, Silverheights Road, Mayfield.

TERENCE O'LEARY, 42 Leedale, Model Farm Road, who married Eleanor O'Connor, 21 Melbourn Road.

A Reflection

ON THE SUBJECT OF MARRIAGE

You were born together, and together you shall be for evermore.

You shall be together when the white wings of death scatter your days.

But let there be spaces in your togetherness.

And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.

Love one another, but make not a bond of love:

Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls. Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.

Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.

Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone,

Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.

And stand together yet not too near together:

For the pillars of the temple stand apart,

And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow.

- Kahlil Gibran



IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to SISTER CLARE O'SULLIVAN, St. Catherine's Convent, and JOHN O'SULLIVAN, Bishops court Avenue, on the death of their mother.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

NEVER EASY

I'm not a numbers person. But three totally unrelated events, involving roughly the same number of people, made a strong impression on me for quite different reasons.

In the first case, five thousand innocent people (maybe as many as eight thousand) men, women and children were annihilated at Kibeho Refugee Camp in Rwanda. One photographer described the scene as being "like a vision from hell".

The second event was an uplifting and joyous "Praise" in the "Songs of Praise" series from the Royal Albert

Hall. Five thousand souls gave praise to the Lord, witnessing to St. Augustine's claim that you prayed twice when you sang your prayer.

The final event was the Memorial Service for the dead and injured in Oklahoma City. Leaders of Churches and State came together with so many Oklahomans to pray for their dead, to pay tribute to the rescuers, to support those bereaved and to hope for a better future for their country.

It is difficult to reconcile the God who allowed the massacre of those innocent Rwandans with the God who listened to those rejoicing London Christians and with the same God who tolerated the deaths of perhaps two hundred Americans in Oklahoma City.

But then, following the Christian path and facing its challenges was never easy, was it?

FLOWERS BY DAY,

FRAGRANCE BY NIGHT

With a little improvement in the weather perhaps it is time to think of the environment again. In winter time most of us spend little time outdoors and perhaps fail to notice the build up of rubbish around our gardens and footpaths. If each person set aside one hour on a fine, sunny morning to pick up debris from the environs of their own home what a big improvement it would make to the appearance of our City. Better still, enlist the help of your children and thereby, discourage them from throwing litter in the form of sweet papers, crisp bags and plastic bottles on the roadway.

Incidentally, why not encourage your children to become amateur gardeners. Buy a packet of flower seeds, dig a little patch in the front garden and just scatter the seeds, cover with a little sand and, hey presto, just watch them grow. Don't forget to sprinkle with water every day in dry weather. The most rewarding seeds for this type of gardening must surely be Night Scented Stock, which give a wonderful fragrance on summer nights. If you could encourage someone else to buy a packet of Virginia Stock, mix the two packets together and then divide between two gardens, you then have flowers by day and night as the Night Scented Stock remain closed by day.



Announcements

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Soc.

Monthly meeting in the C.P. Centre next Thursday 4 May at 8 p.m.

First Friday

Next Friday 5 May is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

Legion of Mary

A meeting of the Legion of Mary takes place each Tuesday evening at 7.15 p.m. in the C.P. Centre. Works include hospital visitation, homes visitation and visitation of the elderly. New members are earnestly sought.

Thank You

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul we thank the children of Avondale and The Belfry, Model Farm Road, for raising £43 for the coal fund.

Lecture

Cork & Ross Diocesan Family Ministry will present an evening on "Enriching the Marriage Relationship" on Tuesday 2 May at 8 p.m. at The Imperial Hotel. Advanced booking essential at the Family Ministry Office, 34 Paul Street, tel. 273213. Cost £5 per couple, £3 per person.

The Benedictines of Cloyne

Formal opening of the Bible Garden by Bishop John Magee on Sunday 7 May at 3.30 p.m. Refreshments served.

Bishopstown Community Association

Monthly meeting will take place at Wilton Park House on Tuesday 2 May at 8 p.m. As this is the first meeting of the new Council attendance by new members is encouraged. This invitation is open to anyone living in the Bishopstown area or involved in voluntary groups operating in our district. A special plea is made to all Residents' Associations to ensure that representatives are sent to each monthly meeting.

We take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Tom Lyons as the new caretaker at Wilton Park House and would like to inform the community that he may be contacted at Wilton Park House (tel. 543757) after 6 p.m. each evening for the purpose of booking rooms at the house. The charge for room hire remains the same as last year £6 per evening and rooms are also available in the afternoons.

Finally, the BCA has initiated steps to promote cleanliness and improve the appearance of our district. Litter presents a bad image and leaves visitors with a bad impression of our neighbourhood and country. We encourage Residents' Associations to conduct individual campaigns to improve the appearance of Bishopstown and each person to accept his/her part. A little effort by many will ensure that our neighbourhood is one to be proud of.

Further information from Frank Mulvihill, P.R.O., Bishopstown Community Asscn., Wilton Park House.

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