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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
The Dean writes

A few years ago I met an old school friend who had spent the best years of his life in the U.S.A. In the course of conversation he commented on how his lack of self confidence, or self worth, adversely affected his early years in the States. He envied his American friends who walked into a restaurant as if they were part-owners of the place. They walked to the top seats in church on Sunday without a trace of self-consciousness.

Times have changed. Yet today, many young people are terrified of peer pressure - self-conscious of their looks, their popularity, their academic talents, sports ability or lack of it.

In more mature years the problem can surface as "trying to keep up with the Jones". Or you could find the adult in a less than ideal marriage become the strutting comedian in the pub.

In our declining years we might betray ourselves with bitter tongues, and suspicions of dark motives.

The big danger for all ages is the temptation to see God as the maker of laws - a strict taskmaster - distant and even harsh. So we try to ignore him as irrelevant, or hide from him. Yet nothing could be further from the truth.

"Can a woman forget the child of her womb? Even if it were possible, I will never forget you." "I have carved you on the palm of my hand." "I have loved you with an everlasting love." These are the words of God. Many a person has whispered "I love you" - and lied. God is Truth. We are precious to Him.

Denis O'Donnoghue PP



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

AN EASTER JOURNEY ?

While the season of Easter is still with us and with the days brighter, warmer and longer, how about an Easter Tour?

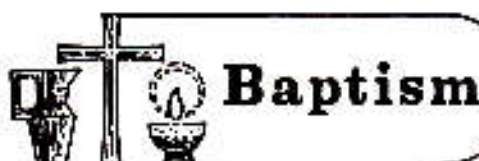
Begin with the short walk to the Sacred Heart Church on the Western Road. Admire the Easter Garden there and pray to the sound of running water.

The next leg of our journey (longer!) takes us to the Church of the Way of the Cross in Togher. There we see the rear wall of the sanctuary festooned with little wooden crosses presented by 4,000 families during Lent.

In front of the altar is a Resurrection Shrine. The theme incorporates Resurrection (the empty tomb), Light (the Easter Candle), Life (running water). It is beautifully done and callers are encouraged to light a candle and take away holy water from the shrine.

Finally, though not quite in an Easter vein, pay a visit to the Chapel of Cork University Hospital on the return journey. During recent alterations there a new (smaller) altar has been installed, a new tabernacle has been located away from the altar and a triptych, specially commissioned, by Peader Drinan, graces the rear wall.

It's a dramatic painting by any standards. Your editor would love to know what you think it signifies!!



We welcome into our Christian community the following babies who were baptised recently:

JOHN PATRICK NAGLE, 3 The Close, Kenley, son of Niall and Betty.

AARON JAMES JOSEPH CONLON, 11 Greenfields, son of Paul and Jennifer.

ROMAN CHRISTOPHER HEELAN, 35 The Close, Kenley, son of Gerard and Ann.

PETER DECLAN O'LEARY, "Ca'Savio", Magazine Road, son of Declan and Delia.

ELEANOR REBECCA STRITCH, "Derrynane", Cherrygrove, daughter of Tomas and Margaret.

JAMES BERNARD CARR, "Roscar", Wilton Avenue, son of Bernard and Margaret.

CONOR EAMONN O'SULLIVAN, "Eldon", Bendemeer Park, son of Eamonn and Colette.

BEN MURPHY, 6 Farranlea Grove, son of Thomas and Carolyn.

RYAN NOEL MURPHY, "Roncalli", Model Farm Road, son of Gearoid and Stella.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the U-14 Soccer team at Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh who won the Cork Schools U-14 Championship Cup Final recently. Members of the team who live in the parish are AIDAN BARRETT, 3 Wilton Gardens, PAUL KEENAN, 15 The Grove, Model Farm Road, DENIS O'DRISCOLL, 40 Rossbrook, Model Farm Road and PETER COTTER, 4 Parkway Drive, Model Farm Road.



We pray for the late CATHERINE O'SULLIVAN, "Wilton Cottage", Merlyn Lawn, who died recently. A very quiet, reserved and gracious lady who, despite her age, remained fully alert until the final months of her life. We offer our sympathy to her nephews and nieces.

We pray for the late TIM MCCARTHY, Model Farm Road. Tim will be best remembered by many as a former collector at Mass on Sunday. A big man in every way, but a most gentle and kind person, one could not ask to meet and know one as good as Tim. We offer our sympathy and prayers to May his sister, nephews and nieces.

Pat Tracey, Wilton Road, died quite unexpectedly on Friday 12th May. Pat had been a very popular Co. Council Engineer in the Kinsale area for many years. Probably his most challenging project was the new Archdeacon Duggan bridge spanning the Bandon river. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Marie, their family Berna, Susan, Ann and Patrick, relatives and many friends. May he rest in peace.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to TED CONNOLLY, Highfield Lawn, on the death of his sister Maire.

Point to Ponder

These Other Sins

Communications Day brings to mind the ease of global communication in our modern world. However, it may be well to consider communication in a much more simplistic situation, namely, the hurt and humiliation caused by words spoken carelessly. Children at school are taunted by remarks made by other children. Indeed many of these comments are provided by parents speaking carelessly in the presence of their own children. At teenage level peer pressure is a very powerful force and teenagers can be damaged for a very long time by careless remarks - someone mentions at home that so and so drinks a lot and quite a big circle of so called friends are provided with this information. In the work place careless talk is a real threat. The canteen chat becomes gospel truth and gathers momentum over a period of time.

In response to last week's request for thoughts on 'These Other Sins' may I suggest that character assassination, better known as 'having a chat' could be included in 'These other sins'.

Name and address with Editor.



First Friday

Next Friday, 2nd June, is the First Friday of the month and calls to the sick and housebound will be made on the usual days.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection at all Masses next weekend.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Soc.

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday, 1st June, at 8 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Blood Donor Clinic

Will be held in the SMA Community Centre on Thursday 1st June from 3.00-5.00 and 7.30-9.30p.m.



Ministers of the Word

Please collect your new rotas at the altar rails this weekend. Thank you.

Found

A pair of glasses were found at back entrance to University Hospital. Owner contact Fr. John 541572.

Labor of LOVE

COPE Foundation

Volunteers (young adults) needed to help with COPE Wheelchair Holiday (August 8th-18th). Contact Rose Lynch 966555, ext.335/337, or Fr. John 541572.



Wanted

People to work in own home. For further information contact Eileen at 024-92246.



Chernobyl Children's Project

A coffee morning will be held at the Glengarriffe Hotel on Monday 29th May from 10.30 to 1 p.m. in aid of the project. Adi Roche will attend and there will be raffles and spot prizes.

This is a must!

Amateur Painting Exhibition

Sponsored by the VEC Adult Education programme, an exhibition of paintings by the members of our Senior Painting Club and Blackrock Painting Club will be held in the Crypt on Thursday 8th June from 7.00-9.00 p.m. Everybody welcome. The exhibition will be opened by Dean O'Connor.

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