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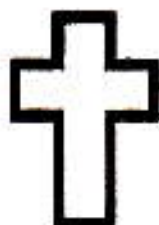
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
BALLINACORNEY, DUBLIN



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Sr. Ursula writes*

"The Cross in my Pocket" is a poem familiar to many. I have sometimes been asked about the cross I wear around my neck. It is a cross, not a crucifix, i.e., it doesn't have a figure. It is a white inlay on a black background. This is its story.



In 1778 Catherine McAuley was born in Dublin. Her father was a builder - one of the few Catholics who managed to rise from poverty when the Penal laws were repealed. Catherine was devoted to her father. As a young child she often accompanied him as he tried to help those less fortunate than himself. There was much poverty in those days, and little help, education or work for the poor. On Sunday afternoons Catherine's father gathered the local children together to teach them their faith. His young daughter was always present.

Disaster struck. Her beloved father died while she was still

young. Family fortunes changed dramatically. Catherine had seen poverty, now she knew it at first hand. The family were finally reduced to sleeping on the floor. Everything was gone. Later, fortune changed again and Catherine went to live with a rich couple who were childless. Though Christian, her new guardians did not hold with religious objects and Catherine was forbidden to have even a crucifix. Obedient, but resourceful, Catherine used the panels of her bedroom door, which formed a cross, to remind her of the Passion and Death of our Saviour.

The goodness and dedication of their young charge impressed her guardians. On their death she found herself heiress to their large fortune. "Kitty will do good with it," they said. Dublin society began to look on young Miss McAuley as 'a great catch'. Kitty had other ideas. She established what could be called the first Social Service Centre and Sheltered Workshop for women in Baggott Street. Fashionable Dublin was not impressed! Eventually the congregation of Sisters of Mercy was formed with Catherine McAuley as foundress. You've guessed it - the Mercy Cross which I wear became the official emblem of the new congregation. The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy (25th September) is our special Feast Day.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The church on Wilton Road is an amazing oasis of peace in an otherwise busy and noisy environment. It is all the more inviting since the paintwork was excellently restored over the summer. It is sad that it is largely undiscovered and underused as a place of silence and opportunity for prayer.

I would think that the following would help:

- 1) Some copies of the Bible with a notice that they were available to all who wanted to sit, read and contemplate.
- 2) A few books on prayer and prayer techniques and an invitation to use them. (Parishioners to suggest titles).
- 3) A note of reassuring welcome in the porches.

We should take a leaf from our neighbours in Togher who did so much to realise the potential of their church building in the last year.

Yours sincerely,  
(name and address with Editor)

THANK  
YOU!

We the members of the Friendship Club wish to thank Elsie Harris for the trojan work she has done for the past four years as Editor of the Parish Bulletin. We wish her all the best for the future.

Every success to our new Editor of Bulletin, Colm Linehan from the Friendship Club.



### FAMINE COMMEMORATION MASS

We remember in our Masses this weekend the Great Famine of 1845-1848. During these years one and a half million of our people were forced to emigrate, following the one million who had already done so since the start of the century. Many died of cholera and typhus en route, many more died on arrival. One million died at home.

Today the Irish are amongst the most generous in the world when it comes to famine aid. One hundred and fifty years ago our plight was responded to by many individuals, groups and governments. WE remember them all today.

We remember the Irish abroad, Irish bishops, priests and Religious Orders. We remember the Church of Ireland, the Church of England, the Society of Friends (The Quakers), the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Perhaps we might especially remember minority groups like the Negroes of Antigua and the Choctan Indians who shared from their own meagre resources.

Today we pray for all our people who suffered and died in that terrible tragedy in the knowledge that not even a sparrow falls to the earth without your knowing it, Lord.

We pray, too, for all those who still suffer the cruelty and degradation of famine in the midst of plenty.



## Rest In Peace

Rita Murphy, Laburnum Lawn, died on 6th September at Upton Nursing Home, where she had retired some years ago. Rita was a member of a well-known Kinsale family, and had spent the best years of her life in the hotel business in Skibbereen, and later in Kinsale. Her husband, Tim, pre-deceased her by almost twenty years. Her nephew, Fr. George Murphy, officiated at the ceremonies. The sympathy of the community goes to her daughter Monica, her sons Ted, Denis and Jim, her brother, sister and many relatives.

We pray for Professor J.F. O'Connor, Vice President of U.C.C. and late of Laburnum Park. Sean was one of nature's gentlemen - a bland cliché you might say. Not so in Sean's case. Professor Michael Mortell, President - U.C.C., a man not given to trite expression, thus summed up Sean to Bishop John Buckley at his removal.

Sean achieved high academic honours through hard work and the brains that God gave him. He never forgot this, a truly humble man. To his wife Deirdre, his sons and daughters, brothers and sisters we offer sincere sympathy. Requiem Mass was celebrated by his brother, Fr. Donal, S.M.A.

## BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian community the following children who were baptised during the past number of months:

CATHERINE MARGARET BUTTIMER, 15 Kenley Crescent, daughter of Cornelius and Noreen.

KIERAN PAUL LALOR, "Massabielle", Wilton Road, son of Kevin and Orla.

MAEBH DEIRDRE BARRETT, "Moyné", Model Farm Road, daughter of Robert and Mary.

JACK DENIS FORDE, "Belvoir", Wilton Road, son of Donal and Suzanne.

KEVIN PETER COX, 40 Liam Lynch Park, son of Peter and Vera.

ELLEN FAHY, "Mount Alverna", Bishopstown Road, daughter of Pdraig and Mary.

FIONA THERESE MOORE, 14 Kenley Road, daughter of Michael and Paula.

COLM PATRICK RYAN, "Aldon", Wilton Road, son of Paddy and Catherine.

LAURA KATHLEEN O'MAHONY, 20 Greenfields, daughter of Patrick and Therese.

MARK WILLIAM O'CONNOR, "Serona", The Orchard, Farranlea Park, son of Denis and Linda.

SIOFRA ROSEMARY PATRICIA MURPHY, Convent Lane, Model Farm Road, daughter of Salette and Don.

KYLE ROBERT MCCARTHY, 88 Rossbrook, son of Patrick and Deirdre.

LAUREN ANNE TWOMEY, 125 Leesdale, daughter of Patrick and Annette.

BRIAN PATRICK WILLIAM O'SULLIVAN, 26 Rossbrook, son of Peter and Mary.

KEVIN PATRICK KEOHANE, 1A Kenley Road, son of Denis and Finola.



St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

Christian Meditation

In C.P. Centre every Thursday, 7.00 p.m. sharp to 7.30 p.m.



Wanted

Help in folding and counting the bulletins. About an hour, one Saturday in the month. Anyone willing could leave their name in the C.P. Centre.

Altar Society

New members required for the Altar Society. Please give name and phone number at the Sacristy or C.P. Centre.

Collectors

Additional collectors are needed - especially for later Masses. Please contact Charlie Leahy, or any of the Parish Team.

Creche

The Creche will re-open in the C.P. Centre during the 10.30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, 1st October.



Open Bridge Game

In hall at Sheares' Villa, Glasheen, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. For details ring Alice 542776, or Maria 503194.

**ST. FINBARR  
PATRON OF CORK**

As we approach his feast day, it is appropriate that we remember Saint Finbarr. There is great uncertainty, especially in recent times, about the facts of his life. Such accounts as were written mostly date from several hundred years after his death. While the historians may differ, there is no doubt that Finbarr continues to be revered by the people of Cork and he is fully honoured in the church's liturgy. Let us honour his feast on 25th September (Monday). Naomh Fionbarra guidh orainn.



Parish Social

DON'T forget!  
Thursday 5th October. Jurys.  
Tickets available at C.P. Centre or from Pastoral Council members. £6 each.



Rosary Weekend

Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Montenotte, directed by Fr. Gabriel Harty, O.P. Cost £55. To book a room phone the Centre at 502520. All are welcome. Religious and laity.

Sunday Readings

The readings for next Sunday are Am. 8:4-7, Psalm 112, Tim. 2:1-8 and Luke 16:1-13