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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. John writes

STITCHING

Recently I watched a lady stitching lace onto some altar-servers' outfits which I had ordered for the church. I marvelled at her expertise and efficiency. In this age of designer labels and off the peg "stuff," I wondered whether the arts of knitting and stitching were still practiced.

I can still remember Miss Cronin, our primary teacher, instructing us on the skills of sewing and knitting. I was handy at sewing on a button, and I knitted a scarf once, but I never mastered the button hole. And Mrs Cronin didn't push it. But that was a long time ago! What of today?

Amazing sights come before us once our eyes are opened! These past weeks I've seen knitting and stitching in all shapes and sizes. Knitting by fire-sides, on the bus, in bags and baskets, and even in the car-park by the Lee fields. "I knitted it myself," said a proud mother pointing to the baptism shawl. "I make all my own clothes," said another well-dressed lady. "I'll sew that tear for you," said Mrs O'B., when she saw the state of my pants.

But there is no need to stop at the level of make and maintenance. I see there is scope for high art and design. The Knitting and Stitching Show is being held in Dublin this very month and the focus is on church banners. There is even a competition for the best church banner design - information (01)6281838. So, anyone out there who still practices one of the most ancient skills get cracking. For the rest of us, plain and purl, plain and purl, plain and purl.

PRAYING FOR AND WITH OUR LOVED ONES.

NOVENA PRAYER

Dear Lord, have compassion on all those Holy Souls who are nearest and dearest to us. By the merits of your own Son, and the prayers of our holy mother Mary, and St. Joseph, call them soon to their eternal home in heaven, where, by the help of your grace, we hope to be re-united with them for all eternity.

Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and to all whom we have been asked to pray for, during this novena.

Amen.

Let perpetual light shine on them O Lord. May they rest in Peace.

Amen.

May their Souls and the Souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.

Amen.

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

Some copies had blanks - pages 33-48 incl. If you got one of these please return it to the Sacristy or C.P. Centre - a replacement and an apology await you.

Pre-marriage planning — seven essential steps

Notice

Church law does not allow a priest to preside at the wedding of a couple that haven't given at least three months notice to the church where the wedding is to take place. (The local priest is not responsible for this regulation!)

It is also necessary to notify the priest(s) of the parish(es) where both parties now live in good time—since it is he/they who will be completing the two sets of pre-marriage papers.

Pre-marriage course

The priest of each parish is responsible for ensuring that people who marry in the church are adequately prepared. The most common form of preparation is one of the recommended pre-marriage courses. It is essential that you book a course at least six months before the date of the wedding.

(This directory has information on some of the groups that organise such courses. Many parishes also arrange courses at local level.)

Papers

Each person getting married in a Catholic church needs to have a completed "Pre-nuptial Enquiry Form." The priest of your current parish will fill this out for you and then send it to the church. Before it can be completed, you will need to furnish a Certificate of Baptism (issued not more than six months), evidence of Confirmation and evidence that you have completed a recognised pre-marriage course. You may also need one or more "letters of freedom" if you lived in another parish since you reached the minimum age for marriage.

The papers are meant to be completed by a priest who knows you. Do get in touch several months ahead of the marriage if you're meeting for the first time!

If you are under 21 years old, the Civil Law requires that you have the consent of your parents in order to get married. Most priests have the forms that need to be completed.

Letters of Freedom

If you have a letter of freedom, it doesn't mean that you are free to marry! A letter of freedom is a letter from a parish where you lived for some time, saying that while there, you were not married. You'll need one if, for example, you have lived and worked abroad or in another parish in Ireland.

Mixed Marriage

If your proposed partner is not Catholic you will need to get a "dispensation" from the bishop. As this may take some time to process, please contact your local priest in good time.

Venue

Traditionally, most people celebrate their marriage in the home church of the bride. However, if you wish to celebrate your marriage in another church you are free to do so as long as it is part of a parish, and if the requirements for "notice", etc. are fulfilled.

Day and time

As Sunday is the day when the Church community gathers for Eucharist, Sunday weddings are not permitted in these dioceses. The time of your ceremony is of your own choosing, within the schedules of the local churches. Please remember that some churches have more than one wedding per day — if you're late, you delay everyone.

Most people's situations are unique, and it's impossible to cover all the details here. The best advice: if in doubt, consult your local priest as early as possible.

Courtesy of the Cork & Ross Directory.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A GREAT BIG WORLD OUT THERE

STATISTICS published in the media in recent weeks present a worrying picture. Many children in the 11 to 17 year-old age group are watching adult movies, one third of them viewing four or more movies a week. Presumably, they are doing so unsupervised.

As many as 50% of these children claim that they do not understand at least some of the content of these films. Hardly a healthy introduction to the "adult world"!!

The most worrying feature is the reason

many of the children gave for watching adult movies. It was to escape from the problems of the "real world". It is surely an indictment of us all if children with problems cannot confide in an adult be it parent, relative, friend, priest or religious. Watching adult movies, far from being the answer to their problems, is surely a recipe for future problems.

Even in the "adult world", one wonders at the amount of time given to watching movies on the small screen. Yes, it's relaxing. Of course, it's therapeutic for those living alone. But so often we are lulled into a passive state of inertia which constrains us from seeking other, healthier pursuits. Perhaps if we showed the way as adults by liberating ourselves from this on-going addiction to the small screen, our young children would realise that escapism isn't confined to watching adult movies. There's a great big world out there waiting to be discovered!

Letter to the Editor

Altadene,
Model Farm Road

Dear Sir,

Rest In Peace

Jack Hickie, Wilton Gardens, died unexpectedly recently. Jack was well known and well-liked about the parish. His humour and kindness are remembered. At his Requiem flowers and vegetables were presented at the altar, symbols of the time he spent and work he did in his beloved garden. We offer sincere sympathy to his wife Anna, son Gerard, daughters Anna and Jane, and family.

GOOD LUCK!

Best of luck to JIMMY BARRY-MURPHY, on being appointed coach to the Cork Senior Hurling Team for the coming year.



St. Oliver's Cemetery

There will be a Concelebrated Mass at St. Oliver's Cemetery, Model Farm Road, on Saturday 11th November at 3.00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

This year is the centenary of the founding of our Society. Mass will be celebrated at 8 p.m. on Thursday 9 November in the Crypt by Dean O'Connor. All are welcome.



Child Psychology

Gaelcoil Uí Riada will hold a lecture by Rosemary O'Connell, Child Psychologist, entitled, "Family Communication - Helping your child at school. Expectations from your child" in the Main Lecture Theatre, Cork University Hospital, on Tuesday 7th November at 8 p.m. Entrance fee £2. All welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS

Parishioner, Professor Denis O'Mullane of Orchard Road, who is head of the Cork Dental School, has won an international award for his work on the use of fluoride in the prevention of dental decay. Denis was also elected President of the European Organisation for Caries Research, becoming the first Irish person to be elected to this position.

THANK YOU

To ROSE O'CONNOR for the floral arrangement for the Holy Souls Shrine.

We would also like to thank the pupils of Mount Mercy and especially Susan Lilley for the beautifully designed chart of parishioners who died during the year.

Our Missionaries

The Kiltegan Fathers wish to express their very sincere thanks to the people of our Parish for your welcome and support for Fr. Liam Scanlan on his recent visit here.

Help Needed

If you can help the No Divorce Campaign please ring 270944 or call to 9 North Main Street.

WELL DONE !

Well done to HIGHFIELD RUGBY CLUB on their very successful season so far in the Division 3 All Ireland League.