



First Sunday of Advent

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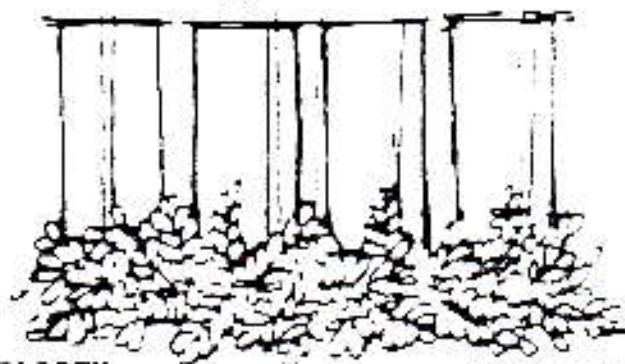
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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CHILDREN

COMING *UP...

Your Advent Mass will be held in our Church next Sunday, 10th December at 12.15 p.m.

Don't forget to bring:

- 1) Your greeting card for the Child Jesus, brightly coloured, with a little string attached so that it can be hung on our Christmas Tree.
- 2) Your gift for the poor - it doesn't matter how small or big it is, but wrap it up so that nobody knows what is in it but the Child Jesus. After the Mass the St. Vincent de Paul Society will unwrap the gifts and give them to families in our parish who haven't much for themselves this Christmas.
- 3) Bring all your friends and mummies and daddies with you.

We'll all have a happy time together at this Mass.

More details? See notices at the end of the Church.

ADVENT

There will be Benediction each Sunday of Advent at 5 p.m.

On Thursdays there will be a half-hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7.30 p.m. Mass.

Mass for Sick & Housebound

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 9th December at 3 p.m. in the Crypt. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass.

A reminder to the Contact people to ensure that transport is available where required.

As always, the organisers are dependent on the wonderful response from Contact people and parishioners who supply sandwiches and cakes to ensure that those who attend the Mass enjoy the social aspect afterwards.



LETTERS

Hillcrest,
Laburnum Park

Dear Editor,

Reading about the Dean's presentation of certificates to the 'retiring' altar servers I was reminded that, over the years, our altar servers have given faithful and dedicated service to our liturgies. I fear that we, sometimes, take them for granted.

Observing them develop from their first faltering, hesitating movements in the sanctuary through to the stage where they become quietly self-confident, I think back, gratefully, to my own days 'on the altar'.

As well as laying down a fertile foundation for the evolving spirituality, the experience emphasises the benefits of leadership, co-operation, sharing, anticipation - all so valuable in later life.

I would like to pay tribute to all our altar servers, past and present. I salute, also, their parents and Fr. John, Sr. Ursula and Charles Leahy. We can be proud of them all.

Yours sincerely,
Pat Lemasney

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all those who helped and supported the Gardening Night. It was a great success.

16 Tara Court,
Glasheen Road

Dear Editor,

Here is a rough translation of extracts from the bulletin of the parishes of St. Germain and St. Leger, in St. Germain en Laye, France. It was sent to me by an Irish friend. The four questions are the outcome of a joint afternoon of reflexion by a Round Table gathering of 160 people as well as of the answers to a questionnaire given to the various movements by the pastoral council. They are to form the basis for further reflexion together. They are part of a message entitled: "In order to give an account of our hope".

1. What space do we genuinely leave to the freedom of others in our proclamation of the Gospel, either when we are silent out of shyness or when we speak too quickly without thinking?
2. In what way do we attempt to check that in our lives the Gospel truly brings about new ways of being, of thinking, of acting?
3. Are we attentive enough in education that the Faith handed on to children opens them to a true growth which avoids both the excess of silence and the excess of talk? This remark is valid also for adults.
4. What are the urgent issues of today that the Gospel helps us to guess at? Solidarity, the sharing of riches and openness to everything that is different from us.

That message is about a year old, 27th November, 1994. but doesn't it somehow ring very appropriate for us these days?

Yours sincerely,
Nadelaine MacNamara

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

AN UNDERUSED WORD?

As I write these words early in the week the Referendum is over. Well, I think it's over anyway. We will have to learn to live with the results. As Professor Joe Lee has said, in our new liberal, pluralist society people are insisting on their rights. We must be careful that one person's "right" isn't attained by trampling on another's. Right and responsibility must go hand in hand.

Many hurtful and hateful things have been said on both sides. Words, once spoken or printed, cannot be easily

retracted.

Brendan Kennelly recently read selections from his new book of poems "Poetry my Arse" in order to raise much-needed funds for child AID victims in Romania. Introducing his poem "Dirty Word", he suggested that there was no such thing as a dirty word: the problem was with those who heard the word. A simple word in the mouths of men could make it vile. "I'm sorry", he whispered, "I'm sorry." Sometimes it's too late.

Words like compassion, lies, distortion, bitterness, rancour, Jews, Hitler, were widely used in recent weeks in the media. The one word which I felt was underused was the word "tolerance". Let us hope that we hear and see a lot more of it in the days ahead.

CANONISATION OF FOUNDER OF THE OBLATES

Eugene de Mazenod, Founder of the Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is being canonised this Sunday, 3rd December. Born in France in 1782, he was ordained a priest in 1811. On being named Bishop of Marseilles in 1837 he took as motto for his congregation: "He sent me to preach the Gospel to the poor".

Today 5000 Oblates work in 68 countries on every continent and include several Cork-born priests, one of whom is the present Provincial. This is an occasion of great rejoicing, renewal and prayer for them and we offer them our sincere congratulations and prayerful remembrance.

Joe Crean



REALLY? BY ALL MEANS! THESE WEEKS TO THE 15th MAY AND 15th JUNE IN THE EASTERN ISLES



Feast of Immaculate Conception

Next Friday, 8th December, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Thursday at 7.30 p.m. and Masses on Friday at 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m.

Confessions will be heard after the Vigil Mass.

Sacred Heart Adoption Society

Annual Bazaar will take place in Connolly Hall at 2 p.m. this Sunday 3rd.

St. Josephs Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday 7th at 8 p.m. in C.P. Centre.



Mount Mercy College

A reunion of the Class of '74 has been organised for 4th January 1996. For details please contact the school, tel. 542366.

Benefit Night

At the Clengerriffe Hotel, Orchard Road, on Friday 8th December from 8 p.m. in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. Music, Spot Prizes, sandwiches, etc. Tickets £2.

Annual Christmas Dinner

Bishopstown Social Services will hold their annual Christmas Dinner for senior citizens and friends at the Bishopstown G.A.A. Pavilion on Sunday, 17th December at 6 p.m. Tickets £4 available from Nora Fitzpatrick, 546358, Brid Hartnett, 544693 and Michael Haydon, 541638.

We wish to thank our many sponsors and supporters.

Sacred Heart Church

Triduum in honour of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 6th/7th/8th at 8.30 p.m. Preacher - Fr. Jack Shanahan, M.S.C.

Bishopstown Community Association

Monthly meeting next Tuesday 5th at 8 p.m. in Wilton Park House. Items on the agenda include road markings, traffic flow and lighting in the locality. Anyone wishing to make a contribution can do so by attending.

Wilton Roundabout: Please play your part by adhering to the road markings. The left-hand lane as one approaches the roundabout from Bishopstown is strictly for traffic heading towards Dennehy's Cross. Traffic for Glasheen Road or Sarsfield's Road should enter the roundabout on the right-hand lane.

Androistig Roundabout, Bandon Road: The existence of two roundabouts here has been causing concern. Care should be taken as the outside lane on the second roundabout heading westwards is for entry to Dunnes Stores only. Drivers should use the inside lane for West Cork. The unsatisfactory nature of the latter system has been brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

Finally, the B.C.A. would like to wish you all a Holy, Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Readings for Next Sunday

The readings are : Is. 11:1-10, Psalm 71, Rom. 15:4-9 and Mt. 3:1-12

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