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## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

*Fr. John writes*

Kevin was always on about going to Africa. After a pint, he was unstoppable. He'd talk on and on about development workers, Third-World debts, disease control strategies, the impact of Christian missionaries on native religions, and so on. Then one day he was a doctor and he was going.

I've known Kevin the best part of 20 years. We shared a chemistry bench in UCC as freshers and have been friends ever since. He wrote me recently from Singida in Tanzania and compared it to his former hospital in Uganda. "It's hotter, drier, less green, sandier and more isolated than Kitovu," he wrote. He says the nearest post office is fifty miles away. Is that isolation or just an excuse for not writing more often, I ask myself.

Why does Kevin, and people like him, do the things they do? Why do they head off into the unknown without promise of reward or fame. I don't know. Perhaps Kevin will tell me when he reads this.

I've noticed many more like him speak as though a magnet was pulling at them. They say they have to go to get 'it' out of their system. It's almost like a compulsion. Is it part of the great restlessness to which St Augustine referred when he spoke of God: "Thou hast created us for Thyself, and our heart is restless till it finds rest in Thee"? Whatever the answer, there is a wonderful attractiveness in the generosity and simplicity of such lives.



### OFFERTORY PROCESSION ROTA

A sub-group of the Pastoral Council are revising the Offertory Procession Rota at present and should have it ready in about three weeks time. In the meantime, please help to bring the gifts to the altar in the offertory procession if you are close at hand.



### FAMILY MASS WITH YOUTH PARTICIPATION

When: Saturday 3 February  
Where: Crypt of Dennehy's  
Cross Church  
Time: 7.15 p.m.





Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married after Christmas:

KAREN O'CONNELL, 3 Parkway Drive, Model Farm Road, who married Finbarr O'Dwyer, Commons Road.  
AINE KILLEEN, 42 Wilton Gardens, who married Adel Elter, Libya.

## YOUTH NEWS

Congratulations to **John Fitzgerald**, Kenley Drive, who played with the Irish Junior rugby team against Scotland last week-end.

Also, congratulations go to the Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh U-18 team in reaching the semi-final of the Munster Cup by beating Bishopstown Community School.



C.S.N. are also through to the Semi-Final of the All-Ireland U-19B Basketball Championships, having beaten St. Clements of Limerick.



John Murphy, Carriglea, Wilton Road, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 16th January. A quiet and unassuming man, he had been in failing health for some years. We extend sympathy to his sisters, especially Peg, with whom he resided prior to his hospitalization.

We pray for the late Mortimer O'Sullivan, "College View", Wilton, who died last week. Mort hadn't been well for the past number of months, but died peacefully in the same way as he had lived. A native Irish speaker, he spent over thirteen years after his retirement working as a gardener at St. Maries of the Isle convent. As one of his fellow workers said, "a true gentleman". Indeed, anybody who knew him would have said that he was a kind, caring, gentle and honest man. The large number of people who were present in Inchigeela was testimony that he was not forgotten in his native parish. To his wife and family we offer our deepest sympathy.

We offer sympathy to Mary Foley, Wilton Gardens, on the death of her brother, Eddie O'Brien, recently.

### Welcome !

Welcome and continued success to Joe Byrne who has transferred his Hairdressing business to the parish, at Glasheen.



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## NO ONE LEFT?

We have all been very moved by Adi Roche's appearance on the Late Late Show and by her wonderful work for Chernobyl's victims.

Likewise, we have been shocked by the senseless brutalising of Winnie O'Keeffe from Glasheen Road.

Once again, we are revolted by the discovery of bodies uncovered in Bosnia and by the allegation that further victims have been dumped in mine shafts or burned and disposed of. What makes people do such things?

We are numbed, paralysed, sickened. What can we do, we ask ourselves? I am reminded of

a poem by Pastor Niemoeller who was a victim of the Nazi Holocaust. It goes like this:

First they came for the Jews  
and I did not speak out -  
because I was not a Jew.  
Then they came for the communists  
and I did not speak out -  
because I was not a communist.  
Then they came for the trade  
unionists  
and I did not speak out -  
because I was not a trade  
unionist.  
Then they came for me -  
and there was no one left  
to speak out for me.

It's a powerful statement of the pitfall of doing nothing while evil things are done. Rather than do nothing at all in our powerlessness, we might begin by praying for the victims - and for the perpetrators too?

Who can put forward a more practical suggestion to combat the evil around us?



Altar Servers

### Altar Servers

On behalf of the Parish Team, Fr. John wishes to thank Mercedes Cunningham, Patsy Curtin and Nora Healy, the Altar Servers Co-ordinators, and the other ladies who worked so diligently last Saturday to make the altar-servers party such a great success. Thanks also to the parents who baked and donated 'goodies'.

### New Altar Servers needed

At present, there is a recruitment drive for new Altar Servers, boys and girls. We need 10 additional servers to fill the present rota. We ask parents to encourage their children of about 9 years of age to consider giving some time as a server. The first training session will be held at 1.00p.m. on Saturday February 10th in the Church. There are six training sessions and children are familiarized with all aspects of their role. Contact Fr. John Newman (541572) with any enquiries.



**First Friday**

Next Friday, 2nd February, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Monthly collection will take place next week-end at all Masses.

**Pastoral Visitation**

Fr. John will continue his visitation in Roger Casement Park and Sheares' Park.



**IRISH  
HEART  
FOUNDATION**

FORAS CROÍ NA HEIREANN

**Cookery Demonstration**

In aid of the Irish Heart Foundation at Jury's Hotel on Wednesday 31st January at 8 p.m. - "Good Eating for a Healthy Heart" will be given by Philomena Delaney, Calor Housewife 1995.



**Christian  
Education**

**An Invitation**

Know Yourself

Know God

Live in His Love

An 8 week Journey into "Light out of Darkness" will be run by two trained lay leaders in the Crypt of the Church. Information night on Thursday 1st February at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**Fine Gael Meeting**

The Model Farm Road branch of Fine Gael will hold a meeting on Monday January 29th at 8.30p.m. in the Meeting Room - upstairs, in the Rendezvous Bar, Model Farm Road. New members will be very welcome.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday, 1st February, at 8.00 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

**Painting Classes**

For retired persons have recommenced on Thursdays at 2.30 p.m. in the Crypt.

**A Message for All Pioneers**

The Annual Diocesan Pioneer Mass will take place in the Church of Our Lady and St. John, Carrigaline, on Friday 9th February. Pioneers from ALL CENTRES are invited to attend. Those who have received their Gold and Silver pins are especially invited. If you are a Pioneer and would like to attend this special liturgical occasion, please contact the Secretary of your local Pioneer centre or any committee member for further information. Bishop John Buckley will attend and the sermon will be preached by Very Rev. Dean Denis O'Connor, P.P. Fr. Pdraig Brady, National President will also attend.

Any Pioneer of 25 or 50 years wishing to have Silver or Gold pins presented at this Mass, please contact J. Coffey (345281) before February 1st.

**Readings for Next Sunday**

The readings for Sunday February 4th are : Is. 58:7-10, Ps.111, 1Cor. 2:1-5 and Mt. 5:13-16.