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FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DEMLIN'S CROSS COOP



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

PUNCTUALITY MEANS CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS

I remember years ago meeting a young German businessman. He spent quite a few years working here. On his arrival he was totally baffled at our lack of punctuality. He blamed the weather!

Of course we have inherited the attitude of: "When God made time, he made plenty of it." (Grossly inaccurate really) - it's like: "All our wars are merry, and all our songs are sad." (We know where that got us.)

We are all too familiar with the Social billed for 8 p.m. and gets under way at 9.30 - I remember attending one time for 8.30 and it started at 11 p.m. sharp! The meeting announced for 7.30 p.m. gets going at 8.15. The dribble of people scurrying to last Mass with a perfect sense of timing to arrive at the last sentence of the sermon.

I suppose an exception must be made for the bride on her wedding day, but even here, an hour late puts everybody under strain. There will be the odd occasion when a nail in the tyre of a car has scuppered our efforts at

punctuality, but thankfully these should be the exception rather than the rule.

I remember remarking on this topic to a young man some time ago - he retorted that he considered punctuality to be the badge of a slave mentality!

I would like to think of it as showing consideration for others - and a Christian virtue.

A Note of Warning!

We have been asked to warn people to be on the lookout for a bogus collector who is currently collecting money door to door in the Model Farm Road area. Should someone call, don't be afraid to ask for identification and look for further information on the work of the charity.

Help the elderly

If you have any elderly neighbours help them to protect themselves from robberies and harm. We suggest the following steps and remind parishioners that elderly people may be too proud to ask for help.

- 1) Fit chains on the front door, and encourage them to use it when opening the door. A peephole where possible is very effective.
- 2) Call regularly to neighbours, without being seen as interfering with their independence.
- 3) Report any suspicious looking people who seem to be watching houses in the locality. It's better to be safe than sorry.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF "HOLY COMMUNION"?

This was the subject of a recent seminar held in the Trinity Presbyterian Church where the different Christian denominations were represented.

V. Rev. Richard Clarke (Church of Ireland) saw the Eucharist as far more than symbolic, yet not physical - a spiritual presence, a sacred mystery. Holy Communion is a central service where communion should be the next step towards unity, not the final outcome of Christian unity, but a process towards it.

Speaking for the Catholic Church, Fr. Noel O'Sullivan said the Eucharist is a memory of Calvary at which Jesus is spiritually present. It is where we are united with Christ and with each other.

Speaking for the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, Rev. Ken Todd said the difference is in emphasis and frequency, Holy Communion is monthly at most.

It's a plainer, simpler liturgy. It is seen as a Sacrament, not a sacrifice. It's symbolic. The sacrament is valid in as much as the receiver responds. All Christians may partake in a Methodist church as long as they love God and their neighbour.

The point on which all were agreed was that Holy Communion was a very Real Presence, but not a carnal presence.

Among those who were present the greatest unease was expressed by Catholics. All the other denominations welcomed Catholics to receive Holy Communion with them. The Catholic Church however does not allow other Christians to receive at Mass. Nor could a Catholic receive in other churches because the sacrament was not administered by an ordained priest.

"Can Christ be happy with the unease between us that does not allow inter-communion?" to quote Rev. Clarke.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to KAY HIGGINS and MARY REDMOND, 7 Avondale, Model Farm Road, on the death of their brother.

CONSIDER THIS

The best Theology students are women. In a few years time the vast majority of Doctors of Theology will be women. - (Dr. Enda McDonagh)

CONGRATULATIONS

Youth Table Quiz

Elizabeth Kelleher, Norcen Ryan and Sinead Twomey organised a very successful and enjoyable Table Quiz for 11-14 year olds in the Crypt recently. Their interest and hard work is much appreciated.

Well done to MOUNT MERCY senior hockey team on their great comeback against Ursulines of Thurles, to earn a draw in the Munster Schools final. The replay is next week.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

TELL IT AS IT IS

Our Government - indeed all politicians - are under the spotlight at the moment. We have had a much hyped but lacklustre budget. We have, we are told, one of the soundest economies in Europe. Yet we have a totally unacceptable level of unemployment. Crime and the drugs problem are spiralling out of control. It is not a pretty picture as the century moves to its end.

I have read Sean Dúignan's book "One Spin on the Merry-Go-Round". At one level it is a humorous book about our governments' shenanigans. But, as it seeps in, it is a deeply disturbing book. We read of propogandists, spin-doctors and manipulators whose sole purpose appears to be damage limitation and putting the right 'spin' on things. Governing is secondary.

We all remember the slogan during the divorce campaign: "Divorce will change nothing, other than allow a spouse to remarry." QMP, the ad. agency who ran the campaign for the government, now admit that this claim was "being, perhaps, a bit liberal with the truth". For "being, perhaps a bit liberal with the truth" read "deceitful"?

Our present government claims to be an open and transparent administration. As children we were encouraged to "tell the truth and shame the devil". It doesn't take myriads of aides,

spin-doctors, P.R. consultants and propogandists to get the truth across. Isn't it time for good old-fashioned honesty, to "tell it as it is"? As an educated electorate I believe we can handle it.



Rest in Peace

Sean Casey, Wilton Gardens and Waterville, died peacefully in the home of his daughter, Eilis Irwin. His working career was spent as a primary teacher, first in Kilmakerin and later at Spunkane, where his father taught before him. His knowledge of the people and life of South-West Kerry was extensive and profound. His interest in the C.A.A., Fishery Conservation, Politics, and Irish Language meant he led an active, full life. Sean spoke simply and directly; he said what he meant and meant what he said. Some of us remember him as the elderly gentleman with the black hat who said his rosary in the church at midday; a man of deep faith. Our sympathy to Eilis, and his large family and friends.

William Murphy, Bishopstown Avenue West, was in failing health for some time. In spite of that fact, his death came rather unexpectedly at the end. Billy (as he was popularly known) had been a Lt. Comdr. in the Army and spent many years in training F.C.A. units, by whom he was fondly remembered. A gentle inoffensive man, he enjoyed his game of Bridge and the company of his friends. He was predeceased by his wife May. We extend sincere sympathy to his family, Declan, Desmond, William, Daniel, Charles and Aidan, his relatives and friends.



Leaving Cert. This Year ?

We would like you to join us.
Where: The Crypt of the Church of
the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's
Cross.

When: Monday 12 February, 8 p.m.

Why: To find God's peace during
the coming months.

Everybody welcome.

Invitation

Cookery Demonstration - Food
Tasting by Bord Bia with
Bishopstown Lions Club in aid of
Cork Guide Dogs for the Blind,
will take place in Jurys Hotel,
Monday 12th February at 8 p.m.
Meet Bord Bia experts Georgina
O'Sullivan and Sheila Kelly, with
Michael Clifford of Cliffords
Restaurant. Raffle for cooked
dishes and lots of prizes.
Tickets £5.

Bishopstown Community Association

The first 1966 monthly meeting of
the BCA will take place at Wilton
Park House on Tuesday 6th
February at 8 p.m. Anyone
wishing to make a contribution in
respect of community matters are
encouraged to do so by attending
this or any of the monthly
meetings.

Benedictines of Cloyne

There will be a Monastic weekend
on 23/24 February, if you are
interested in a life of prayer.
Please contact Mother Prioress,
St. Benedict's Priory, The Mount,
Cobh, tel. 021-811354.

THANK YOU

St. Anne's Adoption Society

Wish to thank our parishioners
for their contribution to the
recent church collection, which
amounted to £550.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will visit remainder
of Kenley in the coming week.

BAPTISM

ABIGAIL ANNE OAKES, 3 Bishopstown
Avenue West, daughter of William
and Barbara.

DANIEL JAMES HORGAN, 20 Leeddale
Drive, son of Donal and Olive.

LEAH ANN FLEMING, 10 The
Orchard, Farranlea, daughter of
Declan and Fiona.

MICHAEL BERNARD VAUGHAN, 16 Liam
Lynch Park, son of Ian and
Deirdre.

CONOR PATRICK O'BRIEN, 49
Rossbrook, son of Humphrey and
Colette.

JOHN DOOLEY, Carrigrohane Road,
son of Patrick and Mary.

BILLY JAMES McCONVILLE, 20 Mount
Eden, son of Eugene and Miriam.

LUKE FINBARR CAREY, 17 Wilton
Gardens, son of Barry and
Deirdre.

LEVENT DENIS ARSLAN, Lima Lawn,
son of Ramazan and Carmel.

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The emergency number is to be used
when you can not contact the priest
at his home.

Readings for Sunday 11 February
Sir. 15:16-21. Ps. 118.1 Cor. 2:6-10.
Mt. 5:17-37.