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BALLINEASPAIG
BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Lent

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DEANS CROSS CORKFROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
*Sr. Ursula writes***SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR LENT**

TRIDUUM for Lent - that's the big parish news this week. Many people have told me that they are looking forward to having Fr. Tony Flannery back in the parish again.

As I understand it, there will be Mass each morning at 10 a.m. but not at 7.30 p.m. The evening session will be different, but that will be made clear at Sunday Mass.

The weather looks good and that always makes a big difference. This time last year, at the beginning of March, we were almost snow bound. How many remember I wonder? There's no sign of that happening this year unless the weather changes dramatically in the next few days. Please God there will be a good attendance for the three days. People have said to me that they like the idea of something special for Lent.

Ursula O'Sullivan R.B.17

Lenten Triduum of
PRAYER & RENEWAL

with

Fr. Tony Flannery (Redemptorist)

on

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

11th, 12th & 13th March

10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. each day

(No Mass at 7.30 p.m.)



Youth and age are not dated in time, but states of mind. Our duty is not to add years to our lives, but to add life to our years...

Time may wrinkle the skin, but worry, doubt, hate and the loss of ideals wrinkle the soul. Fears not years, bow the head.

Whether we are seventy or seventeen, a sense of wonder of life keeps us young.

LOOKING AHEAD TO MOTHERS' DAY

As a mother myself, I feel I can justifiably make a few comments. Mothers' Day is a lovely idea of course, but has it gone down the slippery slope to commercialism like Christmas, St. Valentine's Day, etc?

It appears to have originated in 1905 when Miss Anna May Jarvis arranged to have a special church service in Grafton, Virginia, in her mother's memory. Because her mother had loved gardening everyone in the congregation was given a carnation. It took off from there when Anna May went on a campaign to have Mothers' Day proclaimed throughout the U.S. It's said that Anna May herself became very disillusioned at how a simple idea had grown out of proportion!

It's not just a 20th century phenomenon. Early Christians celebrated Mothering Sunday on the 4th Sunday of Lent to honour Mary, the mother of Jesus.

So, what am I saying? It's nice to have our children remember us on a special day.



Rest in Peace

We pray for the late Patrick Dorgan, Kenley Drive, who died recently. Patrick was cared for during the past number of years by his daughter and family in their home. One would have to admire the care of all the Gaffney family for the way they looked after Patrick. To his son and daughter, Mary and Frank, and all his family, we offer our sympathy.



But they should not feel under pressure to make extravagant gestures. No mother really wants that! I certainly don't. I just hope I won't have lost a lot of my friends...

Elsie Harris

THE DEAR LITTLE SHAMROCK

This year the phrase "dear little shamrock" could take on a whole new meaning, so scarce has our national emblem become! It appears that heavy frosts and salt-laden winds have conspired to wipe out much of the crop. What has survived is of a 'foxy' colour rather than the traditional green. It has been a disaster for many shamrock growers.

Brendan Linehan of Wilton Road has for many years supplied shamrock for the traditional St. Patrick's Day blessing and distribution. He has once more promised to find shamrock somewhere, so we are assured of shamrock again this year. Thank you, Brendan.

He also tells us that hymns will be sung, as Gaeilge, at least at some of the Masses on La le Padraig.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

WHATEVER HAPPENED COMPASSION?

Bishop Murphy's 'Letter for Lent' is timely in more ways than one. It is worth reading. In fact, it is worth reading again and again. His vision of Church is one of collaboration, priests, religious and lay people, under God, making the Gospel message meaningful in today's world. It is a challenging vision.

The Church in Ireland is going through a bad patch. Of course, wrongs have to be put right, but in a spirit of compassion, not in a spirit of vengeance. There must be repentance for these wrongs. The hand of reconciliation must be held out - and accepted. Hurts must be healed.

LENTEN MEDITATIONAL THEMES

Week Three - Right Relationships

1. *"The Lord restores righteousness and shows justice to all oppressed."* (Ps.103). Be prepared to acknowledge the dignity of all people.
2. *"Keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just."* (Gen.18:17). Be prepared to inform your conscience.
3. *"Render justice to the afflicted and the destitute."* (Ps.82). Let us make the victims of injustice the priority in our lives.
4. *"Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ."* (Gal.6:2). Be prepared to show support and solidarity with the most unlikely of people.
5. *"There are to be no more distinctions."* (Gal.3:28). The challenge of equality is that it includes all of us.



We offer our sincere sympathy to PHIL GALVIN, Parkway Drive, on the death of her mother, Mary McSweeney, and also to Mary's sister BRIDIE DILLON, Parklea Court.



NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next week-end.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Leifear Aifreann as Gaeilge Lá le Pádraig ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaigi agus bigi pairteach linn.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will commence visitation in the Magazine Road/College Road area in the coming weeks.



Enriching Marriage Relationship

Would you like to put new life into your marriage? A talk by Colm O'Connor, Clinical Psychologist, may offer some guidance. Come to the Imperial Hotel, on Tuesday 12th March, 8.00-10.00p.m. Advance booking essential at Family Ministry Office, 34 Paul Street, tel. 273213 (10 - 1, 2 - 4). Cost £5 per couple, £3 per person.

Youth

Are you interested in:

- Easter ceremonies for young adults.
- Going on pilgrimage this summer?
- Emigration information.
- Contacting local 'Folk Groups'
- Prayer Groups for young people, and much more.

Contact Barrie or Miriam at
34 Paul Street - 3-5p.m.
Monday - Friday

Let not your
hearts be
troubled.

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