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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Finbarr writes

Faith Update

To those who follow the English Premier Soccer League the last few matches have caused great excitement. The TV cameras show the joys and tribulations of being a supporter. It's a great diversion from the daily goings on of life. But one wouldn't need to take it too seriously, as in any sport - after all it's only a game!

The facial reactions of the supporters shown on TV screens would make one wonder is one's life going to change whether your team wins or loses. In reality it doesn't.

Last Sunday, "Easter Sunday" when we celebrated the Resurrection, is an event that does change our lives. It's an event that makes a big difference to all of us.

Thomas Keneally's lovely novel about Australian Catholicism, *Three Cheers for the Paraclete*, is worth a read. The clerical anti-hero of this book, a wry and rather puzzled young seminary professor, preaches a sermon on the quotation - applied to priests - "Because they love no one, they imagine that they love God". This is reported to his archbishop; kindly but quite ruthless interrogation follows. Does he know any priests of whom this is true? Desperately, he replies, "Yes, myself". At once the tone of the examination changes: his inquisitors go to great pains to prove to him from all the best textbooks that of course he must love God; because all that "loving God" means is having good dispositions, avoiding mortal sin, and so on. Eventually the poor man has to confess that indeed he does love God; and everyone except himself is happy. It is all a misunderstanding; but he goes away with the feeling that he and all of them as well have missed the bus somehow.

A special Easter FOLD

Struggles of grandparents having to be parents again • Memories of Easter as it was • Uibh Laoire parish • Married love? • Kinsale's praying success • Tributes to Fr. Harrison • The end of the Stations? • and all the local news.

Just 60p in the April Fold.

Tara Court,
Glasheen Road

Dear Editor,

People who still go to Mass say that people who no longer go to Mass say that Mass is boring.

But to whom and where can they say it? And be heard? And what do they mean?

I don't find Mass boring but I find Mass sad sometimes. Well, after all, it is a remembering of an event marked by suffering and pain: the Passion, so participating in sadness is O.K. in a way.

But it is also a celebration of joyful events: the gift of the Eucharist, the Resurrection... It is intended to be a festive meal that recalls God's love for all Her people. Not just for half.

At the present time my church's liturgy uses exclusively male language to speak of God and, in spite of some appreciated but limited individual efforts, my church's liturgy uses exclusively the word man when the whole of humankind is meant. In my church, women are prevented by the current form of the liturgy from fulfilling Jesus' prayer: "May they be one as We are one", by being prevented from presiding at the Eucharist and by having their vocations to the priesthood ignored or rejected by the church community they experience the call to serve in the ordained ministry. As long as all or any of this continues, I will continue to find the Mass sad.

Yours sincerely,
Madelaine MacNamara

Letters to the Editor

Again, we would remind you that letters must be signed. We will of course withhold names and addresses if requested to do so.

Cancer Research Unit, University College.

Research Unit, Mercy Hospital.
Research Unit, University Hospital.

Dear Contributors, Friends & Readers,

It is with great pleasure I inform you all, on behalf of cancer research and the above three units, that during the period March 3 1995 to February 2 1996 we have raised £2,959 from all over the city.

I am just an instrument working on behalf of Dr. Kevin Collins, U.C.C. who works tirelessly with his team for us into this research.

As a result of the huge inroads they have made and the many successful clinical tests they have done, they are now researching 'Live Cancer Cells' from different affected areas of the body.

Let us all join together in saying "Thank You" to the above team. It is our own university so if anybody, anywhere, out there who would like to contribute in any way, please send directly to any of the above three units, or to me directly - Mary Ryan, Glenlara, 9 Wilton Gardens.

GOOD LUCK

We wish MAEVE KIELY of Highfield Lawn every success in the coming year. Maeve, daughter of Gretta and Donal, and a past pupil of Mount Mercy, is off to Kigali in Rwanda for one year to work with GOAL in administration. She has taken a year's leave of absence from A.I.B. in Dun Laoghaire.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

"To declare that these ossuaries (vaults) are those of Jesus and his family makes about as much sense as finding an old gravestone in Ireland bearing the name Patrick, and therefore assuming that it must be that of St. Patrick," wrote Calev Ben-David, cultural editor of the Jerusalem Report.

He debunks the BBC's claim to have discovered (possibly!) the family tomb of Jesus and His family. Writing as a Jew, he comes across with much more credibility than the outrageous claims that have been made in the programme. And he supports his arguments with sound archaeological research findings.

Isn't there something sad in

the search to debunk such occurrences as the Resurrection? Perhaps it says something about those who carry out such research?

On another plane - perhaps not! - I have read a review of a new publication on Holy People. The advice was given not to buy the book if one was looking for an Irish saint! No evidence could be found to support the existence of St. Brigid, and St. Patrick, of course, was a Romanised Briton. St. Finbarr, we have been told, has a rather doubtful place in the holy Hall of Fame - sorry, St. Finbarr!

I'm not sure where that lets us as the Island of Saints and Scholars. I will still be moved when I visit such places as Coumshingaing, Glendalough, Muckross and their likes. There is a holiness in the very fabric of such places and no amount of debunking research will convince me otherwise.

We welcome into our Christian community IAN DENZER, son of Klaus and Geraldine (nee Lyons, Orchard Road).

Rest In Peace

We pray for the late Maura Collins, Bishops court Hill, who died recently. Maura spent the past sixteen years living with the O'Shea family on her return from America. Well known to all in the Bishops court area, and especially to those who attend the 12 noon Mass in the hospital, she was a most jovial and alert person, whose faith was one of great trust in God. To Kathleen especially, and to all the O'Shea family we offer our sympathy.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to SIOBHAN and NELL O'REILLY, Magazine Road, on the death of their brother.

To SEAN O'DONOGHUE, Bishops court Lawn, on the death of his brother.

To NELLIE PLUNKETT, 4 Orchard Road, on the recent deaths of her brother and sister.

To MARGARET O'CONNOR, "Anneville", Orchard Road, on the death of her father.

To NOIRIN LINEHAN, "Roskelton", Wilton Road, on the death of her sister.



CONFIRMATION—

A Dynamic Liturgical Celebration



Confirmation Day

Next Thursday, 18th, children from St. Catherine's School will receive their Confirmation, the ceremony commencing at 10.30. As a result the 10.00 Mass has been cancelled.

Bulletins to Homes

Next weekend bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Leifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaigi agus bigi pairteach linn.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will visit the north side of Model Farm Road during the week.

Bridge

Bridge night in aid of the National Council for the Blind will be held in Jurys Hotel, Cork, on Sunday 14 April at 7.15 p.m. sharp. Subscription £5.



Best wishes to FIONN O'LEARY of Woodleigh Park, who captains the Presentation Brothers quiz team in the semi-final of The Examiner Schools Quiz this weekend.

Fine Gael - Model Farm Road

The next branch meeting will be in the Rendezvous Bar, Model Farm Road on Monday April 15th at 8.30p.m. Public Representatives will be in attendance.



Lunchtime Lecture Series

At Lecture Theatre, Crawford Gallery, commencing Monday 15th April to Friday 19th, 1.10pm to 2.00pm daily.

Mon: "Lifelong learning: Issues and Approaches", by Dr. Ó Fathaigh, Dir. of Adult Ed. UCC.
Tues: City Music College Wind Ensemble.

Wed: "Frank O'Connor, the Idealist, Chaps and Fellas", by Ros Cowman, B.A. Lecturer.

Thurs: "The Huguenots in Cork", illustrated lecture by Alicia St. Leger.

Fri: "Support for Victims of Crime" by Jim Thompson, B.C.L.

Easter Bulletin Competitions

We remind parishioners that entries for the crossword and competitions must be received in the CP Centre by April 21st.

Sunday Readings

The readings for next Sunday, April 21st are : Acts 2:14,22-33, Psalm 15, 1 Pet. 1:17-21 and Luke 24:13-35

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