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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

During the past week I had the pleasant task of celebrating Mass with a group of third year young ladies from Mount Mercy. The theme they chose was 'friendship'. What struck me throughout the celebration was the array of talents among the group and the confidence and willingness they showed. What struck me most of all was their genuine effort and awareness that friendship is a most beautiful gift to experience in one's life.

I asked the question, "What was the most important attribute in friendship?" and one of the girls said 'loyalty'. It was something that I could easily and readily identify with. If there isn't loyalty in friendship, what is there?

We as Christians recognize Christ as our friend. The First Communicants keep using the words, 'Jesus our friend' when they speak of him. But the proof of his friendship was his loyalty to us. He followed through on his promises, they were not empty words. The people who were his closest friends and loyal to him, he promised to share with them so much.

Friendship is something we have to work hard at daily. Christ's friendship is no different. As the Cellnet ad. on TV tells us, the most unkept promise is "I'll ring you". Let's not let our friendship with Christ become one of just emergency when we need him, but one that we daily keep in contact through praying and letting Him into our lives.

Fr. Finbarr

TAKE TIME

Take time:

- To **think**. It is the source of power.
- To **play**. It is the secret of perpetual youth.
- To **read**. It is the fountain of wisdom.
- To **pray**. It is the greatest power on earth.
- To **love and be loved**. It is a God-given privilege.
- To **be friendly**. It is the road to happiness.

KEEP ON GOING

- One step won't take you very far;
You've got to keep on walking.*
- One word won't tell people who you are;
You've got to keep on talking.*
- One inch won't make you very tall;
You've got to keep on growing.*
- One little call won't do it all;
You've got to keep on going.*

A PARISHIONER WRITES...

16 Tara Court,
Glasheen Road

Dear Editor,

Not talking today of our "bored" absent friends, but instead of our own "present" selves and changes we might think of making!

On the line of the ministry of handing out the Bulletin, I suggest a ministry for collection of suggestions for renewal. By collecting I mean asking tirelessly every week, or every month, from everyone coming to the weekend liturgies, for their piece of paper or envelope with their suggestion(s). Or even taking down rapidly verbal suggestions. These could be brought to the altar with the offerings, even perhaps read out! (Ouch, Censor needed!). Also discussed in a renewal group or groups, responsible for evaluating them and for submitting and clarifying them back to the congregations at homily time occasionally, but regularly.

The congregations would also be asked to think pray and vote on them. Eventually some suggestions might actually reach implementation. The reasons for the non implementation of some others would get an opportunity for being explored and explained... or for being found by the congregations to be unexplained and perhaps even unexplainable!

This very small element of surprise might fit very well within the proper set pattern of the weekly liturgical ritual. It might be just the thing that could allow the Mass to cease being "boring". Or rather one of the things! The congregations' suggestions are sure to bring about many others! ... Of course the names "ministry of preparation for renewal" might have more glamour appeal!!!

Yours sincerely,
Madelaine MacNamara



They Do as Parents Do

Parents should remember that children will probably follow their example rather than their advice.



Hereditary Wrinkles

Wrinkles are hereditary; parents get them from their children.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

Being Press Officer for the Diocese of Ferns during the past 12 months can't have been any sinecure. Having said that, I was less than impressed by the Joe Duffy/Fr. Walter Forde interview. At the end of the hour I felt we hadn't really learnt anything, despite all the talk. It made me wonder if this isn't part of the problem. Instead of being channels for information - accurate, truthful, warts and all information - do our Church spokespeople simply spend too much time talking? Fr. Forde did concede that "above all else the Church has a role in communicating a message - and it's not making a very good job of it." And that's a start, I suppose!

Later in the week I watched DAVIS on T.V. I was much more impressed by the response from the nuns on his programme. There was an openness and honesty which I found refreshing. With so many disparate views on the role of the female Religious there was a total lack of rancour.

Once again, I found myself admiring the response of so many religious communities to our changing times. And once more I felt saddened by the lack of recognition on the part of the Official Church - and indeed by the church at large - to their courage in doing so. We could all learn much from them if we took the trouble to observe. They have probably made more sacrifices and shown more mettle than almost any other grouping in the Church. We have hardly noticed. We have certainly not shown due recognition. It is time we did.



Mrs. Margaret Casey, The Grove, Parkway Drive, Model Farm Road, died on 30th April. Peggy, as she was known to her friends, had been in failing health for some time. But there was one engagement she was determined to fulfil - that was to act as sponsor to the grandchild, Andrea, for her Confirmation on Thursday 18th April. It was her last visit to the Church until she was brought in on Thursday 2nd May. A kind and gentle lady, loved by all her family and neighbours, may God give her the reward of her goodness.

Michael Hennessy, The Orchard, Farranlea, died peacefully after a brief period of failing health. A loyal and faithful parishioner, a true friend, and one of nature's gentlemen has passed from our midst. Fr. Jim Simcox, a longtime neighbour and friend, returned from Scotland to celebrate the Requiem Mass and spoke of Michael's kindness and loyalty down the years. We offer sympathy to his nieces, family, and friends.



NOTICE BOARD

Can You Help?

A carrycot, pram and baby clothes are urgently required for a needy family. If you can help, please contact the C.P. Centre, 10.00-12.30, tel. 344452.

Cursa Gaeilge '96

At Mount Mercy College. One week Irish Course for girls and boys, 10-16 years. July 8th-12th from 10.00 to 1.00 p.m. and 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. Catering for 4th and 6th class primary and 1st to 3rd year post primary. Tuition based on Junior Cert. course guidelines. Seisiuin teagaisc, dramaolicht, ceili. Apply to Secretary at 542366.

Happy Heart Weekend

: 23 - 26 May

Can you spare one hour on any of the above dates? The Irish Heart Foundation needs help to sell 'Heart Emblems' in order to save lives. Please contact Paddy O'Brien, tel. 505882.

St. Dymphna

The annual Mass in honour of St. Dymphna, patroness of all who suffer with depression or other psychiatric ills, will be held in the SMA Church, Blackrock Road, on Monday, 13th May, at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ascension Thursday

Next Thursday, 16th May, is a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. and Thursday Masses at 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m. Confessions on Wednesday after Vigil Mass.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

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

Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to homes in the parish next weekend.

Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 13th at 8.10pm.

Readings for Sunday May 19

Acts 1:12-14. Ps. 26.1 Pet. 4:13-16. Jn. 17:1-11.

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