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Pentecost Sunday



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

Pentecost - 50 Days after Easter

It's that time of year again. It's the season for Sports Fixtures - schools and clubs - and Cork City Sports for the elite.

One of the events usually featured at these meetings is the Relay Race. In training the coach will stress the importance of passing on the baton from one runner to the next - the skill and concentration required. The race may well be lost or won at this critical moment.

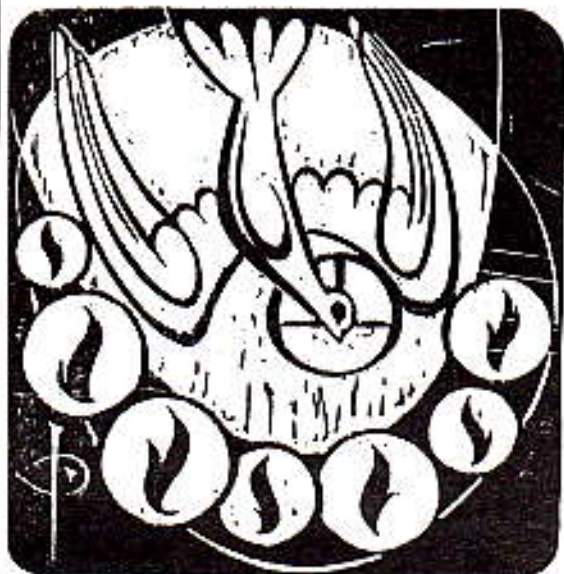
The event of Pentecost might well be compared to this key moment. Christ passed on to his apostles the awesome responsibility to go out to the whole world and spread his Good News of Redemption - to be his witnesses in the world - but guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit within them.

Down through the ages the torch of Faith has been passed on from generation to generation - tenderly at Baptism - with love and encouragement later. Perhaps it's needed most of all when the young fly the nest, and experience the loneliness of the bedsit abroad, or indeed fear of the unknown.

Now that baton is in our hands. Ours is the challenge and the privilege to pass it on to the next generation that they too may be faithful witnesses. John Henry Newman (Cardinal - not our John) once wrote: "God has created me to do some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another."

Let's leave the last word to the Lord himself: "But have courage - and look, I am with you always, yes, to the end of time." A friend for life - faithful and true - everybody needs one.

Denis O'Connell P.P.



Letters to the Editor

Sheares Park,
Glasheen Road

A chara,

Cardinal Daly admitted recently to being puzzled at the questioning attitude of some members towards the institutional church.

As a lay person I confess to being totally baffled at the behaviour of some of the hierarchy with regard to the homage they pay towards people according to their social status. For example, last year at the funeral service of a well-known politician who (on mature reflection) was well paid for what he did, the brass of Church and State lined both sides of the altar, as is the custom. The service was shown on RTE News.

Contrast that, if you will, with a funeral which took place in the second week of November in 1991. In the first cold blast, Peggy - just another bag lady - froze to death on a Dublin street. Three more were to follow in the space of two weeks - a terrible indictment of us all indeed. So Peggy's body was

removed from the street and buried six feet deep as the law requires. Being a Catholic country it was taken for granted she was one of the fold, so she was given a Christian burial. Watching it on TV it should be stressed that the priest performed a beautiful service with her few homeless friends gathered round. One old man weeping said that Peg was like a sister to him, but that he was happy that she was saved from the winter. They shuffled off without a car in sight. Cardinal Daly had the opportunity of a lifetime to preach a silent message, and as I see it, he blew it.

In the May 12th bulletin in "Luke's" media comment (always excellent), he quotes Fr. Walter Forde, Press Officer for the Diocese of Ferns, from a radio interview in which he concedes that, "above all else the Church has a role in communicating a message - and it's not making a very good job of it."

Well, he can say that again.

Mise le meas,

K. Cronin



Rest in Peace

Richard Grainger, Roger Casement Park, died unexpectedly in the Cork University Hospital. Faithful to Mass and prayer, friend and good neighbour with a word for everyone, he has gone to join his beloved wife Julia. Sympathy to his family and friends.

The fruits of the Holy Spirit

PLEASE PRAY

As our prayers are concentrated on the Holy Spirit at this time, we might remember to pray especially for the success of the peace talks on June 10th. Let us hope that all parties to these talks may be open to the influence of the Spirit.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

BADLY DIVIDED WORLD?

"The world", according to the old saying, "is badly divided." And there can be little argument about it.

Last week saw the spending of millions of pounds on what, in truth, was the selection of one pop song over twenty-two others. Alright! I watched it along with millions of others and I enjoyed the spectacle too. But it WAS a lot of money to blow in one night.

The same week saw the death of Josie Dwyer, beaten to death by a vigilante group. I wonder if his three children (their mother died in 1988) took some solace from the words of Fr. Bertie Moore who presided at the Requiem Mass: "We must remember too that Josie Dwyer was one of God's children." Speaking of the uniqueness of every human life, "no matter how imperfect in the opinion of some," he said, "nobody, absolutely nobody, has the right to take that away, or even to try to justify taking it away."

In the sordid world of drug abuse it is easy to demean life and to devalue the person. Fr. Moore's words are a reminder of the dignity of every human being even when we do not always value our uniqueness ourselves.

The old saying of the world being badly divided? If the millions spent on Eurovision and all the other frivolities of our society were spent on improving the lot of so many of our citizens - or even a fraction of

it - think of the difference it would make. Reflect, also, on the terrible tragedies it would prevent.

But, then, who will make the first move?

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**NOTICE
BOARD**

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection will take place next weekend.



Bridge in the Crypt

Eithne and Moreen plan to continue the Tuesday afternoon Bridge sessions through the summer. All money collected during June, July and August will go to a charity of the Dean's choice.

Please note that during the summer it's open to anyone who might like to come - Tuesday, 2.15 to 4.30, £1.50 per person.

Venerable Edel Quinn

Mass will be celebrated in St. Augustine's Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29th May to celebrate the 52nd anniversary of the death of Edel Quinn. The celebrant will be Fr. Ted O'Sullivan and Homilist Fr. Kieran Twomey.

Br. Edmund Ignatius Rice

A public lecture will be held on 29th May at 8 p.m. in the Firkin Crane, Shandon Street, on the life of Br. Rice. It will be given by Fr. Johnny Carroll, C.F.C. Admission free and refreshments will be served. Further information: Br. J.C. Wright, North Monastery, or Margaret O'Driscoll, Edmund Rice Office, Mardyke House. Br. Rice will be Beatified on 6th October next in Rome.

Upton Steam and Vintage Rally

Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd June in the grounds of St. Patrick's Rosminian Centre, Upton, in aid of people with a mental handicap. It will be opened by Adi Roche, and Aenghus McAnally and his Band will provide entertainment for the Sunday night Dance and Monday Concert at 2 p.m.

Irish Summer Camp for Primary School Children

July 1st to 12th. For details please contact Gaelscoil an Teaghlaigh Naofa, tel. 311473

YOUTH

Togher Community Youth Training Workshop.

Currently has a number of vacancies in their Catering, Manual Skills and Horticulture Courses, for girls and boys over the age of 15 years, who have left school. Those interested should apply to the Workshop at Southside Shopping Centre, Clashdub Road, Togher, or they can phone 311638 between 8.45 and 4.45, Monday to Thursday, and between 8.45 and 1.30 on Fridays.

PRIESTS' EMERGENCY NUMBER
088-519940

Readings for Sunday 2 June

Ex.34:4-6,8-9. Ps.Dan.3.2
Cor.13:11-13. Jn.3:16-18.