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## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

Fr Joe Coughlan reflecting on 25 years of priesthood in a recent *Fold* maintains "we live in a culture of avoidance that manifests itself in all sorts of addictions. Christian religion in our time has fallen victim to this falsehood. We have substituted spiritual greed and ecclesiastical Thatcherism for the Beatitudes." Nivard Kinsella is on a similar track: "The lack of spirituality is the most serious lack in the Irish Church's presentation of the Gospel. We have turned the Good News into Good Advice, and people are tired of it and are walking away from it. Our presentation lacks spirituality like a desert lacks water."

This diagnosis of the plight of Irish Catholicism finds resonances in many quarters. Indeed, many of those who tried over the past twenty five years to improve society by social action alone now acknowledge that they too are exhausted, burnt-out. Whither Irish Christianity?

Vitality is what is required in the Irish Church. Vitality is what any decent human being needs. That's what we must have if we are to move beyond diagnosis to create a living, healthy Christianity. But vitality requires toughness, stamina, virtue and no small measure of self-sacrifice.

A vitality founded on silence, simplicity, and worship will find imaginative means to unblock the spiritual arteries that have been clogged by the assumptions of

our materialist culture. Some of the main ways to God like freedom, transcendence, wonder, community, prayer, thinking with reverence are largely ignored, if not despised, by our culture. We must base our lives on the principles of sanctity, not the principles of safety. If we fail to respond to the challenges our time presents we'll end up eking out a quasi-existence in the suburbs of reality, without relevance, without credibility. Real Christianity demands that we live fully and die stretching and reaching.

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## EURO '96

To all EURO '96 fans aged U-18, name the best eleven players of the tournament in their respective positions.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_
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11. \_\_\_\_\_

## G.A.A. '96

To all G.A.A. fans aged U-18, forecast the finalists for the All Ireland Hurling and Football Senior Championships.

- Hurling: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_
- Football: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

There will be one prize for each section. Entries by Wednesday 26th June please.

An independent judge will assess all EURO '96 entries and his decision will be final. Results and winner will be published in the Bulletin on 30th June.

The G.A.A. winner will be published in September.

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### Themes for June in family



School's out!



Happy Father's Day



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## IF RHETORIC COULD CREATE JOBS!

I'm no economist, and the FTSE, the DOW, the LSE and the ISEQ are about as meaningful to me as the German instructions in the latest DIY kit I've just purchased. I suspect I am not alone!

So I am constantly puzzled by learning that, almost unique in Europe, the Irish economy is forging ahead. Britons, in the 1960's, were told, "You've never had it so good." We Irish, in the 90's, are being told that these are the best of times.

Why, then, are 14% of our work-force unemployed? Why, too, is there such complacency about this state of affairs? If rhetoric could create jobs we would, indeed, have a booming economy and full employment.

And now Brussels has ordered £1 billion slashed from our public spending, leading inevitably to further job losses.

In 1992 the Irish Hierarchy (that much maligned body) published a study of the unemployment situation in Ireland. It was called 'Work is the Key'. Subtitled 'Toward an Economy that Needs Everyone', it was an alternative approach to a national problem. It has sunk without trace. Why?

Ask your local public representative why? My guess is that he/she has never seen it or read it. And I wonder why?

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Holiday time has come for the Pastoral Council. Having met last Monday night, we will not be coming together again until September when our Parish Social - Thursday 17th October - will be high on the agenda. Please note the date in your diary!

All agreed that the Floral Tribute to the Holy Spirit was beautiful and visitors to the church were very impressed with it.

A sincere thank you to all who donated money, flowers and foliage and to those gifted people who arranged the flowers for each area in the parish. A special word of thanks to the Poor Clare Sisters who were very much associated with it. They prayed for its success and for each of the areas in the parish.

Should something similar be done again? Any suggestions or ideas would be welcome.

Enjoy the Summer holidays.

## EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

We would like to congratulate all parishioners who walked in the Corpus Christi procession, and hope that the showers didn't wet too many people.

A special tribute to our parish organist, Paddy Killeen, who played for the assembled choirs and congregation. His contribution greatly enhanced the atmosphere.



## Deaths

Con Ronan, Liam Lynch Park, died peacefully in St Finbarr's Hospital recently. Although confined to hospital for the past six years, Con is remembered with affection about the parish. He was an avid bird enthusiast, breeding and rearing his own birds. For many years he was a church collector in SMA, Wilton. He was a true gentleman, gracious, friendly and peaceable. He was a man of deep faith, attending Mass daily. We extend sympathy to his wife Elsa, children Mary, Cormac and Kieren, and family.

James Murphy, Leesdale, died unexpectedly in Cork University Hospital recently. In recent years Jim was rarely seen out of home due to falling health. He was one of those families who fled the troubles in Belfast twenty-five years ago. He settled in Cork and he and his wife Vera reared their young family on slender resources. His heart, however, was always up North. His last request was to be taken back to his native city for burial with his wife who had pre-deceased him by eighteen months. We offer our sympathy to Marie, Emmanuel, John, Gerard, and all his family.

## SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to CATHLEEN MURRAY, 'Renmore', Model Farm Road, on the death of her brother in England.

To PAT WALSH, 98 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, on the death of her brother.

To EILEEN CORRIGAN, Sheares Park, on the death of her sister Kathleen Desmond.

To TESS O'CALLAGHAN and MARGARET KELLEHER, Lima Lawn, whose brother Paddy Kelleher died in England recently.

## BAPTISMS

We offer our congratulations to the following who were baptised recently:

ALISON ELIZABETH EITHNE QUINLAN, 27 Rossbrook, Model Farm Road, daughter of Kevin and Jacqueline.

ROBERT JAMES REARDON, 92 Rossbrook, Model Farm Road, son of Tim and Maeve.

ROISIN MARIE FLYNN, 'Menton', Laburnum Park, daughter of Bernard and Patricia.

ALAN DONAL O'SULLIVAN, 5 Kenley Circle, Model Farm Road, son of Thomas and Marella.

DAVID CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, 'Leemount', Farranlea Park, son of Michael and Annmarie.

## Notice Board

### Community School Mass

Interested persons are invited to a meeting to discuss the future of this Mass - at the C.P. Centre on Monday 17th June at 8 p.m.

### Ministers of the Eucharist

Have you collected your new rota, which is available in the Sacristy?

### Creche in C.P. Centre

Please note that the Creche has now finished for the Summer. We will let you know when we will start again in the Autumn.

### Trocaire

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this year's Trocaire Collection, which amounted to £1,508.00.