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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
DERRYNS CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Sr. Ursula writes*

## ACTS OF KINDNESS AND LOVE

Time flies - it seems only yesterday that we were beginning a new year and now we are going on our summer holidays. The weather looks set for another good summer, so enjoy it, but mind the sun burn!! Remember, also, that it will be a long summer for older people who may not be going on holidays and can feel very isolated and lonely. A card from 'far away places' could help to cheer someone up and remind them that they are not forgotten.

Many parents are wondering how they will keep children occupied for the next two months. It won't be easy. I often hear at the end of the summer how much the tolerance and kindness of older people has helped many a harassed young mum. It's amazing how much neighbours do for each other, often without realising it. It reminds me of what Wordsworth said:

"That best portion of a good man's life,  
The little nameless unremembered  
acts of kindness and of love."

Enjoy the hols!

## | WANTED! |

### Adult Volunteer Leaders Needed

Male/female wanted to encourage and listen to young people involved in a Foróige Club, 1½ hours per week in your local area.

Foróige is a national voluntary youth organisation which involves the members of a community in influencing the development of its youth.

Foróige believes that each person is unique and creative and can contribute to improving the world in which they live. It enables young people to involve themselves consciously and actively in their own development and in the development of society.

Foróige is something positive to do. It is enjoyment. It is a challenge. It brings about the development of human qualities such as self confidence, responsibility, caring and respect.

Foróige encourages young people to be more self-reliant, to help others and to improve their communities. It is a practical way to build a better Ireland.

If you are interested and want more information, please ring either Fr. John Newman (541572) or Geraldine Collins, Regional Youth Officer, Foróige (395903).

## Rest In Peace

Brendan O'Mahony, The Ridgeway, Bishopstown Avenue. The whole community was in a state of shock at the death of young Brendan on Monday 17th June. Brendan had just completed his exams at U.C.C. and went for a swim with two of his friends up the Lee Fields. He got into difficulties while in the water, and was swept under by the current. We extend deepest sympathy to his grief-stricken parents Des and Anne, his brothers Conor and Brian, his sisters Sheila and Deirdre, his relatives, and his many friends.

Mary Cotter, Bishopstown Avenue West. Mrs. Mary Cotter was blessed by God with a long life and serenity of spirit. She was born in Drimoleague and married Jeremiah Cotter from the neighbouring Parish of Bantry. The family lived in Bandon for a considerable time before moving to the city. Though her eyesight was impaired for some years, Mary was faithful to her daily Mass, and was in fact an example to us all. We offer our sympathy to her son Patrick, her daughters Kathleen, Eileen and Mary, and grandchildren. May she rest in peace.

We pray for the late Diarmuid Kelly of Westgate Road, who died last week. Diarmuid used to attend Mass in the Community School with his parents. He was well known in the Bishopstown area because of his involvement in the G.A.A. Club. To his parents, brother and sisters we offer our sincere sympathy and prayers.

## *A Reflection*

### ST. THOMAS CONSOLATION OF ALL DOUBTERS

July 3 is the feast of St. Thomas - one saint I can identify with. Being a doubter is not easy. It isolates you. At Mass you see all round you people with unshakeable faith, so secure in their religion. Even agnostics and atheists are better off. Presumably they get on quite happily with their lives, secure in their unbelief.

The doubter is different. He/she wants and needs God most desperately but can't find Him, can't make sense out of Who or What God is. The doubter in times of stress can't "leave it all in the hands of God". It doesn't seem logical...

The doubter feels so inadequate, not being able to be the "shining light" to others that people of deep faith can be. An Experience of God is something other people talk about.

However, it is said that St. Thomas went on to preach as far afield as India and was finally martyred for his faith.

Dear St. Thomas, please pray for me and others like me.

- A doubter, but hopeful

Happy are those who have not seen me  
and yet believe.

John 20:29



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## THE CHURCH AND THE MEDIA

Hardly a week passes without the media being criticised for being anti-Christian or, more specifically, anti-Catholic. There are those who would blame many of the ills of the Catholic Church today on the media. Do these arguments stand up?

My own belief is that, by and large, the media in Ireland does a responsible job of work reporting on the day's happenings and commenting on them as they see fit. They often perform an investigative role which might better be instigated by others who have defaulted. And this, let it be said, sometimes includes the Catholic Church. So who is at fault here, the Church or the media?

But this is only one area of the Church/media conflict. Vatican II, responding to Christ's command to "teach all nations",

says that "the modern media offers new ways of confronting people with the message of the Gospel", and it goes on to say that "it cannot be overstressed that the standard of such presentations must at least equal in quality the other productions of the media."

A beginning was made with the Catholic Communications Centre. Sadly, it is no more. It seems to me that the Catholic Church in Ireland is content to indulge in media bashing. It would, I believe, be far, far better to learn communication skills ourselves and be in a position to go out there and respond to Christ's command to be "the light of the world". The media has no such responsibility.

Have a wonderful Summer!

## EURO '96 COMPETITION

The team chosen by our expert (before the semi-finals were played) is as follows:

- Seaman (England)
- Latal (Czech)
- Eilts (Germany)
- Maldini (Italy)
- Sergi (Spain)
- Poborski (Czech)
- Rui Costa (Portugal)
- Zidane (France)
- Jarni (Croatia)
- Suker (Croatia)
- Klinsmann (Germany)

Numerous suggestions were forwarded to us, and the winner is:

Roisin O'Sullivan,  
'Maretimo',  
Model Farm Road,  
Cork

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## Morning



As the Tuesday coffee mornings have come to an end, a special thank-you to Mary Crean, May O'Connell and Dorothy O'Connell. It's a great idea, very sociable, a way for parishioners to get to know one another.

We hope you'll be back again in September providing tea, coffee and good fellowship, and always service with a smile.



**NOTICE BOARD**

**TAKE NOTE:**

Mass Notice

Please note that the 7.30p.m. Mass will be celebrated up to Friday 5th July and will then be discontinued, starting again on 6th September (First Friday).

However, there will be a 7.30 p.m. Mass on the following dates:

- 2nd August (First Friday)
- Wednesday 14th August
- Thursday 15th August (Feast of the Assumption).

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be taken up outside the Church on Saturday/Sunday, 13/14th July.

First Friday

Next Friday, 5th July, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 4th July in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.

Mass Leaflets

We would appeal to Massgoers to return leaflets after Mass to the boxes provided at the church doors.

St. Vincent's Men's Hostel

Vacancies exist at the above hostel for voluntary and paid staff. P.R.S.I. contributions will apply where applicable. The hostel is the largest in Cork for homeless men. Please phone 317899 for further information.

Cursa Gaeilge '96

One week Irish Course for Girls and Boys, 10-16 years at Mount Mercy College begins on Monday July 8 at 10.00 a.m. catering for Fourth to Sixth Class Primary and First to Third year Post Primary. Apply to Secretary, Mount Mercy College, tel. 542366 (10-1pm) or 968496 (6-8pm).



**FAREWELL FOR NOW**

This is the last regular Bulletin of the season. The Bulletin team wish all our readers an enjoyable summer.

We hope to be back with you in September.

May the sun shine on us all!

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The emergency number is to be used when you can not contact the priest at his home.

Readings for Sunday July 7

- Zech. 9:9-10. Ps. 144.
- Rom. 8:9. 11-13. Mt. 11:25-30.