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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

Many moons ago (and I'm not going to tell you how many) when I was a teenager, one of my teachers set me an English essay. I remember it well, because my essay was read to the class. The title was "My Dream of Happiness". I said that I would love to be a famous Opera Singer, have audiences at my feet, but had to admit that it could never be more than a dream. Unfortunately, I can't even join in a sing-song because I can't stay in tune. Such is the stuff that dreams are made of! My teacher said that it was my ability to laugh at myself that caused her to read the essay aloud.

Be that as it may, it was a chance remark that reminded me of it last week. I believe that the Senior Choir are short of singers, particularly sopranos. Now, I may not be able to sing, but I can appreciate good music. I know I can say without fear of contradiction that our senior choir certainly provide us with that. Their singing makes a very big difference to the 10.30 a.m. Mass and their contribution

to our Christmas and Easter celebrations is outstanding. Where would we be without them, I ask myself and you?

The Parish Sister may be a crow, but surely, surely we are not a parish of crows. There must be a few good singers (particularly sopranos) around somewhere. The choir needs you, your parish church needs you, the Mass congregation needs you. Can someone do something about filling up the places in the choir please? I really and truly and genuinely can't.



CHOIR PRACTICE

CANON McSWEENEY : AN APPRECIATION

15 Bishops court Hill

Dear Editor,

I was saddened to hear of Canon McSweeney's death. Last week I saw an obituary in the Bulletin, and this week read an extract quoted from the Cork Examiner saying that midway on his pilgrim sojourn Vatican II and all that crashed into his life.

Having known Canon McSweeney for most of his life I could not but feel that this was a not sufficient tribute to the long life of a very good and holy man. So I am adding a few words.

I first met Fr. McSweeney when he was curate in Douglas. He called one morning when I had just got out of bed after a bout of 'flu. The kitchen floor, table and counter tops were covered in pots and pans from my husband's first effort at doing his own housekeeping. I offered to take the priest into the sittingroom but he insisted on going into where I was myself. I found it embarrassing but he seemed very happy in the middle of all the clutter in the kitchen. I wondered if he believed in my flu or if he thought, "the poor man, I expect she cannot even boil an egg."

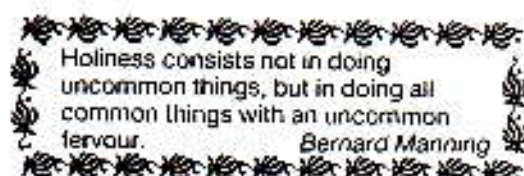
On another occasion I had to bring him into the diningroom where I had a toddler in a tub in front of the fire and my husband (the usual culprit) who had come back from a business trip the night before, was sitting in his pyjamas and dressinggown. The baby and Fr. McSweeney were very happy. I had become immune to

embarrassment, but my husband felt quite wronged.

But, maybe, more in keeping with the writer in the Cork Examiner I have another memory of a Saturday in December. I had cooked a joint for the dinner, the house was full of the savoury smell, and everyone was ready when I remembered it was a fast day. I phoned Fr. McSweeney and explained my position and asked if we could eat it. "I am sure you know plenty of poor people", he said. I said they were all ready to sit down and eat but, "I am sure you know plenty of poor people" he repeated. I could not think of any except ourselves, and I know that my father in my position would have taken the priest's advice and put the family sitting down to it. However, I got out the eggs and the frying pan.

And this is my tribute to Canon McSweeney. He lived a long life and a good one, and I do not believe he had any problems about Vatican II. In fact, I am sure himself and Pope John are having a lot of laughs together in Heaven. A friend, who knew Pope John, described him to me as "the Danny Kaye of the Vatican". I am sure they would understand each other.

- Marjorie Horgan

 Holiness consists not in doing uncommon things, but in doing all common things with an uncommon fervour.
Bernard Manning



Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married during the summer.

COLM GLEESON, 14 The Grove, Orchard Road, who married Linda Horgan, Knockfree House, Fairhill.

ALAN LUCEY, 5 Farranlea Grove, who married Agnes Woods, Midleton.

JODY LYNCH, 33 Farranlea Park, who married Remy Tobler, Montpellier, France.

PATRICA McNAMARA, 16 Bishopscourt Avenue, who married Andrew O'Shaughnessy, Dripsey.

CATHERINE O'HANLON, 'Barna', Model Farm Road, who married Neil Thomas, Cardigan, Wales.

CLAIR ABBOTT, 'Glencairn', Bishopstown Road, who married Gerard Cotter, Carrigaline.

SHARON O'DRISCOLL, 'Corfin', Laburnum Park, who married Thomas John Healy, Aghabullogue.

THEDA SHEEHAN, 14 Highfield Lawn, who married Mark Butler, Thame, England.

SORCHA BEGLEY, 11 Melbourn Court, who married Dara O'Connor, Melbourn Court.

JOSEPH CREAN, 'Lascrian', The Orchard, Farranlea, who married Finnoula Ahern, 3 Elm Grove, Ballinlough.

DECLAN CUMMINS, 'Hillview', Model Farm Road, who married Sinead O'Sullivan, Earlwood Estate.

BERNADETTE MORIARTY, 3 Fernhurst Terrace, who married Gerard Dromey, Macroom.

CHARMAINE DENNEHY, 35 Leesdale, who married David Broderick, 114 Harbour View Road.

BRIAN FITZGERALD, 'Shanid', Model Farm Road, who married Georgina Clyde, Shrewsbury, England.

ADRIAN NEVILLE, 16 Bishopscourt Hill, who married Jacqueline O'Regan, Hettyfield, Douglas.

VALERIE O'CONNELL, 3 Parkway Drive, who married Micheal Lucey, Blarney.

GEORGINA O'CONNELL, 'Kilkerrin', Laburnum Park, who married James Charles Murphy, 77 Wilton Gardens.

HELEN STUART, 33 Orchard Court, Victoria Cross, who married Francois Mudry, Sion, Switzerland.

HELENA RYAN, 124 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, who married William Emery, Firgrove Avenue.

MARY ANTIONETTE NOONAN, 4 Avondale, Model Farm Road, who married Raymond Michael O'Mahony, Croaghna Park, Glasheen.

ANDREA KENNEALLY, 28 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, who married Garrett O'Reilly, Crookstown.

PATRICK NOEL MCCARTHY, 'Glenbower', Bishopstown Avenue, who married Deirdre Foley, 'Orion', Wilton Gardens.



Rita Buckley, Wilton Road, died at Mount Desert towards the end of August, where she had been a patient for the past few years. A quiet and reserved lady, she lived to a ripe old age. She had lived for years with her sisters at their home on Wilton Road - all the family predeceased Rita. She was an example to us all in her deep faith and genuine piety. May she rest in peace.



Announcements

Can You Help?

The Lavanagh Centre, formerly the Cork Spastic Clinic, is looking to recruit volunteer families in the community to offer short breaks to a child with a disability. If you are interested in finding out more about this scheme called Home 'N' Away, please contact the Lavanagh Centre, telephone 294803.

Computer Course

Word Processing, Database and Spreadsheet Courses will commence at Colaiste an Spioraí Naoimh on Monday 23rd September. Details from the School, telephone 543790.

Readings for Sunday September 29
Ez. 18:25-28. Ps.24. Phil.2:1-11.
Mt. 21:28-32.

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REPORT ON THE LAITY COMMISSION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I attended the AGM of the Laity Commission in All Hallows on September 6/7, most of which was spent discussing Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter "Tertio Millennio Adveniente". (There is a popular version of the letter published as "The Coming of the Third Millennium" at £2.95).

Archbishop Sean Brady spoke to the members on the plans being made for the Jubilee Year 2000. Apart from the preparations being made at national level he spoke of the need to become involved at local parish and diocesan level.

Speaking of past wrongs in the Church's 2000 year history, he included the recent Church scandals and spoke of the great need for repentance. He emphasised the need for the spiritual growth and the great call for a move from an infantile

faith to an adult faith. He posed the question: "If you hadn't received infant baptism, would you offer yourself for the Sacrament of baptism today?"

In later discussions the pressing need to avail of the many adult religious education and bible study courses available was stressed.

The Good News that Christ preached is as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago. The question was asked: Are we hearing it? Are we sharing it? Do we even believe it? If we do, then we really have something to celebrate in the Jubilee Year 2000.

The conclusion of the meeting was that there was a great urgency in the area of repentance and renewal on the part of all. Only then would we be ready to celebrate the Great Jubilee Year 2000.

Pat Lemasney