



Christ Universal King

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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

The poet John Berryman once wrote, "We are as sick as we are secret" - and then jumped to his death from a bridge. No one knows what mental torment drove him to this final act of desperation, but that short quotation from him sums up an awful lot of truth.

Most of us would want to share our hopes and especially our fears - our faults and our worries - with somebody who knows what it's like to be me. The trouble is we hesitate and "bottle up" for fear of rejection, ridicule, or condemnation. Sometimes it can be hard to even admit problems to ourselves.

Naturally we cannot, and should not, share our deep secrets with just anybody. But we all need a friend we can confide in - be our true selves with - leave all pretence aside.

In doing so, of course, we leave ourselves vulnerable. What if my friend doesn't want my friendship any more as I unveil my real self - when I reveal some of my feelings which I am not particularly proud to own. Can I trust my friend to keep my secret?

In fairness, there is a sense

of decency in people which honours the trust we place in them. More often than not it only deepens the friendship.

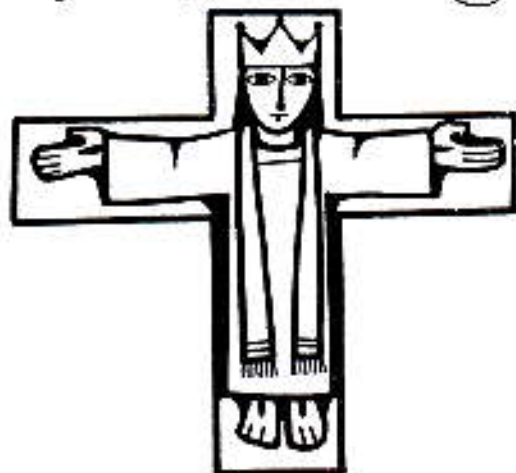
Of course, there is always the opportunity of confession to a priest - it's the best kept confidence in all the world - in spite of criticism, faults, and failings.

But the real value here is that it's a meeting with the Lord Himself - who is waiting and praying for the return of the wanderer. It's a wonderful experience to feel the load lifted, and my dignity respected and restored.

Why not try it between now and Christmas?

Lena P'Donnor PP

Feast of Christ the King





Rest in Peace

Sr. Patricia Collins died at St. Joseph's Convent on Friday 8th November at the ripe old age of 94. As Portress at Drishane for many years you could say she was the P.R. person for the convent. It was her smiling welcome visitors remembered - not indeed that her welcome was confined to smiles - she cheerfully and generously fed the hungry, and made the stranger feel at home. No doubt the Lord had a special welcome for her when she arrived at Heaven's gates last week.



We extend our sincere sympathy to KATHLEEN HIGGINS, Avondale, Model Farm Road, on the death of her sister, Mary Redmond.
To EILEEN COLLINS, Rossbrook, Model Farm Road, on the death of her sister, Helen O'Callaghan, Blackrock.



FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

To care for the following children on a long-term basis:

- 1) Michael aged 8, and Stephen aged 9, are brothers who enjoy lots of energetic activities and sports. They are getting on well in school and are close to each other.
- 2) Wayne, aged 10, needs lots of individual attention and support. He is good in school, but his behaviour can be problematic. He is kind and generous with friends.
- 3) Ruth aged 7, loves lots of attention and loves swimming. She is mildly mentally handicapped and attends a special school.
- 4) James aged 17 (Mallow area), has special medical and emotional needs. He likes school and football.

A training course and support will be provided. If interested, please contact:
Fostering Resource Unit,
Southern Health Board,
St. Finbarr's Hospital.
Tel: 312848.

the mouths of babes

by Roy Mitchell





COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

CEAD MILE FAILTE

We have been described in the past as the Island of Saints and Scholars. We like to be known as Ireland of the Welcomes. According to Ruairi Quinn, our Minister for Finance, we are now to be classified as Ireland "a post-Catholic pluralist republic", assuming the media has got it right. According to a Labour Party spokesman that I listened to on RTE1 this is really quite a good thing! Really?!!

Europe, following World War II, has long been regarded as living in a post-Christian era - and we can see where it has led them to. I quoted statistics recently regarding homelessness, unemployment and poverty which certainly take some of the gloss off the "new Europe".

It strikes me as more than odd that we who live in this new "post-Catholic pluralist republic" are about to vote in the forthcoming bail referendum with virtually no information being provided by our open, accountable and transparent Government. Yet, when informed comment is offered by Desmond Connell, Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop Eamonn Walsh and the Commission for Justice and Peace, they are criticised for doing so by politicians and others.

It would be helpful to receive information - real and unbiased information - from our Government in order to help us in deciding

how to vote. I'm not talking about the propaganda that we're being swamped with at the moment. Perhaps we shouldn't hold our breaths! But we WERE promised the information. Let us hope we get it in time to decide on this very important issue. Time is running out - fast.

P.S. As the Bulletin goes to print the first information advert. appeared in the newspapers.

In Memory Of...

CARDINAL BERNARDIN : A TRIBUTE

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago (the largest diocese in the U.S.) died last week of cancer. Described as the embodiment of the Vatican II spirit of making the Church more relevant to the modern world, he had set up a project called "Common Ground" three months before his death. "Common Ground" aims to promote dialogue between the liberal and the conservative wings of the Catholic Church in the U.S.

His was a powerful voice in decrying the arms race and the build-up of nuclear weapons. He was also active in the pro-life field. For himself, near the end, he saw death as a friend, "as the transition from earthly life to life eternal."

Once seen as the most likely U.S. bishop to become Pope, God has other plans for Joseph Bernardin. He died on November 14, aged 68. May the Lord welcome this courageous man home.



Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Reminder that Mass will be celebrated on this Monday 25th at 7.30 p.m.



St. Finbarr's H & F Club

Annual Mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the club will be celebrated at the club pavilion on Monday 25 November at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Table Quiz

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Mount Mercy Parents' Association will hold a table quiz at the SMA Hall on Friday 29th September at 8.30 p.m. £12 per table.

PEACE

A Table Quiz in aid of the National Song Contest for PEACE will be held at Moore's Hotel on Monday 2nd December at 8 p.m. Tables of four competitors, £10. Cash and other prizes.

THANK
YOU!

Lavanagh Centre

Would like to thank the residents of Wilton Gardens for their kind participation in the recent house to house collection.



Toastmasters International

Is the leading movement devoted to making effective oral communication a world wide reality. Toastmaster clubs can be found throughout the world and there is one close to you: the Powdermills Club in Ballincollig. Meetings are lively and enjoyable and new members and guests are always welcome. The next meeting is at the Westpark Hotel, Ballincollig, Wednesday 27 November at 8 p.m. Why not come and check it out for yourself?



Next Sunday's Readings

The readings for Sunday December 1st are : Is.63:16-17,64:1.3-8, Psalm 79, 1 Cor. 1:3-9 and Mark 13:33-37.

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To be used when you cannot contact the priest at his home.