



Sunday 2nd March 1997

BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Third Sunday of Lent



No. 499

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

So many say that central heating in their homes has made them much warmer and comfortable. At the same time, many people have kept the open fire, or imitation of one. The comment people often make is, "The fire is great company."

At times of sadness or worry in our lives, we depend on family and friends to give us company. During this time of Lent, let us invite the greatest friend that we can have, Jesus Christ, into our lives, so that we may never feel alone or abandoned.

LENT

Masses:

Mon-Fri: 9.00, 10.00, 7.30pm.

These times were agreed on by Pastoral Council having consulted with parishioners.

Half-Hour Adoration:

Thursday 7.00-7.30pm.

N.B. Please note change of time.

Sunday Devotions: 5.30pm.



Call to Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer Service

(International and Interdenominational)

FRIDAY MARCH 7th 1997

LIKE A SEED WHICH GROWS INTO A TREE

This invitation to prayer comes to us from Christian women in Korea. They call us to join them in prayer.

In your area, a service will be held on
Friday, March 7th, 1997

SERVICE TAKES PLACE

Speaker: Mrs. Jean Nicolle

Church of the Holy Spirit

AT: Dennehy's Cross TIME: 11.00 a.m.

Church of The Holy Spirit Dennehy's Cross

You are invited to a short

Lenten Retreat of

PRAYER & RENEWAL

With

Fr. Pat O'Donoghue SSC

on

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday - 10th 11th

& 12th March '97 each day at

10a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

"Oh Lord, It's So Hard To be Humble"

I was reminded recently of the song that went "Oh Lord, it's so hard to be humble" when I read an article by Antoinette Bosco, whose son and daughter-in-law had been murdered in a senseless killing. She spoke of her anger and her anguish in the face of such evil-doing, leaving her and the rest of her family with an enduring pain.

She was confronted, too, by the words of Jesus encouraging her to forgive those who do us harm. Yet, she asked herself, how could she forgive the man who had brought such grief into so many lives? She remembered the words of Carl Jung, "You always become the thing you fight the most" and decided that "unless we can forgive those who hurt us, we will become what we hate."

Hate and anger eat us up inside and, added to the burden of grief and anguish, can so easily go on to consume us. But it's hard to let go and free ourselves from this added millstone that we carry.

In my mind I tried to relate all of this to the situation in Northern Ireland where hate and anger have made reconciliation so very difficult. In the same article I read, "...if we do not forgive others, we cannot heal; if we do forgive, then it is we, ourselves, who benefit the most." In all of the millions of words

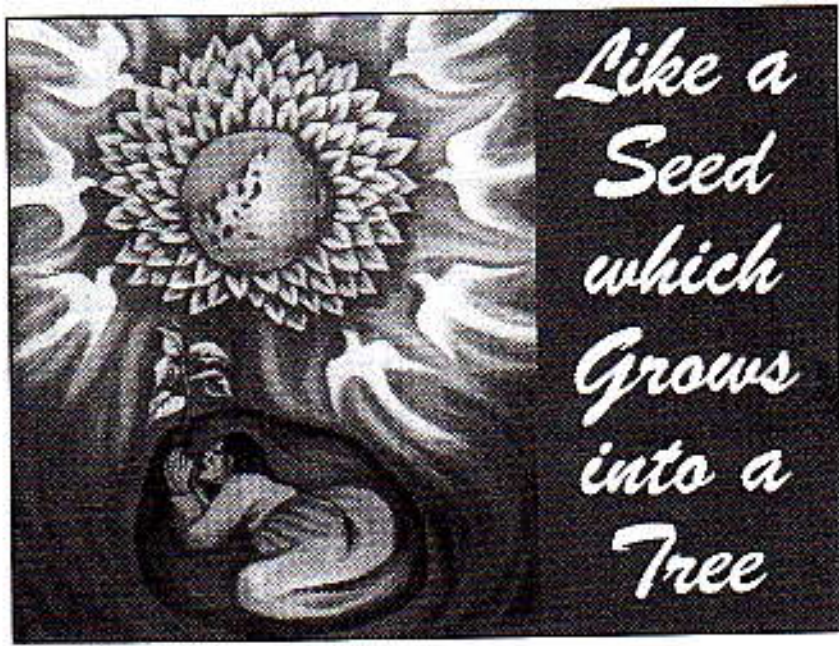
written and said about the sad situation in Northern Ireland, how often do we hear or read the word forgiveness?

Perhaps humility, as well as forgiveness, are seen as weak or faint-hearted traits? But the late Fr. Lawrence Jenco, the former Beirut hostage, put it like this: "forgiving and being forgiving ... (is)...a liberating experience." As I said at the outset, "Oh Lord, it's so hard to be humble." We badly need to learn to achieve it.

Rest In Peace

We pray for the late Patrick O'Donovan, Farranlea Grove, a native of Glandore where he was buried. Patrick was an engineer by profession and for many years he worked overseas. Whilst working in British Guyana he met his wife Sheila. Patrick also worked with Cork County Council, mainly in the environmental department. Patrick wasn't well for the past number of years when Sheila's care for him had to be admired. We extend our sympathy to his wife, son Peter and daughter Patricia.

We pray for the late Maeve Twomey, Bishops court Lawn, who died recently. A native of Sunday's Well, she qualified in medicine at U.C.C. and after marriage lived in Mallow and Carlow before retiring to Cork with her husband Tadgh. Maeve was a former Ashbourne Cup winner and a keen golfer and bridge player. She will be sadly missed by her husband and their children and grandchildren. Ar dheis go raibh a h-ainm naofa.



KOREAN ARTWORK

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A global movement of Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action organised each year by the women of a different country. This year's Service compiled by the women of Korea.

The Korean Peninsula is located in the northeast part of the continent of Asia. China lies to the north, the former USSR to the northeast and Japan to the southeast.

Korea has earned a reputation for the beauty of her country, 80% of which is mountainous. There are about 3,962 islands, 3,201 in South Korea and of these 508 are inhabited.

The population is 45 million of which 49.9% have some religion, 24.4% Buddhist, 24.1% Christian, 0.4% Confucianism.

When World War II ended in 1945 the South established a government under the enforcement of the USA and the North under Russia.

The presence of the US Military also presents problems of environmental pollution, prostitution, crimes by soldiers, etc. The ceasefire line divides and separates many families who are not allowed to visit each other.

Women and men were victims of the A-Bomb and second and third generations are still suffering from sterility or bear deformed children. Many were drafted for sexual slavery by Japan and sent to areas in the Pacific and Asia where Japanese soldiers were serving. The "comfort women" is still a live issue and needs the support of all of us to remove these crimes against women and children.



NOTICE BOARD

Ministers of the Eucharist

Mass for present and past Ministers will be celebrated on Monday 3rd March at 7.30pm in the Church. There will be a short meeting afterwards in the Church, so please remain on after Mass.

Offertory Procession

Rota now ready for collection at altar rails this week-end. Please collect your copy.

First Friday

Next Friday, 7th March, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday, 7th March. Due to Women's World Day of Prayer, Service Exposition will not commence until 12 noon, but will continue until 7.30pm. as usual. This month's intention: We pray for the young people of our parish.

A word of thanks to the ladies who arrange the altar for the Exposition.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday, 6th March, in the C.P. Centre at 8pm.

The Media and the Church

Public talk by Dr. Jerry O'Sullivan, Professor, University of Caracas. Chairman: Dr. Frank Creedon. Venue: Imperial Hotel, Tuesday 4th March at 8pm.

Bishopstown Community Association

Members meeting on Tuesday 4th March at 8pm in Wilton Park House. All welcome.

Attention Please - Calling all Contact Persons, and any Volunteers willing to help.

A short, but very important meeting on this Monday evening, March 3rd, at 8.00pm. in the Crypt, to help distribute information for our Lenten Triduum next week.

Cork Marriage Counselling Centre

The annual collection for this Diocesan service is being held at all masses next weekend. A special envelope is included with the offertory envelopes for this or else your donation can be left in the boxes in the church porch.

The Centre in Paul Street offers a full range of services covering pre-marriage courses, marriage counselling, natural family planning and individual counselling. All services (except for pre-marriage courses) are provided free of charge, so this collection is vitally important for the survival of the centre. Without the funding it receives from the people of the diocese, the service would not exist for the many hundreds of people who use it during the year.

Please support this very important and vital service available to the people of Cork. Their telephone number for further information is 275678.

Russian Mission

Holy Show - Circles in aid of Fr. Philip Andrews Fund will be held at Connolly Hall on Sunday 2nd March at 8.00pm sharp. Adm. £6.50/£5 (available at Pro Musica). Proceeds to help struggling Christianity.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

088-519940