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JOSEPH, PATRON OF WORKERS
MAY 1ST

St. Joseph was the breadwinner in the Holy Family of Nazareth. At the time of his espousals with Mary, as the village carpenter he was well set up, sure of a regular demand for household furniture and the farm implements needed in the fertile land nearby. No hint of upheavals to come.

Going to Bethlehem for the census simply meant a journey there and back, shut up shop for a temporary absence. Then a precarious livelihood in Bethlehem, followed by a hasty furtive journey into Egypt, as immigrant workers, for how long - they didn't know. At last, a welcome return to Israel, no, not Bethlehem, back to Nazareth. Then relying on the relations until Joseph could work at his

trade again. All this up, and down, down again and up.

How well St. Joseph can understand the problems besetting the breadwinner today. Trust him, and he will secure again a happy family life. As at Nazareth, and indeed throughout the ups and downs, Joseph's strong faith, and his trust in God's guidance sustained him in peace and hope. The joy then of seeing the boy Jesus growing in age and wisdom and grace, as he learned his skills from his father carpenter - and the great love that bound the three together - a holy trinity of love. As with the Joseph of Egypt, Pharaoh's steward, we do well to "Go to Joseph".

Sr. Madeleine,
St. Joseph's Convent

Thank You

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Well done to Kate Sheehy and Brenda Long of Kenley Avenue, who raised £80.88p for the Joanne O'Riordan Fund. Thank you to all who contributed.



Togher Community Youth Training Workshop

Have a number of vacancies in their Catering, Manual Skills and Construction/Horticulture Courses, for girls and boys over the age of 15 years who have left school. Those interested should apply to the Workshop at Southside Shopping Centre, Clashduv Road, or telephone 311638. Participants will be paid the normal FAS training allowances.

Bereavement Support Group

As a response to the needs of bereaved people for support and help in grief and loss within their own parish, a Training Course in Parish Bereavement Support will commence on Tuesday 6th May in the Cork & Ross Diocesan Family Ministry Centre, 34 Paul Street, at 8.00pm for four weeks. Those suitable are people who are themselves bereaved - death of a spouse, separation from a spouse, death of a child, parent or sibling-relative, still-birth, miscarriage or any other significant loss.

If you think you are suitable for this Ministry, please contact either Dean O'Connor or Fr. Finbarr Crowley.



Monday 5th May will be the first Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice who was beatified in Rome on 6th October 1996 by Pope John Paul II.

Born in Callan, Co. Kilkenny in 1762, Edmund became a wealthy man in business, but after the death of his wife decided to give his wealth and his life to educate the poor of Waterford. The need for education was great at that time and, joined by other men of like mind, he started what was to become an international congregation - The Christian Brothers and Presentation Brothers - dedicated to the education and needs of the poor.

"Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice is a shining example of the fruitfulness of the Christian life... Who will ever measure all the good that has come from the spiritual insight, warm heart and determined faith of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice?"

- Pope John Paul II.



Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to JOHN and PAT O'DONOVAN, Farranlea Grove, both of whose fathers died recently.

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

FALLING MEDIA STANDARDS?

Fr. Tom Hayes, editor of THE FOLD, writes a very timely editorial in the April issue. He suggests that many people "are beginning to question the standards and practices of our media, print and broadcasting." He instances the invasion of the individual's privacy as being unacceptable and the questionable practice of publishing photographs of people entering court, who must be assumed innocent because they have not been found guilty.

He concludes his editorial with the advice that "It's time that people started to talk about the values in media. It's a dialogue that needs to happen. And it should be welcomed by the media outlets, too."

Unfortunately, many of us do not speak out in these circumstances. We tolerate indifference in the media. We accept, silently, the ever-increasing incidence of soft pornography in the print media and on TV. We bury our heads when our Christian religion is treated with scorn. The huge sales of some of the tabloids say something about our current

literary tastes and lead questions unanswered present-day morality.

There is something radically wrong when a journalist of standing of RTE's Tom MacSwiney has to concede that "I become somewhat ashamed of being a journalist". He goes on to say, again in the April FOLD, that "It is all because there is a prurient vulgarisation of the media, both print and broadcasting. I am not a prude, but I am tired of sex, murder, incest, rape and similar topics across every second or third page of most of the daily newspapers."

Tom goes on to say that he will defend his own professionalism and stand up for a number of others, but concludes that "those I would be prepared to defend are a reducing number."

Despite a very strict Code of Conduct for journalists, there seems to be a very serious problem with standards generally in the media. Commercialism would appear to be the governing influence. The very first in an extensive list in the Code of Conduct states: A journalist has a duty to maintain the highest professional and ethical standards. Do YOU think our journalists live up to this high ideal? If you have views on today's (falling?) standards, please share them. Fr. Tom Hayes of THE FOLD would certainly like to hear them. So would the Ballinacorney Bulletin.





Confirmation Day

Next Tuesday, April 29th, the children of Saint Catherine's School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the ceremony commencing at 10.30 a.m. As a result, the 10.00 a.m. Mass will not be celebrated.

Children's Mass

There won't be any children's Mass in the Crypt on Saturday 3rd May, as it is the Bank Holiday weekend. Instead the children's Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am. on Sunday 18th May, which will include children who will have received their First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Church Choir

We wish our choir bon voyage on their trip to France.

Visitation

Fr. Pinbarr will visit the remainder of Wilton Avenue, Bishopscourt and Marlyn Lawn in the coming weeks.

Alzheimer's Society

The Friendship Club will hold a Tea Morning in the C.P. Centre next Thursday, 1st May, 10.30am to 12.00 noon.

Pro-Life Meeting

At Imperial Hotel on Tuesday 29th April at 8pm. Speaker: Prof. William Binchy.

Readings for Sunday 4 May

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48.
Ps.97. 1 Jn.4:7-10. Jn. 15:9-17.

First Friday

Next Friday, 2nd May, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Reminder next Friday, 2nd May, from 10.30-7.30pm.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Soc.

Monthly meeting next Thursday 1st May at 8.00pm in C.P. Centre.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection at all Masses next week-end. ..

Liturgy Meeting

In C.P. Centre at 8.10pm this Monday 28th. Anybody interested would be most welcome to come along.



Naionra

All-Irish pre-school at Bishopstown G.A.A., Monday-Friday, 8.45-1.00pm. Further information 961222 evenings, 545616 mornings.

MASS TIMES

Weekdays: 9.00, 10.00.
Saturday Vigil: 6.15 p. m.
Sundays: 9.00, 10.30, 12.15.

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