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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Finbarr writes

CHRIST'S VISION ONE OF HOPE AND DIGNITY FOR ALL

The main coverage on radio, TV, and newspapers in the past few weeks and in the coming weeks is politics. One word that kept coming up during the British election campaign and now during our own campaign is the word **VISION** - different parties and individuals giving us their **VISION** of how a country should be run.

It's all pretty high powered, especially when I compare it with the vision young people have. I have celebrated class Masses and end of year Masses with pupils of Mount Mercy. Their themes were unity, friendship, togetherness, peace.

One might say that's what you would expect from young people. I know we don't live in an ideal world, but should not their idealism be something that could become a reality.

Last week-end the children from our parish who received the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time sang, "This Little Light of Mine, I'm Going to Make it Shine". They, like the pupils of Mount Mercy, were also announcing and proclaiming their vision. Their vision is a very Christ-like one.

"Love your neighbour as yourself." I hope and pray that we will elect members to our Dail that will never forget the genuine needs of others at all times. Christ's vision was one of hope and dignity for all. We can all play a part in Christ's vision becoming a reality.

Fr. Finbarr



ST. RITA OF CASCIA

The 22nd of May is the anniversary of the death of St. Rita (1381-1457). She was an Augustinian nun for 46 years. She had a difficult life. She wished to be a nun but married in obedience to her parents. She had two sons. Her husband was murdered and her sons died. Thus she was wife, mother and widow before she entered the Augustinian convent at Cascia, Italy. She became renowned for her holiness, fasting, prayer and contemplation of the passion and death of Christ. For years she patiently bore an ugly wound in her forehead which gave off a strong offensive odour and distorted her appearance. For four years before her death she existed only on the Eucharist.

Immediately after her death the forehead wound cleared miraculously, many miracles were wrought through her intercession and her body sent forth a sweet and fragrant odour that filled the convent. Her body, thin and worn before death, became pliant, soft and fresh after death and she took on an aspect of a person sleeping rather than dead. As a result she was not interred and she lies in the convent church miraculously incorrupt 540 years after death. She was canonised on 24th May 1900. She is known as the Saint of the Impossible.

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

PLEASE PRAY *for*

We pray for the late Mary (May) Higgins, Sheares Park, who died recently. A kind, good, holy woman was how she has been described by all who knew her. For people like May, the living out of the Beatitudes was an everyday event. She carried the simplicity and dignity of Christ to all whom she met and knew. We offer our sympathy to her sons and relatives.



Rest in Peace

FLOR CROWLEY, Avoca, Wilton Road, on the death of his father, and to KAY DOYLE, Ardoyne, Wilton Road, on the death of her brother.



Wedding

Congratulations to the following who were married in May:
KEVIN HARRIS, 14 The Orchard, Farranlea, who married Colette Murphy, Classis, Ovens.
DAMIEN BENNETT, 23 Kenley Avenue, who married Claire Mulroy, Ovens.
KENNETH FOLEY, 49 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, who married Ann O'Halloran, Wolfe Tone Street.
BRIGID ANN MURPHY, 66 Wilton Gardens, who married Gerard Keohane, Gardiners Hill.
MARIE O'SHEA, Scotch Farm, Model Farm Road, who married Darren Doyle, Weymouth, Dorset, England.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

CONSUMER RULES OK

Multinational food companies in the West make billions of pounds annually from trading with the developing countries of the world. Development assistance from the West towards these same countries is a pittance by comparison.

A further imbalance exists because, while exports from these under-developed countries are often the target of import duties and quotas, exports from the West, heavily subsidised, are dumped on the under-developed countries.

The Fair Trade Movement has attempted to do something about this state of affairs. Beginning

in Holland some 30 years ago, there are now over 3,000 shops in Europe selling 'fair traded' products aiming to give producers a decent return on their labour.

Thus farmers have access to credit, receive payment upfront and are guaranteed long-term contracts with a bonus for community development projects in education and health.

How can you help? Some supermarkets stock 'fair traded' products so you can experiment with these. Some of the 'charity' outlets also carry them. If every home in Ballinaspaig bought just one 'fair traded' product each week, think what a difference it would make to third world producers. Think what a difference it has already made to the multinational companies!

Make a start by contacting the Irish Fair Trade Network at 01-4753515 for a full list of fair traded outlets and brands. As they say in the advertising media: DO IT NOW! It WILL make a difference.

HONOUR FOR LOCAL SCHOOL

Congratulations to Donnchadh Ó Conaill and Rami Okasha of Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh, on winning the Observer Mace - the most coveted award in English Schools' debating in Britain and Ireland. Donnchadh and Rami first won the "Philosoph" Munster Schools' Competition at UCC, then went on to win the All-Ireland Schools' Debating Championship at UCD. On Saturday 17th May they defeated teams from some of the most prestigious public schools and colleges in England, Scotland and Wales to win the Mace.

Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union, presented the award and then promptly took it back. She said proper insurance would have to be in place before the solid silver mace could be taken to Ireland.

It was an interesting irony that the Irish team won the competition debating a motion that had them defending Britain's right to retain her remaining colonies.

Their mentors were Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Foley, teachers at the school.



Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi this year will be celebrated on Sunday next - when the Annual Eucharistic Procession also takes place.

(Because of this, Thursday next will not be a Holyday of Obligation - as it was in former years.)

P.T.A.A.

This year the annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart will be at St. Catherine's Convent Chapel on Friday 6th June (feast of the Sacred Heart) at 7.30pm. New members will be enrolled at this Mass. Any pioneers of 25 or 50 years who would like to have silver or gold pins presented to them, contact Judith Coffey at 345281 or Liam O'Driscoll at 544682 before May 29th please, as pins and brooches have to be ordered.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Could you spare one weekend to brighten up your married life? Worldwide marriage encounter offers you a time of closeness and communication, led by a trained team of married couples and a catholic priest at Holiday Inn Hotel on 13-15 June. Contact Michéal and Berni Tanner at 371321.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection at all Masses next week-end.

St. Dymphna

The annual Mass in honour of St. Dymphna, patroness of all who suffer with depression or other psychiatric ills, will be held in the SMA Church, Blackrock Road, on Wednesday, 28th May, at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHURCH AND MEDIA FRIENDS OR FOES?

On Saturday 7 June, 11-5pm. Arts Building, UCD, Bellfield. Speakers Rev. Prof. Avery Dulles, S.J., Fordham University, Billy McCarthy, Waterford Local Radio and Damien Kilberd, Editor, Sunday Business Post. Fee £5. Details from 01-6280113 and 01-2881047.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

088-519940

Mass Times

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

Readings for Sunday 25 May

Deut. 4:32-34, 39-40. Ps. 32
Rom. 8:14-17. Mt. 28:16-20.

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.