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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

It's nice to go away, but it's great to be home again. I'm very grateful to my congregation for making possible for me to do the course, and to the Dean for giving me leave of absence so easily. I had hoped to be back to better weather, but sure a drop of soft Irish rain is no harm either. It's good to meet people again and to be brought up to date with all the news.

During a tour of the Holy Sepulchre our guide drew our attention to a large number of crosses that were cut into the stone on walls inside the lower part of the building. In each case there was one central cross with a lot of smaller crosses around it. During the Middle Ages, we were told, when travel was difficult, many villages and towns sent one representative on pilgrimage. On arrival, that pilgrim made his mark by cutting a cross into one of the stones. Around this cross he then cut, or probably scratched, many more smaller crosses to represent those of his village who could not make the trip.

Nowadays, many people visit

the Holy Places and it is very seldom that anyone would go alone. Seeing these crosses made me realise, however, that there are many people in my own religious community and in the parish who will never make the that trip. It brought home to me how privileged I have been. No, I didn't put crosses on the wall, but I did pray, especially at all the Holy Places. I prayed firstly in thanksgiving for the great privilege I have received, and then for the intentions of all those friends and parishioners whom I know would have loved to be there with me.



**THE REIGN OF GOD IS *
LIKE MUSTARDSEED**

MK 4:31*



Congratulations to the following who were married recently:

TIMOTHY O'SULLIVAN, 34 Wilton Gardens, who married Catherine O'Keefe, Killarney.

DAVID HENNESSY, 128 Leedale, Model Farm Road, who married Anne Marie Burke, Ballincollig.

CONGRATULATIONS

Baptism
in
Christ



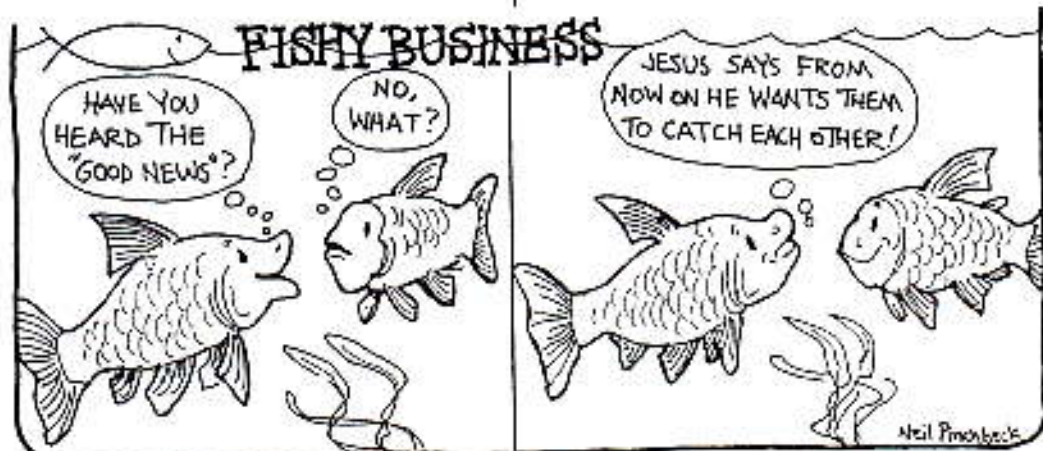
We welcome the following into our Christian community:

SHAUNA TERESA HACKETT
FERGUS MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN
EIRNE IDA NI DHEASMHUNAIGH

Pray For
The Dead



We offer our sincere sympathy to AUDREY O'MAHONY, BishopsCourt Road, on the death of her father. To ROSE O'CONNOR, Woodlawn, on the death of her brother.





COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

ZERO TOLERANCE THE CURRENT BUZZ-WORD

Do the media - press, radio and TV - influence society or do they simply reflect what is going on around us? If the media reflect what is happening in society, is this an accurate reflection? Is it fair comment? Is it sensitive to where people are at? Are people's reputations at risk, damaged even, by some of the media's commentaries? Or are all of these simply the views of society at large?

Crime has featured highly in the media in recent weeks and months and will continue to do so. "Zero-tolerance" is the current buzz-word. Like most people, I would love to live in a crime-free world. So - what makes people violent? Why do people turn to drugs? Rob? Beat up old people? Kill?

I don't have the answers. But I have just finished reading "Spiritual Journeys", a new book edited by Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy, RSC. Published by Veritas, it has thought-provoking essays by Jean Vanier and Tim Kearney of L'Arche, among others. But the essays that disturbed me most were those by Peter McVerry and Joe Lucey, the former the well-known Jesuit priest, the latter a Salesian priest, both working with homeless young people in Dublin.

Anticipating the formation of

our new Daif and in the hope of providing a total sharing of the wealth of the nation, our 166 incoming TDs could do a lot worse than reading and reflecting on the essays in "Spiritual Journeys". It is a beautiful, but a most disturbing book, for all of us in today's society. As a practical statement of gospel values I would recommend it to you.



Happy
Father's
Day

Happy Fathers Day

The parish bulletin wishes all fathers best wishes for their special day.

Sit back, put your feet up and enjoy this day !





Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue on the First Fridays during holiday months - July 4th and August 1st. It is important that somebody be in attendance at all times from 10.30am to 7.30pm on these days.

This is a special appeal as some of those who regularly attend may be on holidays. Please sign the book on the table in the centre aisle of the church for the time that suits you.

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Bulletin Distribution

The Editor takes this chance to thank the many people who help in the distribution of the bulletin to the homes of the parish every month. As this is the last one to the homes before the Summer break, I hope everyone enjoys the "holiday" and I look forward to their continued help in September.

Your help is much appreciated.



Ministers of the Eucharist

New rota now available. Please collect your copy at the altar rails this week-end.



South Pres Past Pupils & Friends

South Presentation Community invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the closure of the Secondary School, at St. Finbarr's South Parish Church, on Sunday 22nd June at 3.00pm. followed by Garden Party.



Readings for Sunday 22 June

Job.38:1.8-11. Ps. 106
2Cor.5:14-17, Mk 4:35-41.

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Mass Times

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