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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEWY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Last Monday almost fifty parishioners returned from Lourdes after spending five days on pilgrimage. This was my seventh visit to that holy place.

Many people ask me what's the attraction, what keeps bringing me back there? The only answer I can find is that I receive a sense of inner peace there.

You might ask, does one have to go to Lourdes to receive that inner peace? The answer, of course, is you most definitely do not. So why do I find it such a special place?

It's a place where one gives of oneself, you forget about your own problems, and you focus on others. You see the generosity of people from all over the world, giving of themselves, looking after all those visiting

Lourdes, and, of course, giving of themselves completely to the sick and those who need help in any way. But above all, it is to see the joy and acceptance of the sick who are brought to Lourdes.

The miracle of Lourdes is not the physical miracle that may take place, but the inner healing that goes on inside of all who go there.

We have had three pilgrimages to Lourdes from this parish in the last four years. I'm convinced that our parish is a better one because all the people who have gone to Lourdes have, I believe, brought home that inner peace that adds an extra dimension to our lives.

I thank God for the privilege to have gone there seven times. Please God our parish will be blessed through our pilgrims who asked Our Lady and St. Bernadette to bless our parish and to take care of us.

CALCUTTA STREET DOCTOR

Jack Preger, the Street Doctor from Calcutta, who was the subject of a Channel 4 TV film which many of you may have seen, is visiting Cork. There will be a reception for him at the Wilton Bar on this Sunday night, June 22nd, at 7.30pm.

The Calcutta Fund will present him with a cheque for the poor of Calcutta. All are welcome.



Rest in Peace

Nell O'Reilly lived quietly at her home on Magazine Road which she had shared with her late sister Siobhan. The unexpected death of Siobhan just a year ago left Nell very sad. Now she too left us without warning. Fortunately, her sister Kathleen had come to stay that very evening when she took ill and died. A large number of her former colleagues at City Hall where she had worked attended the Requiem Mass on Friday 13th June. Our sympathy goes out to her sister Kathleen, her brother Tom, sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces who were so devoted to their aunt.

Jack Hegarty, Bishopscourt Lawn, died at his home in the presence and care of his wife Frances and their daughters. Jack was a native of Bandon, but lived in Cork most of his life, as dictated by his business interests. He was a kind and unassuming gentleman, dedicated to his wife and family, of whom he was justifiably proud. His leisure interests were largely centred on horses, and he had a phenomenal knowledge of the greats in equine history, and their handlers. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Frances, his daughters Anne, Deirdre, Claire, Jacqui and Ger, his brother Dave, and grandchildren.

Redmond Holland, Laburnum Drive, had been unwell for some time, but being the practical man that he was, he lived out his time as normally as possible until his final few weeks, when he was hospitalised. In fact, he was an example to us all in his daily attendance at the 10.00 Mass. In his earlier years Redmond was a keen sportsman, and played rugby, tennis and cricket. His business interests were chiefly in the wholesale grocery business. We extend our sympathy to his wife Kitty, and family - Margaret, Edward, Anne, Claire, Jerry, and his sister Eileen.



Traffic Problem in Bishopstown

Public meeting on Tuesday 1st July at 8pm. in Bishopstown C.A.A. Club. All welcome.

Southern Health Board

Could you meet the challenge of fostering a teenager? If you think you could, why not consider the SHE teenage fostering project. We are urgently looking for people from all backgrounds who can provide a positive family experience for teenagers who are unable to live with their own families. Training, support and generous allowance given. To find out more contact Con Lynch, Frank Murphy or Iona O'Reilly, Fostering Resource Unit, St. Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road, tel. 312648.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A LONG WAY TO CHRISTMAS

I have no idea how many shopping days there are until Christmas - and, on this beautiful June day, I have no intention of counting them, but I read in the Irish Times during the week about the concern of Connemara-based filmmaker Bob Quinn, regarding the advertising and sale of toys for children at Christmas. Bob is a member of the RTE Authority and he has raised the matter of advertising directed at children. He has proposed a complete ban on it, beginning with an embargo on toy adverts from October until the end of December on RTE.

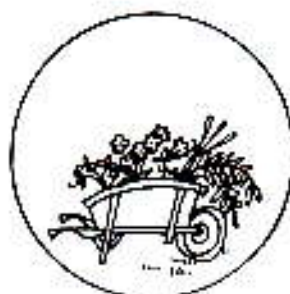
This is a radical move which, presumably, will not endear him to RTE management, who could foresee a drop of £1 million in advertising revenue if his proposal succeeds.

Uinsíonn Mac Dubhghaill, writing in the Irish Times, also quotes Bob Quinn's claim that poor working conditions and exploitation exist where many of these toys are made. Many of the toys "hardly last beyond St. Stephen's Day" and he claims that "without TV commercials, most of them would be left on the shelf."

He suggests that an ethical problem exists for RTE who rely, to a large extent, on advertising for its commercial income. But he claims that there is collusion between RTE and the multinational companies who make these toys and this, he claims, needs to be

addressed. Trocaire wrote to 30 of the major supermarket outlets selling toys last year and not a single one of them replied. If £1 million is spent on advertising in such a short space of time, the sales volume of these toys must be astronomical.

Bob Quinn has his work cut out for him. Perhaps there are parents out there who share his concern? Maybe they would put pen to paper and let RTE know of their concern. As our politicians have once again discovered, people power can be very influential.



Festival of Flowers at North Cathedral

Friday 27 June:

7.00pm Preview of Festival.

8.00pm Music, Mime & Poetry.

Official Opening by Alice Taylor.

Adm. £5. Tickets available from Cathedral Presbytery.

Saturday 28 June: Viewing 10.30 to 7.30pm.

Sunday 29 June: Viewing 8.15 to 5.30pm.

2.00pm - Home Produce Stall, Bottle Stall, Plant Stall & Tea Room.

Admission free on Saturday and Sunday. Programme £2.

Festival will end with Benediction on Sunday at 5.30pm.

All proceeds in aid of Cathedral Renovation Fund.



Ministers of the Eucharist

A reminder that new rota is now available. If you did not collect your copy, please do so in the Sacristy.

Peter's Pence

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up in the porch at all Masses next weekend, the Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul.

Pre Marriage Course

A pre-marriage course will take place in the Crypt next November for four nights - Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. There is a new format and a team from the Cork Marriage Counselling Centre will conduct the Course.

It is advisable for couples getting married next year to avail of this opportunity. For details please contact CMCC, 34 Paul Street, tel. 275678.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Under Age Section

Does your son or daughter attend Hurling coaching every Saturday morning? If so, why not come along to the club next Saturday 28th June, 10.30-12 noon.

The Finals of the skills competition will take place in the context of a **Family Fun** morning. Come along and support the stars of the future! Bring the family and have an enjoyable Saturday - face painting, etc. for the kids.

Irish Youth Choir 1997

A 120-strong mixed voice choir will present a concert at St. Finbarre's Cathedral on Saturday 28th June at 8 p.m. Tickets at Pro Musica, 20 Oliver Plunkett Street, tel. 271659.

Cope Foundation

Garden open at 'Glenmahon', Rochestown Road, by kind permission of Catherine MacHale on Saturday 28th June, 11.00-6.00pm, and Sunday 29th 11.00-6.00pm.

Plants for sale. Sorry, no children.

Lollipop Person

Required for crossing at Rendezvous Bar. Call to St. Catherine's National School, Bishopstown Avenue, for details.

Blood Transfusion Board

Blood Donor Clinic in SMA Community Centre, Wilton, on Thursday 26th June, 3.00-5.00 and 7.30-9.30pm.

Mass Times

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

Readings for Sunday 29 June

Acts 12: 1-11, Ps. 33
2 Tim. 4: 6-8, 17-18. Mt. 16: 13-19.

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