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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK.



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**  
*The Dean writes*

## LAST BULLETIN

This is the last edition of our Parish Bulletin until next September. Those lazy, hazy, golden days of summer are around the corner - hopefully, in contrast to the liquid sunshine we have enjoyed in recent days!

For many young people however - and indeed some not so young - they are more concerned about the weather in the Greek Islands or Southern California, than in West Cork or Connemara. There is a thrill for the young in heading off to far-away places with strange sounding names - to make some holiday money, to see what it's like at the other side of the mountain, the bright lights of foreign shores - to test independence against home values and advice. The fact that glitter can turn to loneliness, that being "broke" and jobless isn't funny - that the craic and over-indulgence of the night before leaves you decidedly wimpish the following morning - this is all old people's talk for some until the truth is experienced.

It must be stated of course that many young people have done us proud when far away from home. The conduct of our young army personnel has been favourably commented on. The followers of 'Jack's Army' in the early nineties have acquitted themselves honourably for the most part - and showed how to mix high spirits and enjoyment with respect for others.

You might fob off any suggestion about being an ambassador for Christ during your summer holidays - but that's exactly his challenge to you - at home or abroad.

Think about it - have a memorable holiday - come home safely - we need you here and you are precious to us.

## THANK YOU

A special word of thanks to Fr. Finbarr who led our Parish Group on pilgrimage to Lourdes recently. He was indeed a true shepherd to his flock and an inspiration to all in his generosity and dedication.

## LUKE says.....

As our Bulletin takes its summer break, may I wish all readers of Media Comment a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday time.



*Rest In Peace*



We pray for the late Barbara Harris of The Orchard, Farranlea, who died recently after suffering a long illness. Barbara was a music teacher by profession, and her esteem amongst her pupils and fellow staff was shown by their attendance at her funeral. To those who admire our senior choir, Barbara was one of the people who added her beautiful voice to it. Those who knew Barbara would have known a gentle, kind and caring person, always on hand to speak well of and praise others for a job well done. We offer our sympathy to her parents Tom and Elsie, sisters Mary and Ruth, brother Kevin, and her fiance John who was so kind to her, and to the remainder of her immediate family we offer our prayers and sympathy at their tragic loss.

We pray for the late Sr. Concilia [redacted] nt, who [redacted] the age [redacted] of Co.

Mayo, she entered the convent in 1937 and taught history in Drishane. She later went to work in California, but had to return due to ill health, and went to teach in Malahide, Co. Dublin. Sr. Concilia was a very even tempered person and smiled easily, though she was often in pain. She had a prolonged illness which she bore with the same gentle patience - she gently died as she gently lived. To her family and community at St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, we offer our prayers and sympathy.

Maureen McAuliffe had the distinction of being one of the earliest residents on the Wilton Road. Her family home was one of the first to be constructed on this fine road, at that time on the verge of Cork City. Maureen was a member of a family who achieved distinction in many professions. She was a highly esteemed teacher at St. Aloysius' Secondary School for many years, and she retained that touch of elegance and refinement right into her retirement years. She spent the past eighteen months quietly in a retirement home. She is survived by her sisters Sister Teasy and Ita, and her brother Noel - to these and her many relatives and friends we extend sincere sympathy.

Sr. Etienne Hyland had been unwell for some time at St. Joseph's Convent - yet her death took us by surprise. A native of Monasterevin, Co. Kildare, she came to Drishane Secondary School as a young teenager. Some time later she returned to join the Sisters there. After profession she was sent to Paris and during World War II evacuated to Weybridge. Later she was appointed Superior to Ballyferriter where the Sisters started up a thriving local industry for girls in the area. She taught in different schools in Dublin, and in her declining years came to St. Joseph's. Her acceptance of life's difficulties was summed up in her usual saying, "That's grand". We thank God for her life and example.





# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## A LACK OF INFORMATION ?

For many months now, the media have covered the area of sex education in our primary schools. Foremost among the items for discussion is the Department of Education's new programme for schools called "Relationships and Sexuality Education", RSE for short.

While a lot has been written on the subject and a great deal of discussion has taken place, huge conflicts have arisen between the pro and con sides in the debate. Both sides have accused the other of spreading mis-information and a huge gulf appears to have arisen between them. Certainly on the parents' side, deep suspicion exists, with the lack of full information adding to their misgivings.

Dr. Gerard Casey, Ph.D., has written a 70 page critique of the RSE programme, taking the programme chapter by chapter. He most certainly raises many doubts about the programme and concludes with the summary that any programme constructed with the proposed RSE curriculum simply has no place in Catholic schools. Strong words.

It seems to me that the vacuum created by lack of information, whether this lack can be laid at the door of the Department of Education or a certain indifference on the parts of parents, needs to be filled by full information and informed debate. Perhaps the coming months will provide the necessary time to face up to the dilemma. The future of our children in this critical area is at stake.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bishopstown Meals-on-Wheels are in urgent need of drivers and cooks. You would be only required approx. 18 times per year as follows:

**Cooks:** One day every third week for about two hours.

**Drivers:** One day per week for one month in three, for approx. two hours. This duty might interest men who have retired.

Due to the poor response to appeals for new helpers, it is anticipated that we may have to reduce delivery of meals from six to three per week. If you think you can help please contact Betty at 541487 or 542187.

Do you have any spare time? Are you interested in befriending a family in your area who has a child or young adult with a learning disability (mental handicap)? If the answer is YES, we would like to hear from you. Training and support will be given. Contact Tara Stacey or Pat O'Callaghan at 821012 at Brothers of Charity. Applications by July 20th.

## School of Catholic Lay Evangelization

At SMA Wilton, from 20-24 July. Team from International School of Evangelisation, New Jersey. Come, experience a week that will change your life - teachings, personal testimonies, inner healing prayer, praise and worship. Spiritual Director - Fr. Brendan Williams. Sunday 12.00 - Thursday 5.00. Daily registration £5. Dinner and evening meal £8 per day. Bookings to be made to Sr. Mary B. Williams, St. Columbas' Convent, Bishopstown Ave West. tel.545549.



## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will close for July and August. Certificates, etc. available from the Sacristy before and after Masses. Bulletin publication will resume in September.

### **MASS TIMES**

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

### **PARISH TEAM**

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Priest in Residence: Fr. Denis O'Leary

### **EMERGENCY NUMBER:**

**088-519940**

*(To be used when you cannot contact the priest at his home.)*

### **MASS IN FAS CANTEEN**

Mass will be discontinued during July and August.

### **First Friday**

Next Friday, 4th July, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place next Friday, 4th July. The intention for the month is: Those who care for the sick and housebound.

There will be Adoration on Friday 1st August. It is important that somebody be in attendance from 10.30am to 7.30pm on that day. This is a special appeal as some who regularly attend may be on holiday. Please sign the book on the table in the centre aisle of the church for the time that suits you.

### **Books Needed**

Do you have an unwanted book on your bookshelf dealing with bereavement? Or if you would like to donate a book on bereavement, the Parish Bereavement Support Team would gratefully accept them.

### **Parish Bereavement Support Team**

Will hold an information night at the end of September. If you are grieving after a loved one or lost a partner through separation, if you have lost your job, lost your family through emigration, or if loss of health is causing you great stress, then the Parish Bereavement Team are here to support you.

In the meantime, the team is available on a one-to-one basis for anyone who might need to talk. Please contact Mary at 341566.

### **Traffic Problem in Bishopstown**

Public meeting on Tuesday 1st July at 8.00pm in Bishopstown G.A.A. Club. All welcome.

### **Readings for Sunday 6 July**

Ezk. 2:2-5. Ps. 122.  
2 Cor. 12:7-10. Mk. 6:1-6.