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The Triumph of the Cross



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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

Many of us have strong feelings on how the Church is run, responding to various demands of the gospel of the day in the past, in the present, and where it is going in the future. Many of our feelings are very mixed. The Church was seen by many as a powerful influence in the world, a church that didn't always respond to the needs of the people. Yet, only for it many social issues in the past decades and centuries may not have been responded to, especially in areas of education and health.

Whether we are daily Mass goers, weekly worshippers or just hanging in there on the fringes, we still feel that the Church - in which all of us, the people of God, were baptised, has much to offer to our community, country and world of the present day and the future.

But how can we respond? I believe we must first of all try to create a vibrant Christian community in our own parish. The people of our parish are a multi-talented and responsible group. There is so much that so many can offer, to re-vitalize, to remodel a church that will respond to the needs of the future with

the gospel message as its source of reference.

In October we will be electing a new Parish Pastoral Council. Are you a person who feels you have something to contribute, are you a person who can use your energy to make this a more Christian community in which to live? If you are, have you not a responsibility to respond to that call within you? I encourage you to think of what you have to offer and consider becoming a vibrant, active member of our parish council for the next few years.

The Fold

September FOLD

Contains several articles on the drugs issue and reports on the state of the problem in the greater Cork area, and the two treatment centres in the locality where people can turn for help.

The Flower Festivals at the Cathedral and Togher are featured, also Mahon parish and Bessborough, two pages of news from the church around the world, the passing of three priests from the Cork area, and much, much more.

1 Silver Manor,
Ballinlough

Dear Editor,

On leaving the parish, we have both found it hard to meet and say goodbye to the many parishioners who have been our friends for so many years. Through the Ballineaspaig Bulletin, may we put on record our thanks and our appreciation for all those years of neighbourliness?

We have been so fortunate with our priests over the years, down to our present Parish Team. Vision, leadership, trust and encouragement can easily be taken for granted in these controversial times for the Church. So thank you, Dean O'Connor on behalf of all the priests and parish sisters, present and past.

We owe a debt of gratitude, too, to those with whom we worked in the separate ministries in which we were involved: The Friendship Club, the Contact Group, the Offertory Procession Group, the Liturgy Group, the Ministry of the Word, the Bulletin Team. From the early days of Parish Renewal in our parish (encouraged by the late Bishop Michael Murphy), we have met with and been enriched by many wonderful people and we will miss them all. We offer them our grateful thanks.

We include in our leave-taking the sisters in St. Catherine's, St. Columba's and St. Joseph's Convents, as well as the Chaplaincy Team in Cork University Hospital. We have shared a friendship with them all and will miss them too.

While physically absent from

the parish we will certainly be present in spirit. We would hope, too, to revisit our many friends in Ballineaspaig and to come and worship here in this beautiful Church of the Holy Spirit from time to time.

Sincerely yours,
Pat and Eileen Lemasney

Note from the Editor

Pat & Eileen have been very active members of the community. They will be sadly missed, but we still wish them well in their new home.



We pray for the late Jerry O'Sullivan of Lima Lawn who died recently. Jerry was a quiet gentleman and as one of his neighbours said, "I couldn't ask for a better one", surely in the world we live today, none of us could ask for a higher compliment to be paid. To all his relatives, friends and neighbours we offer our sympathy.

We pray for the late Joe McNally of Farranlea who died recently. Joe's health had been deteriorating recently, but the suddenness of his death came as a great shock. His high esteem as a Customs & Excise Officer was evident with the large attendance of his former colleagues. Joe had a great love of the Irish language and culture. He was pre-deceased by his wife Jean. To all his family we offer our prayers.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A LITTLE MORE DIGNITY

The media have always been quick to point out that, until the arrival of the Mary Robinson era, the Aras has always been viewed as a rest-home for ageing politicians who have run out of the energy required for the cut and thrust of the Dail. Mary Robinson has changed that perception.

While some predictable politicians - and a few who weren't so predictable - were expected to put their hats in the ring, there have been a number of surprises too. John Hume could have been classed as such, though he would appear to be universally liked and highly regarded. Another Northerner who has been mentioned would seem to have drawn the ire of the media. I refer to Rosemary Brown, otherwise known as Dana.

Rosemary Brown would not be my choice for President of Ireland but the reaction of the media is surely a bit over the top. In an otherwise informative piece, RTE 1 repeatedly showed us the 16 year-old singer crooning "All Kinds of Everything", her Eurovision entry of 27 years ago! The Examiner cried "Hume for Aras, save us from Dana", while The Irish Times boldly proclaimed "Dana for President like voting for Dustin".

I am all for opening up the entry requirements for the position of President. But surely the media have a

responsibility to inform their readers and viewers without ridiculing those who choose to run. This, surely, is what the media has been about in promoting the much-vaunted "liberal agenda". A little more dignity is called for at this time.



Fostering

Could you meet the challenge of fostering a teenager? If so, why not consider the S.H.B. 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. Tel. 312848.

WELL DONE

To Tara Coppplestone, Grace Eiffe and Grace Daly, The Ridgeway, on making £9.78p towards the Trocaire Collection for the people of North Korea.



Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will visit the remainder of College Road/Magazine Road this week.

Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next week-end.

Aifreann Ic Gaeilge

Leifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaigi agus bigi pairteach linn.

Children of Marital Breakdown

Practical guidelines for parents to help children deal with the effects of marital breakdown will be held on Wednesday 17th September, 6.15-10.00pm at Cork Marriage Counselling Centre, 34 Paul Street. For further information call 275678.



Floral Tribute

At St. Joseph's Church, Wilton, presented by the Lough Flower & Garden Club on 12-14th September. Reception and preview on Friday 12th at 8pm. in the Parish Centre. Tickets £5 available at Centre. Everybody welcome.

Volunteer Work

An information evening for anyone interested in doing voluntary work with the Good Shepherd Service will be held in Edel House, Grattan Street, on Wednesday 17th September at 7.30pm. For more details contact 274240.

Hospice Movement Coffee Morning

Coffee mornings will be held in aid of Marymount Hospice on Thursday 18th September in the following venues:

C.P. Centre: 10.00-12 noon.

Rendezvous Bar: 10.30-12 noon.

St. Joseph's Convent: 10.30-12 noon.

Everybody welcome.



Concert

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As part of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Togher Church, the world famous African Children's Choir will perform in a spectacular presentation featuring the Togher Children's Choir, Togher Church Orchestra, the Togher Parish Youthlink Group and Special Guests, on Sunday 21st September at 8pm. at Togher Church. Tickets £5 available at parish office.

Friendly Morning Bridge

At Orchard Lodge (formerly Glengarriff Hotel) every Monday at 10.30 sharp, commencing 15th September. All welcome, with or without a partner.

Readings for Sunday 21 September

Ns. 2:12.17-20. Ps. 53.

Jm.3:16-4:3. Mk. 9:30-37.

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