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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

During the week we elected our new Pastoral Council. The turn out of parishioners who were nominated by you to elect the new Council was "fantastic", as one person said. We, the parish team, would have to concur with the sentiments of that person.

The Pastoral Council, along with the parish team, are the people given the task to make the message of Christ alive and active in our parish.

As President McAleese said in her inauguration speech, "None of us has a monopoly on pain and suffering", referring to the North of Ireland.

I would say that none of us has a monopoly on the message of Jesus Christ.

Every person elected to the Pastoral Council brings with them different experiences and emotions, where God's spirit speaks to them. They in turn depend on the input of their fellow parishioners to try to read the needs of our times and our Christian based response.

The only things that the Dean and I have a monopoly on are the

sacraments; no lay person is ordained to say Mass, hear Confessions, anoint, etc. But the way we celebrate the sacraments depends to a great extent on the lay input, such as Ministers of the Eucharist, Word, Prayers of Faithful, choirs, altar servers, liturgy, etc.

The Parish Pastoral Council has its own Constitution, which is available in the parish office. We as a nation have a Constitution as does every club and organisation. Let us never forget that it is there to help and guide.

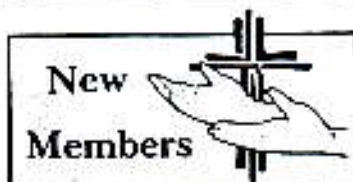
I would ask you to pray for our new Council, with the spirit of God active in us, and in you the parishioners, that our parish will be a living witness to the gospel message.

Fr. Finbarr Crowley

St. Annes Adoption Society

The annual collection for St. Annes will be taken up at all masses next weekend, November 22/23rd. Please remember to bring your envelopes and donations for this very worthwhile cause.

More details of the services provided by St. Annes will be given in next weeks bulletin.



The results of the elections for a new Pastoral Council for our Parish have just been announced. They are as follows:

Area 1 Rossbrook/The Manor/
Melbourn Court:
Nora Healy, 27 Melbourn Court.

Area 2 Leesdaile:
Denis Kiely, 6 Leesdaile.

Area 3 Parkway/The Grove/Green-
fields/Parklea/Woodford/Wynford:
Margaret O'Sullivan, 34 Green-
fields.

Area 4 Kenley/Mount Eden:
Carmel O'Shea, 15 Kenley Avenue.

Area 5 Model Farm Road:
Mary O'Herlihy, Model Farm Road.

Area 6 Bishopscourt/Merlyn Lawn/
Wilton Avenue:
Barbara Kenneally, Merlyn Lawn.

Area 7 Bishopstown Ave/Ave West/
Highfield/Woodleigh/Court Cairn:
Frank O'Sullivan, Avalon, Bishop-
stown Avenue.

Area 8 Farranlea/Victoria
Village:
Patsy Curtin, Farranlea Grove.

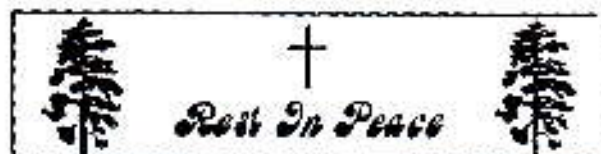
Area 9 Laburnum/Wilton Gardens:
Donal McCarthy, Laburnum Drive.

Area 10 Wilton Road/Glasheen/
Liam Lynch Park/Roger Casement
Park/Sheares Park:
Tom Liston, Wilton Road.

Area 11 Magazine Road/Lima Lawn/
Bendemeer/Robin Hill/Linaro Ave:
Therese O'Riordan, Lima Lawn.

Area 12 College Rd/Orchard/Rd/
The Grove/Clares Ave/Francis Ave:
Kitty Dillon, Orchard Road.

There will be a further three or four co-options to this number. We trust that these representatives from the different areas of the Parish will have your full support in their work for the next few years.



We pray for the late Timothy O'Sullivan of Kenley Road, who died during the week. Timmie Mickie, as he was affectionately known, was a native of Inchigeela. In his younger days he was a well known athlete. He would have been well known in Cork for his involvement in the haulage and taxi business. Timmie was always a most obliging man and was cared for lovingly during his illness by his wife Sheila and family, to whom we offer our prayers.

We pray for the late Benny Collins, Sheares Park, who died recently after a long illness. Those who attend the Vigil Mass at 6.15 will remember Benny organising the collectors at the back of the church. Benny worked with C.I.E. as a Conductor and Driver and many of the young people who went to school in town from this parish would have known him. A most devout and prayerful man, Benny accepted his illness with serenity. He was a popular figure to all in the Glasheen area of the parish. His family will miss his kindness, gentleness and love, and to his wife Teda and the family we offer our prayers and sympathy.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

To me, the picture said it all. On the wonderfully sunny day that Professor Mary McAleese was inaugurated as the eighth President of Ireland with much pomp and splendour, a photograph accompanied Edward Power's article in the Examiner headed "Forgotten victims with nowhere to call home". It showed a young man in the process of withdrawing money from a bank ATM, the ubiquitous 'hole in the wall'. On the Bank steps was a figure, lying huddled under a blanket, his or her 'home' for the night.

The details regarding the extent of the problem nationally are sketchy. But, claims Edward Power, "what is certain is that homelessness is a national malaise". Jesuit priest, Fr. Peter McVerry agrees, adding that "homelessness is completely out of control, yet society remains unaware of the problem because it remains largely invisible".

All of this is happening while the much-vaunted Celtic Tiger goes, we are told, from strength to strength. The signs are all about us. Not a week goes by without an announcement about yet another new factory or extension promising yet more jobs. The Christmas shopping has begun already - and we're only half-way through November! Sadly, the tiger's roar has not been heard by the marginalised, the homeless, the long-term unemployed, the 'poor who will always be with us'. I wonder why?

INVITATION TO HOUSEBOUND

Link-A-Prayer invites the housebound in our parish to link their prayers with those of the Poor Clares. Prayer is a powerful hidden apostolate and is not dependent on good health or physical strength. Our world needs prayer and people like you can help in a way that others cannot. You can link your prayers to the Poor Clares who pray for the needs of all in our parish and in the world. You can unite in spirit with the Poor Clares anytime during the day or night, who also take turns to pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed all day.

The Sister who is praying before the Blessed Sacrament exposed will remember you specially in prayer. A time will be set specially for you when you have joined Link-A-Prayer. You can link your prayer with hers, any prayer, even just a thought.

If interested, please contact the C.P. Centre, or any of the parish team.



We offer our sincere sympathy to JIM BOGUE, Kenley Crescent, on the death of his father. To MARGARET FITZGERALD, Liam Lynch Park, on the death of her brother.



Deceased Parishioners

Mass will be celebrated on Monday 24th November at 7.30p.m. for parishioners who died during the year. Members of each family are invited to attend.

Altar Society

There will be a meeting in the C.P. Centre on Tuesday next, 18th November, at 3.20p.m.



Bishopstown Community School

There is an Open Night for parents of incoming first years on Thursday 20th November at 7.30p.m. in the school.



French Grinds

To higher course Leaving Cert. level by an experienced teacher. Phone 542343.

St.Finbarr's H & F Club

The Annual Mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the club will be celebrated at the club on Monday 24th November at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

Mass for Deceased Collectors

The 7.30 p.m. mass on Tuesday 18th will be offered for deceased collectors of the parish.

Readers



Ministers of the Word

Please collect your rotas at the altar rails this week-end.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The coming of winter brings our annual appeal for funds to buy coal for the needy of our parish. Please help. Funds to members or to the C.P. Centre.

LOST & FOUND

Found

Blue purse found in church. Please call to Sacristy.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Melanie McSweeney on being awarded a Department of Education Award for her Junior Certificate Metalwork Project, and to Cormac Fouhy who was selected for the U-17 Irish Basketball Team. Both students attend Bishopstown Community School.

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