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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Finbarr writes

WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER

The storms at Christmas which affected so many people, especially in the countryside, left many people without light, water and telephone. A close relation of mine was without all three for over five days. She said to me she never realised how dependent she was on these essentials in life, especially water.

Many people posed the question, "what must it be like to live without these services most of your life, as is the case in many Third World countries?"

During my years in Peru these services were often very limited. As it is said, "necessity is the mother of invention". One became dependent on one's own resources. You worked during daylight hours, used water sparingly, and communicated by word and by letter most of the time.

You may ask what point am I making? All of us have been gifted with many human resources,

and because of the 'push button' society in which we live, we don't often use our potential to the full. Don't get me wrong, I'd much prefer to have the use of services than do without, but part of our awareness that we are gifted with many talents is when we are without. God has made all of us multi-talented, and I often fear that many of us never appreciate the talents and gifts that we have within us.

One of Christ's strong messages was that we are all special, we all have something to offer, we are equal in God's eyes. So may I suggest that we look at ourselves, and recognise the gifts and talents that God has bestowed upon us.

Fr. K. Sean Curry

CONGRATULATIONS

To Raphael Hurley of Wilton Avenue, who was awarded First Place in the Aer Lingus Young Scientists competition this year.

We also extend our congratulations to his family and to his school, Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh.

A PARISHIONER WRITES....

Dear Editor,

Please permit me a little space in the bulletin to reply to last month's correspondent who complained about dogs and dog litter on foot paths. I appreciate the writer's concern that the subject is a nuisance, but rather than 'curse the darkness', let us be positive in our approach to the matter and 'light a Penny Candle'.

My suggestion is that with fine dry days approaching (D.V.) that each householder would brush the bruscarr from the footpath outside their own home and thus make life more pleasant for everyone. And while you have the brush, shovel and bucket in your hand, sweep your neighbour's patch as well, if they are elderly or infirm. The reward will be worth the effort if you make a clean sweep of it.

Yours sincerely,
Liam Scuib



We offer our sincere sympathy to NORA KEARY, Highfield Lawn, on the death of her brother.
To MARIAN HEALY, Kenley Close, on the death of her brother.

To MARY SPILLANE, Farranlea Grove, on the death of her brother.

To WILLIAM O'DRISCOLL, Kincora, Farranlea Park, on the death of his sister.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

A very stimulating meeting of the Pastoral Council took place in the C.P. Centre on Monday 12th January. A lot of thought and discussion was put into the renewal, and in some cases, the revival of sub-committees.

Most Council members had either met or phoned the Contact people in their area. All were agreed that these Contact people had a vital part to play in the overall pastoral work of the parish. Meetings will be arranged in each area as soon as possible. A member of the central team will attend each meeting.

It was decided to have a black and white photo of the new Council members in the February bulletin to the homes.

The election of officers took place. Michael Lehane was elected Chairperson, Barbara Kenneally Secretary, and Seamus Murphy, P.R.O.

Some discussion took place on the setting up of a millennium committee to look at parish renewal for the year 2000. This was a very exciting idea and the Pastoral Council would like to make it known that they would welcome ideas, suggestions, thoughts, feelings, in fact anything, which would help to implement this idea. Further down the road we will probably be looking for man/woman power also to help make the idea a reality.

If everyone sweeps in front of his door,
the whole city will be clean.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE NEW TERMINOLOGY

I find it rather strange, in a country that has been described as post-Catholic by one politician, that our media carry so much that is controversial in the area of religion. Little enough of it is informed or informative. But there seems to be a preoccupation with the subject that I find difficult to understand.

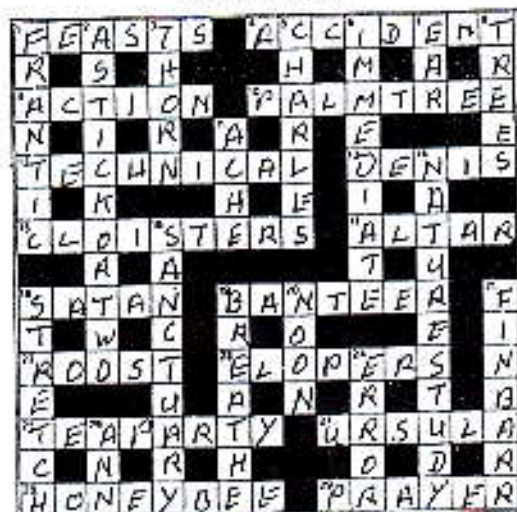
Another thing that puzzles me is the language, the terminology used. Does it help to make matters clearer? Or does the jargon simply muddy the waters? And is this intentional?

Let me give a few examples. Liberal. Conservative. Fundamentalist. Right-wing. Clericalism. Secularism. I could go on. Perhaps, now that the Christmas competitions have been won, our editor might award a prize for the entry that best describes all these buzz-words?

Journalists use these terms all the time but the habit has now been taken up by those who use the letters columns of our newspapers. Sadly, the terminology is used quite often to dismiss out of hand the argument of another contributor. I believe it is healthy to question and to disagree, face to face, and through the media. But it is not necessary to insult those with whom one disagrees. Boxing people into 'liberal' or

'right-wing' camps is unlikely to lead to resolution. It simply puffs out one's own perspective. Christianity demands a little more than this, I suggest. So does sincere and honest communication.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD SOLUTION



Eleven all correct solutions were submitted. From these we drew Michael Lehane, Wilton Gardens, and Mary Browne, Farranlea Grove.

Clue No. 26 down caught a few people. It was, of course, Ann, our parish secretary. Also No. 23 across caused a few problems. One parishioner who was stuck on this one tells us her grandmother eloped - on a "high Nellie" bicycle. She probably went out the window first!

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Many thanks to all who submitted solutions to our Christmas Quiz. There were eight correct solutions and, as a result of a secret draw, Mrs. Rosemary Healy was the winner.



Visitation

Fr. Pinbarr will visit Rossbrook in the coming week.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our conference wish to thank sincerely all who contributed £2,601 to our Christmas collection.

Thank You

To Mangle's Garden Centre for their continuing help in preparing and providing shrubs for our Crib.

Senior Citizens Party

Will be hosted by the Bishopstown & District Lions at the SMA Parish Hall on Friday 23rd at 8 p.m. There will be food and drink, music, dancing, singing and other entertainment. Please come along as a great night of fun is guaranteed.

Irish Music

Would you like to learn Irish traditional music and singing? Classes will commence at The Aras, 13 Dyke Parade on Friday 23rd January at 8 p.m. All age groups welcome. For further information call 961410.



Choir Openings

Youth Choir

Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings, 7-8 p.m. in C.P. Centre. Everyone welcome.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Under age section. The A.G.M. will take place on Wednesday, 21st January, in the Club at 8 p.m. All welcome. We are always anxious to gain new members to help in our work with the youth of the area.

Daily Readers Rota

Now available in the Sacristy for collection.

Cork Marriage Counselling Centre

Is anger, temper or violence upsetting your relationship? We can help. Ring 275678 and ask for Don or Jean.



Ballin'easpais Gramophone Circle

Will resume its once monthly recital on Wednesday next 21st January at 3 p.m. in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when Kevin Giltinan will give the recital. A pleasant afternoon's listening is guaranteed. Everybody is welcome.

Order of Malta

Are recruiting Cadet members for 1998. If you are interested and between the age of 10 and 16, and would like to learn first-aid on a weekly basis, come along to Wilton Park House on Sunday 18th January at 11.30 a.m. or phone 342275.

Powdermills Toastmasters Club

Will hold an open meeting on Wednesday 21st January at 8 p.m. in the Westpark Hotel, Ballincollig. Anybody who wishes to improve their public speaking ability should not miss this meeting.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

088-519940

Readings for Sunday 25 January

Neh.8:2-6, 8-10. Ps. 18.

1 Cor.12:12-30. Lk.1:1-2. 4:14-21.