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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

On leaving Spain after spending a year studying there in 1980, the year of my ordination, the students in the seminary of Burgos presented me with a beautiful crucifix which I have hanging just inside the door of my living room. It's probably the room I spend most time in, outside of my bedroom. I feel it's appropriate that it should hang there as a constant reminder that Jesus is ever present to me in my life.

Many homes nowadays don't have symbols, such as holy water fonts, crucifixes, pictures to the Sacred Heart, etc.

I find when I look at the crucifix in my room I nearly always think of the friends I left behind me in Spain. It's a reminder to me that Christ, who died on the cross out of love for each of us, is ever present to all whom we encounter in our lives.

I would propose that during this time of Lent we might try to acquire a religious symbol for our homes, and that we would use it as a reminder of God's love for us and His presence in all people we encounter in our lives, so that we can offer a prayer for them.



C.M.C.C. Counselling Services

A special collection will take place at all Masses next weekend. The service provides a range of help and support to people who are in difficulty. Services include marriage counselling, domestic violence intervention, natural family planning advice, pre-marriage courses and individual counselling. All these services are provided free of charge and the annual collection accounts for approx. half of the Centre's funding. Without the generosity of the people of the Dioceses, this service could not succeed.



BISHOP BUCKLEY'S INSTALLATION

Video is available from Irish Multichannel, Georges Quay, price £10. All profits go to the Cathedral Fund.

A PARISHIONER WRITES...

Sonae,
Farranlea Park

Dear Editor,

While I agree wholeheartedly with Luke's appeal in last Sunday's Bulletin (22/2/98) for sympathetic support for priests who have left the ministry I take issue with him when he says, "Out of ministry they deserve our support even more." Surely our first allegiance should be to those who continue to serve us so well. If we gave them the prayers and encouragement Luke mentions perhaps fewer would leave.

I am ashamed that, while it has often crossed my mind to do so during the scandals of the last years, it is only now that I am expressing publicly my appreciation of the Dean, Fr. Finbarr, Sr. Ursula and Fr. Denis. We are very fortunate in what they are and what they do. I am most grateful for all their dedicated work in the parish.

Yours sincerely,
Rosalie Moloney

OUR SYMPATHIES

We offer our sincere sympathy to FRANCES DUNTON, Leedale, Model Farm Road, on the death of her mother.

A Dhuine Uasail,

It is a small stretch of road from the meeting of the College and Magazine Roads, but I venture to say that it is the most neglected and most dangerous road, especially for pedestrians, in the whole of Cork city. On the southern side there is no footpath for people, except a small pathway near Dennehy's Cross. On the northern side there is a sunken footpath for most of its length and is subject to flooding. At one point the path is about 2 ft. below the level of the road. As I write, the pathway is unusable due to the mud and water deposited along its length.

I feel that it is a disgrace that nothing has been done over the years to rectify the matter. The road is the Mass route for many parishioners, old and young, and I know of some who are afraid or reluctant to travel that road because of the reason I have mentioned.

Surely this is something that should be taken on board by the Pastoral Council and an approach made to Cork Corporation on behalf of the people of the parish.

Go n-eirighe an bothar linn.

Mise,
le gach deagh-ghuidhe

(name and address with Editor)

It is not that which is beautiful that pleases us, but that which pleases us is called beautiful.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

FAITH WITHOUT RELIGION

The recent Prime Time/MRBI poll has focused attention on the whole question of faith and religion. I believe that the poll itself shocked nobody. In fact, I believe it hardly surprised anybody. One might also ask the question - what is anyone going to do about it? What is the Church going to do about it? What are we going to do about it? Answer? I am NOT by brother's/sister's keeper?

Fr. Colm Kilcoyne, writing in the Sunday Tribune, makes the point that faith and religion are not the same thing. "You can", he says, "have faith without going to church." But, he argues, you are missing out on something valuable. For those who take this road, he suggests checking out just why you are doing it. He asks, "Is your argument with God, Christ, or the Church?" He claims that many who believe that they have turned their backs on God or on Christ in fact have a problem with the church or one of its representatives.

He is critical of the Church for the way in which it "portrays Christ in its preaching and its organisation." He even suggests that the church teaches a number of "false gods" like the god who loves pain, who condemns material things, who uses the rule book.

It's a hard-hitting article, written - I would suggest - by a priest who has met with all the arguments and the pain. He doesn't have all the answers but his analysis rings fairly true to me.



TRIP TO ITALY

On Wednesday 11th February forty-five Transition Year students and five teachers from Mount Mercy set off on what is now the annual transition year trip to Italy. They travelled by coach to London and then flew on to Milan. The main highlights of the trip were the Arena de Verona, Juliet's house and tomb, the Rialto Bridge in Venice and many more. The tour ended with a day's sightseeing and shopping in London.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Colaiste an Spioraíd Naomh on qualifying for the Munster Schools Soccer Final and the Munster Schools Football Final - a great sporting achievement for the school.

On 4th February in Garryduff Sports Centre, Mount Mercy College won the Senior Munster Cup which hasn't been won by the school since 1991. They defeated Clonakilty 4-1. Mount Mercy will now represent Munster in the All Ireland Championships on 19th/20th March in Dublin, and will hopefully arrive home with the 'Kate Russell Cup'.



Lent

Masses Monday to Friday at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30p.m.

N.B. No 10.00 Mass on Thursday 5th March.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament each Friday from 7.00-7.30p.m.

Devotions on Sundays at 5.30p.m.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue visitation in Kenley during the coming week.

Confirmation Day

The pupils of St. Catherine's School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday next 5th March at 10.30a.m. Please note that there is no 10.00 Mass on that day.

First Friday

Next Friday, 6th March, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 6th from 10.30 to 7.30p.m.

Intention: We pray for a greater awareness of the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Third World.

Please sign your name in the book for your choice of time. The reason for this is to ensure that there is somebody present at all times during Exposition.

Fashion Show

The 8th annual Fashion Show by transisiton year students at Bishopstown Community School, in conjunction with Profile Model Agency, will take place in Jurys Hotel on Monday 2nd March at 8 p.m. Adm. £3.50 students, £5 adults. Proceeds will be presented to the L'Arche Community.

The Usual Suspects

Foróige Youth Club meets every Monday in the Crypt at Dennehy's Cross Church, from 6.30 - 8.00p.m. and boys and girls between 12 and 18 years old are very welcome.

Sotheby's Antiques Advisory Day

In aid of the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind at Garryduff Sports Centre, Rochestown, from 10.00-4.00p.m. on Wednesday 4th March. Sotheby's are providing their service free of charge and there will be a small fee of £3 per item valued in aid of the guide dogs. Further details from B70929.

The 45 Club

Cards in the C.P. Centre every Thursday at 2.30p.m. New members welcome!

Bishopstown Community Association

Members monthly meeting will take place at 8.00p.m. on Tuesday 3rd March at Wilton Park House. All welcome.

Thank You

The Cathedral Renovation Committee would like to thank the people of Ballineaspais Parish for their donation of £3,000.

Human Life International

The fourth National Pro-Life/Pro-Family conference will be held in Ennis, 6-8 March. See poster in back of church for details, or ring 01-8552767.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

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