

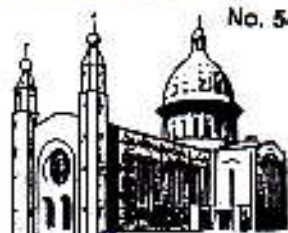


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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

## INSCAPE - THE WORLD INSIDE ME

I read an article during the week written by Fr. Colm Kilcoyne, Parish Priest of Cong in the West of Ireland. From him I learned a new word - "inscape". We are all familiar with the word landscape, the physical world in which we live - the Lee Fields, Mount Desert, Model Farm Road, University Hospital, etc.

There is another world of course, and "inscape" describes it admirably. It's the world inside me - the sacred world of my imagination, memory, dreams, and emotions. It's the place where I am happy or sad, at peace with myself, or afraid of what I might see, if I look closely enough.

Every day we pray for peace at Mass. Usually when we think about peace we think of Northern Ireland or some such seat of conflict. But reflecting on the Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent, I think we need to start looking much nearer home - our inscape.

We all need peace - the child who isn't sure how things will go in school, the teenager with turbulent emotions, the hurt and wounded seething with resentment, the broken relationship, the addict caught in chains of his/her addiction. Lent is a time to slow down, to take an honest and prayerful look into the wounded corners of my heart - the place where I nurture angers, hurt and hates.

This is a time to face up to what disturbs my peace of soul - and let the mercy of God heal it. Then I will emerge a better, happier, more fulfilled person - at peace with God and myself, and the beautiful world around me.

## THANK YOU

On behalf of everybody involved in the Chernobyl Children's Project, I would like to thank all those who donated sheets and blankets. These will be going to a hospital in the Bryansk Region of Western Russia. This is in a very highly contaminated area where there is an acute lack of equipment, supplies and even food.

Penny Kavanagh  
Group Leader Chernobyl

## Letter to the Editor

'Porres'  
Linaro Avenue.

Dear Editor,  
With reference to Fr. Finbarr's article in  
Bulletin 541 on March 1st, the following  
may be found to be appropriate.

Sincerely,  
Bill Moriarty

### The Cross in My Pocket

I carry a cross in my pocket  
A simple reminder to me  
Of the fact that I am a Christian  
No matter where I may be.

This little cross is not magic  
Nor is it a good luck charm  
It isn't meant to protect me  
From every physical harm

It's not for identification  
For all the world to see  
It's simply an understanding  
Between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket  
To bring out a coin or key  
The cross is there to remind me  
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful  
For my blessings day by day  
And to strive to serve Him better  
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder  
Of the peace and comfort I share  
With all who know my Master  
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket  
Reminding no one but me  
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life  
If only I'll let Him be.

# smile



WATCH WHAT HE PUTS IN THE  
OFFERING PLATE. HE USUALLY GIVES  
GREAT GIFTS



DO YOU TAKE MASTER CARD?

### Readings for Sunday 15 March

Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15. Ps. 102.

1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12. Lk. 13:1-9.



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## GIVING OF ONE'S BEST

I wasn't there to enjoy Fr. Liam Lawton's highly acclaimed "Sacred Story" at the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne in November. Much of the music for "Sacred Story" came from the Mass he composed for the Mass marking the beatification of Edmund Rice.

Liam Lawton, with roots in Ballymacoda in East Cork, is a priest in the Dioceses of Kildare & Leighlin and is based in Carlow. He was featured on a recent "Would You Believe?" programme and spoke of the tension between his two 'lives', that of his priestly ministry and that of his career as a composer.

There was a continuous conflict between what was expected of him as a priest and what he considered he did best with his talents, compose music.

He himself hoped that, by doing his best with his compositions, God - through his music - might touch a lot more people. "And, if the Lord works through music," he says, "Great!"

Sadly, another great artist died suddenly at the week-end. Dermot Morgan passed away at the pinnacle of his career. While not to everyone's liking, the man was a gifted comedian. Here was another man who, by his own admission, had "walked away" from the challenge of Christianity. He claimed, in a radio interview with Mike Murphy, not to be concerned with mortality. Dermot Morgan, of all people, must see a kind of black humour in that remark! Hopefully, the Lord and himself have reached some kind of accommodation. *LUKE.*

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184. CHRIST, THE ONLY WAY

Indulgence says, "Drink your way out."  
Philosophy says, "Think your way out."  
Science says, "Invent your way out."  
Industry says, "Work your way out."  
Communism says, "Strike your way out."  
Fascism says, "Bluff your way out."  
Militarism says, "Fight your way out."  
But Christ says, "I am the way out."

## 185. DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN

A Christian is:

- A mind through which Christ thinks.
- A heart through which Christ loves.
- A voice through which Christ speaks.
- A hand through which Christ helps.

## CONFIRMED IN THE WORD



Congratulations to all the girls and boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop John Buckley last Thursday.



**Bulletins to Homes**

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

**Visitation**

Fr. Finbarr will continue visitation in Kenley this week.

**The FOLD**

The March issue is on sale this week-end. Features include:

- \* Facts and figures about marriage annulments in Cork & Ross. Behind the scenes at the Cork Regional Marriage Tribunal to describe its work. Did you know that the vast majority of applications for decrees of nullity are granted?
- \* Feature on Trocaire which was founded 25 years ago.
- \* Disasters which are currently affecting the mission parishes in Peru and Ecuador.
- \* Fr. Bernard Cotter writes about the origins of the sacrament of baptism with the emphasis on how it was prepared for during Lent.
- \* Drimoleague parish.
- \* Profile of Donal Cashman.

and many more items.

**Children of Marital Breakdown**

A programme for parents who are about to or who have separated will be held at 34 Paul Street on Wednesday 1st April at 6.15p.m. Early booking is advisable as there are only a few places available. For booking or further information please ring 275678.

**Pastoral Council**

Meeting on Monday 9th at 8.10p.m. in C.P. Centre.

**Motor Neuron Disease**

Prior to their awareness week, the Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association is holding a public meeting at Silversprings Hotel (Killiney Room) on Tuesday 10th March at 8.00p.m. All who have an interest are welcome.

**LENTEN CALENDAR**

**8 Courage**

Courage is God's gift at times when we can only wait in hope. In times of darkness, ask God for this gift.

*Psalm 27*

**9 Honesty**

In order to ask for God's pardon, let us first recognize the ways we have rebelled against the Lord.

*Daniel 9:4-10*

**10 Humility**

To be humble is to know the truth about oneself. Jesus urges us to be humble so that we might better serve others.

*Matthew 23:1-12*

**11 The One Who Redeems**

Other people may not understand or appreciate us, but God is our hope and our salvation.

*Psalm 31:14-17*

**12 Trust**

God knows our hearts and understands how confusing life can be. Put your trust in God, and be refreshed.

*Jeremiah 17:5-10*

**13 God Gives Life**

Tragedy can become something life-giving through God's amazing providence.

*Psalm 105:16-17*



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