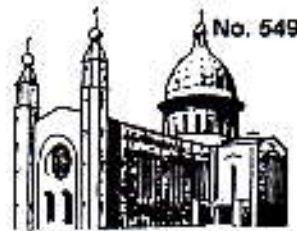




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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

This time last year the temperature in Jerusalem reached 37°C. Some of us decided it was time to take a day at the beach. The problem was it was Saturday, the Sabbath. In Jerusalem everything stops on the Sabbath, no public transport, no shops open, an almost total shut down. We decided to hire a collective taxi and nine of us set off for the day with a packed lunch and a couple of bottles of water each.

When we arrived our Arab taxi driver directed us to an almost deserted beach, away from the children's play area. We settled down under one of the canopies which were on the beach and then went for a swim. Some time after midday, when the synagogue prayer was over, Jewish families with very small children began to arrive. One family in particular caught my attention. The young mother carried the baby and the equally young father followed laden with rugs, bags, etc. A very small girl with a bucket and spade followed, chattering away as only small girls can. As they came nearer, the small girl stopped and waving her spade shouted, "Abba, Abba, Abba," at the top of her voice. The young man turned, smiled at his little

daughter and said something to her. Her chattering continued, but in another minute she was shouting, "Abba, Abba, Abba," again. Her father again gave her his full attention and pointed to the place where they were going to sit.

Suddenly I realised the full implication of what Jesus really meant when he spoke of Abba, Father. He was telling us that we had the intimacy, ease and right of a close family member to address our God and to expect his attention, love and care. I had witnessed a very simple, ordinary scene, one that you and I have seen many times. It was the use of the Jewish word "Abba" to get her father's attention that brought it home to me. Jesus used it to get us to understand God's total personal love and care for each and every one of us.

PARISH TEAM

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*(To be used when you cannot
contact the priest at his home.)*

Please note that the **Emergency Number** has been changed again - disregard last week's notice. Thank you.

Laburnum Drive
Model Farm Road

Dear Editor,

The girls and boys of the parish doing the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday were a pleasure to watch. They really brought the whole story to life, even the little ones were enthralled. All the work and practice put into this ceremony show great credit to the children and especially the parents and organisers who expended so much effort on it.

We also enjoyed the Family Mass at 5 p.m. on Holy Thursday. It was lovely to see the children involved and getting dressed up to take part with such enthusiasm. As well, the little ones who did not participate were very excited about being invited up on the altar for the final blessing.

The parents committee, Fr. Finbarr and Sr. Ursula are to be congratulated.

Yours sincerely,
Breda Scully

Farranlea Park

Dear Editor,

Compliments to our parish team and all who worked to make our Easter celebration such a happy time.

I have a request to make. Is it possible that the "No collections in the grounds" board could be taken away from the steps on Sunday mornings. There is an uncharitable air about it.

The following points need making:

1. Each cause is a worthy one.
2. The collectors are all volunteers.

3. Any little that they collect, however small, is used in a worthwhile way.

4. Our church grounds are so spacious that the majority of people drive past the collectors at the gate and do not pause to give; also it delays entry and exit.

5. Those who complained of such collections being a bother should simply walk past.

I trust that these points will be noted in the spirit of give and take in which they are made!

Yours faithfully,
Labouré Kelleher

Rest in Peace 

John P. Horgan, Woodleigh Park, died on Easter Monday. John was a highly rated engineering graduate. He worked in various countries on the African Continent, as well as here in Ireland. He had an inquiring mind of the true scientist. His health began to fail last year and he had to retire to a Rest Home for the last few months of his life. We extend our sincere sympathy to his sons Con and Owen, his daughter Mary, and relatives.

Mary Lynch, Woodleigh, passed away quietly on Easter Monday evening. Mary had been a patient at Marymount for some weeks prior to her death. All during her illness at home and in hospital she was an exemplary patient, never demanding, but always cheerfully accepting of her condition. To her husband Liam, her daughter Ann, sons John, Frank and Kevin, her sister and relatives we extend the heartfelt sympathy of the neighbours and the community.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE

The short article with the not-so-bold headline caught my eye on a day when virtually every other article carried banner headlines. It was Good Friday and the newspapers of the day were all anticipating the long-hoped-for breakthrough in the Northern peace talks.

The headline said, "Theologian hopes to have his ban lifted", and the article went on to tell the story of Dr. Jim Good, theologian, former Professor of Philosophy at UCC, and a priest with the reputation of being an understanding confessor.

So why was he banned from preaching and from hearing confession in the diocese? Dr. Good, like many priests at the time, had difficulty accepting Pope Paul VI's encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, saying that he couldn't accept that it was a mortal sin for a married couple to use artificial contraception. However, unlike many other priests, he went public in his challenge to the encyclical and, as a result, was banned.

That was in 1968. In the thirty years since the ban was imposed, he has ministered in the Turkana Desert in Kenya. Ironically, the late Bishop Lucey, who imposed the ban, joined him there on his own retirement as Bishop of Cork & Ross. Fr. Good is now 75 and, in a TV documentary, affirmed that "Every day of my life I have

thought that the ban might be lifted that day".

Christian charity, as well as natural justice, would surely suggest that this ban would have been lifted long, long ago. Perhaps this great time of reconciliation is an appropriate time to hold out the hand of friendship to this great missionary?

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

"A Parish in Partnership" will be the heading on a very important page of the issue of "The Ballinaspaig Bulletin" which will be delivered to homes in the Parish during the weekend 16/17th May. The April meeting decided to review, and hopefully renew the many and varied activities that are part of our parish. This in essence is a call for renewal of parish life. It will involve co-operation and partnership between priests, religious and laity. So while you await the message in detail why not ask yourself the question, "Am I willing to be a partner and participate more fully in the life of our parish?"

The Dean received a letter from a parishioner concerning the installation of a loop system for hearing-impaired people and Council decided to seek the advice of Fr. Clarke of the Deaf Enterprise Group. Council also decided to contact Cork Corporation regarding the bad state of footpaths between Dennehy's Cross and College Road, and also to seek the help of the BCA in this matter. A Parish Social is planned for September next. There are varying reports on the new public address system in the church and Council would



Pastoral Council News continued

like your comments. Compliments were extended to everyone who took part in the Easter Ceremonies.

At the March meeting the Council was confident that arrangements for a Youth Group to sing at the 12.15 Sunday Mass would succeed but sadly, this is not the case. This matter is to receive urgent attention.

Invitations were sent to groups in the parish to take part in a display in the church at Pentecost. So far 33 groups have responded and this is very encouraging. Any other groups who wish to take part should make contact immediately. The Millennium Logo is in place in the church and it was agreed that it was indeed very beautiful as was the accompanying prayer.

Here's **NEWS**

First Friday

Next Friday, 1st May, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Will take place between 10.30 and 7.30 p.m. next Friday, 1st May.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection next weekend.

Liturgy Group

Meeting this Monday 27th April at 8 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Youth Choir, Slovakia

At the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne, on Friday 1st May at 12.15 p.m. Very enjoyable programme assured.

Alzheimer Tea Morning

Friday 1st May (May Day). The Friendship Club invites you to the "Cuppa" to be held in the C.P. Centre of our Church of the Holy Spirit, from 10.30 - 12 noon. All are welcome. Please come! Proceeds in aid of Alzheimer patients. Money raised in this region is spent locally.

Tea Party Hosts needed. Invite your friends and neighbours in for a cuppa, or get your workmates and colleagues involved by registering your workplace as a venue for an Alzheimer Tea Break. To register your Tea Break contact 01-2846616.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Fixtures:

Sunday 26th: U-11 football Street League final, Firgrove v Curraheen at 11.15 p.m.

Tuesday 28th: U-16 A Football v. Lough Rovers, home 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 29th: U-13 A Football v. Na Piarasigh, home 7.00 p.m.

Thursday 30th: U-16 C Football v. Passage, away 7.00 p.m.

U-12 Challenge v. Inniscarra, home 7.00 p.m.

Friday 1st: Minor Hurling v. St. Vincents, home 7.00 p.m.

Junior B Football v. Barrs, away 7.15 p.m.

May 2nd: Senior Football Championship v. UCC at Pairc Uí Rinn.

Thank You

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith wish to thank the people of Cork & Ross for the contribution of \$57,328.33 in 1997. The Society subsidises over 1,000 dioceses in mission lands and it is due entirely to the generosity of the laity and clergy throughout the world that this is possible.