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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Finbarr writes

All of us are faced with decisions marking our lives. What school do we send our children to? Where will I live when I get married? What do I do with myself in life? What career path will I follow?

This week-end we are asked to reflect on and pray for vocations to the religious life, as sisters, brothers, priests.

If you are a young person reading this, have you ever thought about it

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Have you, as parents who so often speak about the shortage of vocations to the religious life, encouraged your children to think about the choice. What is your response

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Fr. Finbarr

FEASTDAY GREETINGS

Best wishes to the Presentation Brothers on the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice, Tuesday 5th May.

THE FOLD

The May issue will be on sale 9th/10th. It will include:

An examination of Church including a critique of homilies, a call for greater involvement of the congregation, and the state of church music.

The challenge of teaching religion in secondary school today.

President McAleese's recent visit to local parishes.

Updates from Peru and Ecuador.

How are your 50 days of feasting going? Bernard Cotter reflects on the Easter season.

All this and reports from the Church around the world.

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations and well done to the 1st Year Hockey Team who won the Munster A1 Hockey Tournament, bringing the Shield back to Mount Mercy once again.

And congratulations also to Eavan Coughlan of 2nd year, from 10 Kenley Crescent, who spent Easter Week at the Brussels Space Centre in Belgium as a result of winning a Euro-Shell school based competition.

Eurosport - From March 28th to April 4th, eight 5th year pupils travelled to Italy to take part in Eurosport '98. They took part in soccer, handball, volleyball, and learned about the culture of our European counterparts.

12 Bishopscourt Hill,
Wilton

Dear Editor,

I was surprised to read in Media Comment last week that there is a ban on Fr. Jim Good coming back to Ireland. Who on earth is stopping him? Surely not our present Bishop. If it is the Cardinal or other Bishops, one wonders if they have any realisation of the ecclesiastical world around them here in Ireland at present.

Maybe it is somebody higher up, but I hope not. Whoever it is should face facts. Married people from the beginning of time have been trying to avoid having bigger families than they can cope with. If that can be achieved without causing tension and upset in a family home, that is a good thing.

If people in authority over him have the ridiculous idea that Fr. Good could be a danger to the morals of the educated people of Ireland, how much more dangerous must he be among the uneducated population of the Turkana Desert. Or maybe he is constrained to mixing with the wealthy ranchers. Don't tell me that.

I have often felt much the same about the arrangement to let Bishop Casey loose among the poor people in South America. I am sure the Church could take more care of him and his parishioners here in Ireland.

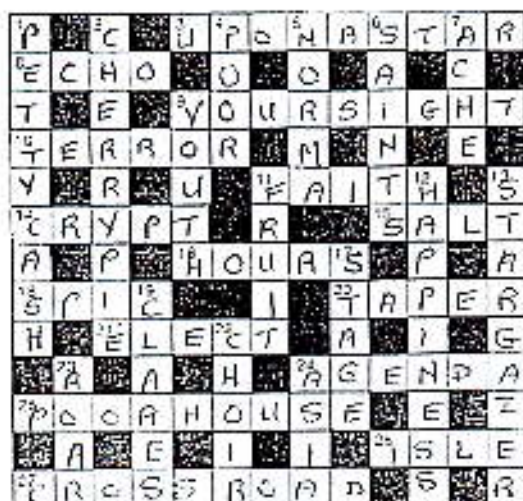
However, there is one Irishman who I would like to see running loose in what we consider a third world country. And that is Bob Geldoff - get him to visit Iraq. The people there were every bit as comfortable as the Irish a few years ago and very much more sophisticated. Now they are worse off than the Irish were in

the Great Famine. They too have the means to eradicate all that and support themselves, but the Western World will not permit them. Could Bob Geldoff arouse some consciences?

Your sincerely,
Marjorie Horgan



EASTER CROSSWORD



A large number of entries were sent in for the Easter Crossword of which 24 were correct. (Our crossword compiler threatens to make the next one more difficult!).

From the entries we drew:

1. Betty Moloney, 114 Leesdale.
2. Liam Killeen, 42 Wilton Gardens.

We had a great response to our **Teenage Quiz** and the following name was drawn for a prize:
Clodagh Murphy,
3 Convent Lane,
Model Farm Road.

There was no all correct solution to our **Easter Quiz**.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

I suppose it is fair to claim that we Christians are no different to others in our seeking of signs and symbols to support or confirm our beliefs. The danger, perhaps, is when we take this search too far. At times like these, there is a danger that the sign or symbol becomes more important than that which it is attempting to support.

Here in this beautiful church of the Holy Spirit, as well as in other churches in the diocese, we had the Passion of the Lord portrayed by very talented young people on Good Friday. This can be a very moving experience, helping to concentrate the mind on the journey that Christ undertook on that fateful day.

Yet, in the media, we witness actual crucifixions taking place in various parts of the world which add nothing to the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Reports of stigmata are also common at this time. We have predictions about the end of the world. Once again, the Shroud of Turin is in the news with claim and counter-claim either for its authenticity or falseness.

Why do we need all of these signs? Are we so insecure in our faith that we have to rely on them? Or is there some primeval force at work that drives us to look for the magical proof that we lack in accepting the Good News in blind faith? Ian Wilson, author of 'The Blood and the

Shroud' suggests that the bottom line is: "Has the man in the shroud anything to say to you? Only you can know the honest answer to that one." Indeed.

PLEASE PRAY *for*

We pray for the late Peggy O'Reilly, Wilton Avenue, who died recently. A native of Midleton, where her remains were laid to rest, Peggy hadn't been well for the past while, but it never stopped her from being a great conversationalist. On calling to her home you were guaranteed a chat on any subject. During her illness she was lovingly cared for by her husband Liam and daughter Helen. We offer them our prayers and support.

We pray for the late Annie Coleman, Lynbrook and Liam Lynch Park, who died in her 96th year. Up to recently when she broke her hip, she was in good health and this was no doubt due to the wonderful care of her son Pat and daughter-in-law Isabel. After her death Annie was waked at home, surrounded by all her old neighbours in the Glasheen area. Annie was a most generous woman and happy in herself. Nothing gave her greater pleasure than a good sing-song and seeing other people happy. To her family we offer our prayers.

Rest In Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to PATSY CURTIN, Farranlea Grove, on the death of her sister.
To BER HANLEY, Kenley Heights, on the death of her father.
To MRS. O'DRISCOLL, 1 Kenley Crescent, on the death of her brother.



St. Josephs Young Priests Society

The monthly meeting will take place next Thursday 7th May at 8.00 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Callan Community

This is the centre for the Presentation Brothers' "Give a Year to God Programme". This year 5 third level students are spending a year living in community with the Brothers. Candidates continue with their studies or work but devote a lot of their spare time to work with the Congregation. The focus is on developing a sense of Christian vocation in the young people and for some the programme has been a first step towards discerning a vocation to religious life. "It has brought great life to the Brothers that a number of young people are part of our community each year..." according to Br. Martin Kenneally, Vocations Director, "...the young people themselves also enjoy this year and grow a lot through the experience."

For further information contact Br. Martin Kenneally at 346765, fax 346770, E-mail: callanpb@iol.ie.

Bishopstown Community Association

Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th May at 8.00 p.m. in Wilton Park House. All are welcome.

Padre Pio

The annual Thanksgiving Mass is on in Enniskeane Parish Church on Monday 25 May at 8.30pm.

Worried about Breast Cancer

Reach to Recovery offers information and support through your local volunteer. Irish Cancer Society Freefone helpline 1800 200 700.

We Need You!

Foster Parents

The Southern Health Board are looking for foster parents to care for children on a long-term basis who are currently living in children's home and would like to live in a family setting.

Cian, aged 11 years - loves computers and playing soccer, is an energetic boy who needs lots of activity.

Michael, aged 9 years - needs a lot of care and attention. He is a quiet child and loves computer games.

Peter, aged 8 years - loves Gaelic football, is very talkative and finds it hard to concentrate.

A preparation training course and on-going support will be provided. If you are interested please contact Fostering Resource Unit, St. Finbarr's Hospital, tel. 312848.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Sunday 3 May: Senior Football Championship, Bishopstown v UCC, Pairc Uí Rinn, 7.30pm. Please support.

Friday 8 May: Gala Race Nite in Club in aid of Development at 9.00.

Readings for Sunday 10 May

Acts 14:21-27. Ps. 144.
Apoc. 21:1-5. Jn. 13:31-37, 34-35.

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