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DENRHY'S CROSS, COBK.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

Last month the Dean wrote about our parish preparation for the Jubilee Year 2000, reminding us that we are celebrating 2000 years of the birth of Christ. A sub-committee of our Pastoral Council would involve all of us, especially for the Feast of Pentecost, the Dean said. It is my very pleasant duty to give you further information this month.

At our Triduum Fr. Kevin D'Boyle said that a renewed Church was made up of renewed individuals. He put it up to us, as a parish dedicated to the Holy Spirit, to take that very seriously. It has, therefore, been decided to run our Novena to the Holy Spirit for the full nine days this year. It is, however, a novena with a difference. We as a parish are taking responsibility for it ourselves. This is, in fact, a call to parish prayer, a follow-up to Bishop Buckley's call for personal and family prayer.

How are we going to do it? There will be Mass each night at 7.30. Our cantors will lead the singing, a parishioner will lead the novena prayers. Each night a different person will give a short talk. A lot of work and preparation has been put into

this, but its success or failure will depend on you, the members of our parish. Are you prepared to come to your Church each night to pray to the Holy Spirit for your own needs, the needs of your family, the needs of our parish and the needs of the entire Church? This is how we, as a parish, hope to begin our spiritual preparation for the Jubilee Year 2000.

We have been very heartened by the wonderful response to our Poster Exhibition. If the response is as good for our week of prayer we will feel truly blessed as a parish.

**A Parish in Partnership
Are you willing to become
a Partner?**

In this Bulletin your Pastoral Council is encouraging participation in parish activities by way of renewal for existing active contributors, and by way of invitation to all those who are willing to help and become involved.

You and members of your household are encouraged to participate and to make suggestions by completing the questionnaire and returning it to the C.P. Centre by 31 May. Together we can develop our parish into a strong and active partnership - Religious and Laity working together to make our parish a better place in which to live and practise our faith.

A Parish in Partnership.....

Are You a Partner?

Are You Willing to Become a Partner?

Your recently elected Pastoral Council has decided to review, and hopefully renew, the many and varied activities that are part of our Parish. They also wish to identify needs that may not be catered for at present and to recommend ways of meeting those needs. The Pastoral Council hopes to strengthen, through participation of new and enthusiastic parishioners, those groups that require greater people support. This, in essence, is a call for renewal of parish life. It will involve co-operation and partnership between Priests, Religious and Laity. Are you a willing Partner? Are you willing to become a Partner? Please indicate your preference by marking X below.

The commitment in time will be brief and, on the basis of many hands making work light, could be briefer still through a greater number participating.

The under mentioned are the present parish activities divided into 4 categories:-

1. Celebrating Life?Liturgy

- 1 Ministers of the Eucharist
- 2 Ministers of the Word
- 3 Liturgy Group
- 4 Offertory Procession Group
- 5 Novena Group
- 6 Pilgrimage Group
- 7 Altar Servers
- 8 Senior Choir - Cor an Spioraid Naoimh
- 9 Junior Church Choir
- 10 Prayers of the Faithful Readers (aged 13-16)
- 11 Prayer Group
- 12 Cantors Group
- 13 Altar Society

2. Developing Faith

- 1 Adult Education
- 2 Children's Liturgy
- 3 Communications Committee
- 4 Lectio Divina
- 5 Sale of Catholic Papers
- 6 St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society

3. Maintaining Faith

- 1 Bookrack Team
- 2 Library Team
- 3 Bulletin Compilation Group
- 4 Bulletin Distribution Group
- 5 Church Collectors' Group
- 6 Dues Collection Group

4. Caring

- 1 Social Committee
- 2 Friendship Club
- 3 Gramophone Club
- 4 Cards Committee
- 5 Parenting Group

4. Caring continued

- 6 St. Vincent de Paul Society
- 7 Care of Travelling Children
- 8 Youth Work
- 9 Sunday Creche

Is there any other way in which you feel you can help out in our Parish?.....

Is there a need not presently catered for?.....

Are there any areas that need improvement?.....

Please X the appropriate areas in which you feel you can give support or in which you would like to participate. Return the form to the CP Centre not later than 31.5.98. You will be contacted in due course.

Name.....Phone.....

Address.....

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COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A NEW SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM

Recently we celebrated Vocations Sunday. We were encouraged by Bishop John Buckley to pray for vocations and to encourage young people in our families and in our communities to consider the priestly and religious life.

Fr. Colm Kilcoyne, writing in The Sunday Tribune, touched on the new spirit of optimism he found on visiting Maynooth, despite the falling numbers.

Interestingly, he says that "the negative attitude of Irish people to priests is the hardest thing the students have to cope with." The scandals in the Church, celibacy and their concerns about loneliness also feature, as does a criticism that (existing) priests "don't show signs of coping well with the new Ireland".

Over half of those he met claimed that they wanted to be priests "because they want to know about God and want to share the experience of God with others". I would have thought that all of us Christians would share that vision!

This year, a total of seventeen will be ordained from Maynooth. They need and deserve our prayers and our support. We might remember, too, Bishop Buckley's exhortation to pray for and encourage vocations.

Flower Festival

At Church of Our Lady Crowned, Mayfield, from 15th to 17th May.

Pastoral Council News

At the May meeting the new P.A. system and the possible installation of a loop system in the church were again among the many items for discussion. Council felt that the improvement was not remarkable and decided to monitor the quality of the sound in differing crowd circumstances. In order to assess the situation concerning the loop system for people with impaired hearing, those who would wish to use the facility are asked to contact the priests or members of the Council.

Training for new Ministers of the Eucharist will begin during the last week in May. Those interested should contact Fr. Finbarr.

Arising from a letter received from a parishioner Council decided to investigate the placing of a permanent Crucifix on the Altar.

Sr. Ursula announced that the week preceding the Feast of the Holy Spirit would be special. On the Sat/Sun of the Feast each Mass will have a theme. Some young people have agreed to gather others to sing at the 6.15 Mass.

Council was delighted to hear that 40 groups have agreed to take part in the poster exhibition which will last for a week. Help is needed, especially **MANPOWER** on Sat 30 May at 11 a.m.

Catholic papers are on sale after 10.30 and 12.15 Masses. The situation is still under review due to the poor condition of the hut.

As announced last month **A PARISH IN PARTNERSHIP** is featured in this Bulletin. Please read carefully and respond as positively as possible to the invitation. Your help and talents are needed in your parish.



Church and Media

A further meeting of the above discussion group will take place on Wednesday 20th May in the C.P. Centre at 10.30 a.m.

Pentecost - Community Exhibition

Please remember to send in your poster/display on or before May 24th next. Exhibition will be held on Feast of the Holy Spirit - 31st May.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Street Leagues: U10 Hurling are on every Wednesday at 6.15 and Sunday at 11.00.

Saturday Morning Coaching: Hurling from 10.30-12.00 for U7-U11. All welcome.

Senior Hurling: City Championship, Bishopstown v Blackrock, Monday 18th May at 7.00 in Ballinlough.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our final Recital of the season will take place on Wednesday next, 20th May, at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt of our Church at Dennehy's Cross, and will be given by the well-known Dan Murphy. Everybody is welcome to attend and we thank all who supported us during the season.

Alzheimer Tea Morning

We the members of the Friendship Club wish to thank all those who came to the C.P. Centre for the "Cuppa" and so generously contributed £306.53.

Readings for Sunday 24 May

Acts 1:1-11. Ps.46.
Eph. 1:17-23 or Heb.9:24-28,
10:19-23. Lk. 24:46-53.

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Denise Goggin of 5th year took part in the recent Tesco Young Cook of the Year Awards in the Salesian Secondary School, Limerick. She had to prepare, cook and serve a meal for two. She was interviewed on radio by Sean Buckley of Limerick 95 FM.

On Wednesday 29th April, six students representing the school travelled to Dublin to meet President Mary McAleese in Aras an Uachtarain to promote inter-school links between the North and South. In all 32 schools attended. A really enjoyable day was had by all.

On May 8th our pupils had the rare and privileged experience of welcoming Pauline Bewick to exhibit a selection of her paintings. An inspiring afternoon for all.

Gaeltacht Chiarraí. Thaisteal

beirt mhuinteoiri agus 27 daltai on idir bhlain slos go dti Muirioch, i nGaeltacht, Chorca Dhuibhne an deireadh seachtaine seo caite. Thug siad cuairt ar an Ionad Oidhreachta na mBlaoscaod, uaigh Eaglam, agus chlac siad part sna ceilithe ceili gaol oiche i Hall Fiontra.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to SR. MARGARET MARY BUSHE, St. Columba's Convent, on the death of her brother.

To LAURA O'CALLAGHAN, The Manor, Model Farm Road, on the death of her father.

To PAT LONG, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, on the death of her mother.

To MARY HIGGINS, Greenfields, Model Farm Road, on the death of her mother.

To DIARMUID CREEDON, Kenley Road, on the death of his mother.