

Pentecost Sunday.



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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

If there is one lesson our Travelling People taught us in recent years it's this: What the Settled Community thinks is good for them may not be seen by them as good at all - and, what's more, they may well be right.

What a parish priest thinks is good for parish life may not be what the people see as good - and the parishioners are more likely to be right. What's the solution? The short answer is Partnership - working and planning together.

Two weeks ago your Parish Pastoral Council issued an invitation to parishioners to become more involved in different facets of parish life. Hopefully, there will be a generous response. Only in this way can we hope to cope with the problems which face us in Christian living today.

We all need to listen to the views of others. Quite naturally we listen better to views which coincide with our own. But how can we reach out to those who do not agree? How are we to listen with genuine interest, and take on board views of life, and Church, and society

very different from ours? How can we best support one another on life's journey? The answer may well be in reaching out to all - including the marginalized, the vulnerable, the devalued. Somehow there is a ring of truth about this - didn't Jesus do something like that?

The hard bit for all of us is - how open are we to take on board the different views of others, criticism - how ready are we to take responsibility for change in our own lives?

The alternative of course is the easy solution - just opt out. Can't those involved with these things get on with it. Hopefully, your response to the invitation from the Pastoral Council will be a new and vibrant involvement in the life of our Parish.

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Pray for

We pray for the late Phyllis McMahon, Ardbeg, Model Farm Road, who died recently. Although Phyllis had suffered ill-health for the past number of years, the suddenness of her death came as a shock to her husband Maurice, and to all who knew and cared for her. Their life together was a testimony to companionship and friendship. To Maurice, Micheál her brother, and all those who knew and loved Phyllis, we offer our sympathy.

We pray for John Bernard Breen, Wilton Avenue, who died during the week. A native of Co. Fermanagh, John Bernard was a former member of the Garda Síochána. He was a man of faith, which gave him great strength during the past few months after the death of his wife Siobhán. A man who bestowed on all who called to him a warm welcome and a hearty laugh that would cheer anybody up, he was lovingly cared for by his daughters Bernadette and Claire. We offer them our prayers and sympathy.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to NAN HARTNETT, Wilton Gardens, on the death of her sister.

To MAJELLA COFFEY, Kenley Close, on the death of her father.

To EILEEN O'MAHONY, Wilton Gardens, on the death of her brother.



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COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A SHINING BEACON OF PEACE?

The euphoria in the media following the overwhelming YES vote on the Northern Ireland Peace Agreement surely reflected the optimism of people generally in their yearning for peace and stability. Despite the bizarre attempts of some to question the outcome, there was an enthusiasm for the desire to put the bad days behind and look to the future with hope.

Pope John Paul expressed his joy at the result while world leaders joined in hailing the YES vote as a victory for democracy over violence. South African President Nelson Mandela acclaimed it as "a great step forward" adding that "Northern Ireland will become a shining beacon of peace in the International Community".

Historians will, at some future date, give credit to those who brought about this agreement.

Armchair historians are already doing it! Can I quote from St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians and give credit to those who practised love?

Love is always patient and kind;
it is never jealous;
love is never boastful or conceited;
it is never rude or selfish;
it does not take offence, and is not resentful.
Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth;
it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

With God's help, "whatever comes" will be for the good of all the people on this island ours.

Luke.

KNIT TOGETHER



IN LOVE



NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday, 5th June, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Open Day

For new pupils and their parents will be held in Glasheen Boys' School on Friday 5th June from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Parents can view the facilities and provisions that our pupils are offered and new pupils can be enrolled.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection will take place at Masses next week-end.

Adoration of Blessed

Sacrament

Adoration will take place from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. next Friday 5th June.

Bishopstown Community

Meeting next Tuesday 2nd June at 8.00 p.m. in Wilton Park House. All are welcome.

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations and well done to Lorraine Lester, 5th year, who won 1st prize in Category A (Leaving Certificate and under) in the Samaritan Essay Competition for Cork City and County.

Eleven Transition Year Students from Mount Mercy were awarded with the Bronze Gaisce Medal by Education Minister, Micheal Martin. These students were Kathleen Condon, Debbie Kelleher, Rachel Flynn, Deirdre Devery, Jean Keyes, Sandra Keyes, Emma McDonnell, Ciara McNally, Sinead Turner, Rita O'Connor and Cliona O'Sullivan. The ceremony took place in the Imperial Hotel on Monday, 25th May. Congratulations to all.

St. Joseph's Young Priests

Monthly meeting takes place next Thursday 4th June at 8.00 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Readings for Sunday 7 June

Prov. 8:22-31. Ps. 8.
Rom. 5:1-5. Jn. 16:12-15.