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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

**OUR PENTECOST EXHIBITION -
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO
ALL CONCERNED.**

"It's wonderful", "it's really marvellous", "we are a great parish", "you are a great parish" - these are some of the comments that have been overheard in our Church during the past week.

It is indeed a marvellous exhibition, such a great variety of posters, such a wealth of talent and such deep thought also. Who would have believed that there could be so many variations on the same theme? The greatest plus of all, as several people pointed out to me, was the wonderful cooperation. One lady pointed out something which, for me at least, was the icing on the cake. "It has all been done with so much joy", she said. That, indeed, was very true. From the little children in St. Catherines, who did the red bunting, to the Poor Clare Community and the Friendship Club, to mention only a few; everyone was involved, interested and delighted to be part of the exhibition.

Last Sunday was a great day. Every member of the Pastoral Council who could be there was there, and half their families and friends also. People who came to say a prayer stayed and offered to help. It gave a wonderful sense of parish cooperation. One lady came in and cried. "I remember the scaffolding going up for this Church thirty years ago", she said, "and now this - a thriving Christian community involved and caring."

Some people have said to me, "I did nothing. I have no talent." Believe me, you probably have the greatest talent of all. You, so many of you, gave interest, encouragement and appreciation. Without that even this wonderful exhibition would have been a dead, lifeless thing. To all of you, thanks very much. To Carmel O'Shea, whose brainchild it was and who did such trojan work to make it a success, may I convey from all of us our deepest appreciation and gratitude.

God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees, and flowers and clouds, and stars. *Martin Luther*

ST. COLMCILLE
FEAST DAY 9 JUNE

Indefatigable apostle of Ireland, Scotland, Northern England and the Western Isles, St. Columba, otherwise St. Colmcille, was born in 521 at Gartan, Donegal. He entered the monastery at Clonard, was ordained in 543 and for many years undertook extensive missionary work in Ireland.

In 563, to atone for responsibility in an inter-clan feud, he set sail for the unknown perils of the Scottish missionary fields. With twelve companions he landed on the island of Iona and built a monastery there. Journeying throughout Scotland, Northern England and the Western Isles he brought faith to remote pagan communities, erecting churches, monasteries and convents. He died at Iona in 597. Today his spirit still hangs about the monastic ruins of lonely isles and whispers with the salt wind.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
FEAST DAY 13 JUNE

St. Anthony was born near Lisbon in 1195. He joined the Canons Regular of St. Augustine at the age of fifteen. He studied with brilliant success at the monastic school of biblical studies in Coimbra. He eventually joined the Franciscans in Italy. He had an extraordinary preaching talent. As he journeyed through the continent news of his approach flew before him. Thousands would gather expectantly and as he spoke all life seemed to stand still. He could refute contemporary heresies with penetrating logic and weighty scriptural arguments. Nor did he hesitate to condemn those of the secular clergy whose lives were a scandal to the Church. Worn out by his exhausting labours, he died at the early age of 36.

Obviously, there's more to St. Anthony than a finder of lost keys!

The Fold

The June issue will be on sale next week-end, and has a number of articles on priesthood:

- some appointments in Cork & Ross will not be filled this year through shortage of priests. An examination of the numbers and some of the issues behind the figures.

- A feature on 12 local priests who celebrate their silver, golden and diamond jubilees of ordination.

A visit to the L'Arche community

in Cork. This is a way of life founded by Jean Vanier. A young L'Arche assistant tells her story of living with mentally disabled adults and other young people from around the world.

What do teenagers think of the Church and their faith? We report a startling insight from people working in schools.

All this and lots of local and worldwide news in the bumper summer issue!



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

DOING THE RIGHT THING

I sometimes wonder if we, the reading and viewing public, really have such an appetite for the bizarre and the grizzly. I would like to think we don't but we do buy all those newspapers and we're not that quick to turn off the TV or the radio - so there must be a market for these stories.

The media, virtually overnight, went from the euphoria of the Peace Agreement to two quite bizarre murders. Yes, there is a seamy side to life, but do we need to cross all the Ts and dot all the Is?

And then the media moved on to the political arena with further revelations about an ex-Minister with charge and counter-charge. I have no brief to comment on this specific case, but I was impressed by an interview on the Liveline programme during last week. Marian Finucane spoke to a teacher (his name was Sean) who taught in an all-boys school. He made the point that many of those from whom we might rightfully expect high standards, worth upholding, have been found wanting - politicians, business people, bishops - he mentioned specifically. When confronted, "the truth", he claimed, "had to be dug out, dug out, dug out of them".

In his opinion, all of this undermined the efforts he and his fellow-teachers were making.

Young people were fast becoming cynical. There was a resentfulness developing among the youth. The example from the top suggested that cheating and lying get results. Many young people no longer voted. Before the whole institution broke down, we needed to stop the cover-ups and begin to do the right thing, the honourable thing.

I couldn't agree more.

Rest In Peace

We pray for Jack O'Regan, late of Liam Lynch Park, who died recently. Jack, who had been ill for the past few years, was both an electrician and carpet fitter by profession. He will be well remembered for his involvement in the pilot radio station 'Sky Wave 194'. The huge turn-out at his funeral gave testimony to the fact that Jack was loved and well thought of by so many people. His sense of humour, his willingness to help, being there for others, were hallmarks of his personality. To his mother, brother, sisters and all his relatives, we offer our sympathy.



We offer our sincere sympathy to ANDREW COLEMAN, 19 Greenfields, Model Farm Road, on the death of his mother.



A Date to Remember

Saturday 20th June 1998 will be a very special day in our Parish, when we will celebrate with Dean O'Connor the Golden Jubilee of his ordination. There will be concelebrated Mass at 6.15 p.m. and afterwards refreshments will be served in the Crypt.

Bulletins to the Homes

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

Pastoral Council

Meeting will take place on Monday 8th June in the C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

Eucharistic Procession

Will take place next Sunday 14th. The Preacher will be Rev. Fr. Declan Mansfield, and our parish choir and organist Paddy Killeen will lead the singing.

Parishioners will assemble in the churchyard at 2.45 p.m. leaving promptly at 3.00 p.m.

Adoration

For peace and reconciliation each Wednesday at the Poor Clare Chapel.

Sunday Crèche

Sunday 7th June will be the last week of the Crèche, as it is closing for the summer.

The Blasket Writers

Tory Top Reading Circle presents a talk by Tim O'Mahony on Tuesday 9 June at 11.00am. in the Tory Top Library. Adm. free, all welcome.

Readings for Sunday 14 June

Gen.14:18-20. Ps. 109.
1 Cor. 11:23-26. Lk. 9:11-17.

Chernobyl Children's Project

Would you like to help the summer project? 46 children will be coming to Cork on 26th June and will be staying until 24th July. You can get involved by volunteering as a "Back Up" host family in case of an illness or other emergency. You could also help to supervise outings. Homes for the children's translators are also needed. With the language barrier, translators are crucial to the success of the holiday. This year, three translators will accompany the children. Could you provide a "home from home" for an adult for 2 to 4 weeks? If interested please contact Katie at 874252 or Anne at 871474.

Bishopstown GAA

Senior Football Championship Round 2 - Bishopstown v Muskerry at Ballincollig on Sunday 7 at 8pm.

Golf Classic - Thursday 11 June. Some morning tee times available, contact 545616.

Junior Football Championship - Bishopstown v Vincents, Monday 8 at 7.30pm in Brian Dillons.

Junior B Championship - Bishopstown v Rathpeacon, Tuesday 9, at Lough Rovers Grounds.

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