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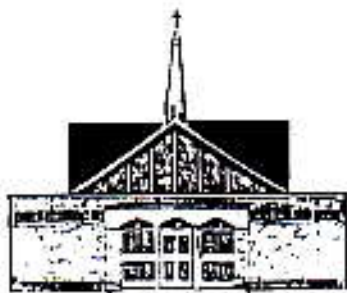
## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHURCH OF THE REAL PRESENCE

*ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR*

*SILVER JUBILEE*

*29th September 1998*

**COMMEMORATION PROGRAMME  
SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER**



Events include:

- \* Festival of Flowers open to the public all week.
- \* Sunday 27th: Choral Concert of Religious Music 7.30pm (5 choirs).
- \* Tuesday 29th: Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving at which Bishop John Buckley will preside. The chief celebrant will be Fr. Fachtna O'Neill, P.P., homily by Canon Michael Crowley, P.P. The Lough.
- \* Wednesday 30th: A special Mass for children of the three primary schools.
- \* Friday 2nd October (First Friday): Special Mass for the sick and senior citizens of the parish at 4.00pm during which anointing/blessing of the sick will take place.
- \* Closing Masses to include prayers for all who have died and those who have through the years received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Marriage or Ordination in the Church.
- \* A special tribute will be paid to our first Curate at this Church, Rev. Fr. Humphrey Mulcahy, R.I.P.



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Sr. Ursula writes*

**BRIDGET DIRRANE'S STORY -  
A LOVELY BOOK**

"A Woman Of Aran" was published last year. Someone loaned me the book during the holidays and I really enjoyed it. It is the story of Bridget Dirrane, aged 103, told by herself. It is full of humour, gentleness, kindness and vitality, and a great deep faith, particularly in Our Lady. At 103 Bridget says she cherishes life still and believes that nobody should want to die.

Her story is simply told. We hear of the joys, the simple pleasures and the harshness of life in Aran 100 years ago. She tells of the death of her father and the drowning of a much-loved brother, of the weaving and the growing of vegetables, of the music and dancing, and of making tea and sandwiches for Padraig Pearse.

There can be no doubt that Bridget was a character. She left Aran to train as a nurse in Dublin. While there she was arrested as a member of Cumman na mBan and spent some time in Mountjoy Gaol. Later she emigrated to America and spent 40 years there. She married a man from Aran, continued her nursing and nursed in a military hospital during World War II. She canvassed for John F. Kennedy, and Jean Kennedy Smith came to visit her on Aran for her 100th birthday.

Bridget is a lady who has seen life and yet has a wonderful simplicity, deep faith, great wisdom and a very fervent devotion to Our Lady. On reading the book, I felt it would be wonderful to grow old as joyfully and as gracefully as she has. That is why I am sharing my reaction to the book with you.

Having exhorted adults in general and parents in particular to "try a little kindness" she ends: "What I will leave is the sunshine to the flowers, honey to the bees, the moon above in the heavens to all those in love and my beloved Aran Islands to the seas." A lovely book!



To the HARVEY FAMILY, formerly of St. Francis Avenue, on the death of their mother.

To the CHRISTOPHER FAMILY, formerly of Sheares Park, on the death of their father.

To BETTY LAYTON, Bishopstown Avenue West, on the death of her brother.

To ROSE O'DONNELL, Bishopstown Avenue West, on the death of her brother.

We offer our sincere sympathy to MARGARET McMAHON, Greenfields, on the recent death of her son-in-law.

To SHEILA CAHILL, a member of our Choir, on the death of her brother-in-law.





# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## READY TO TURN THE OTHER CHEEK?

The duty of the Christian, when confronted by aggression is to "turn the other cheek". Difficult, isn't it?

Young Tommy Tiernan of Navan, he who managed to offend most of the viewing nation with his offensive skit on the Lamb of God and the Resurrection on the Late Late Show earlier in the year, has now developed this particular piece of blasphemy into an hour-long stand-up comedy sequence. What is more he has won the Perrier Award for it at the Edinburgh Festival. There is, as the saying goes, no accounting for taste - or lack of it.

Those with the temerity to object are dismissed by Mr. Tiernan as "pseudo-Christian freaks". Now there's an interesting description of those of us who would expect decent standards on our national TV station. As I say, hard to turn the other cheek when the blood is boiling!

On the subject of Christianity, I was taken by the headline "church bells out-rung by tills" over an article which tells its readers that "pound signs are winning out over prayers, with half the shops (in the UK) open seven days a week and just 23% of shoppers opposed to this."

Meanwhile, disturbing UN figures tell us that here in

Ireland we have the highest proportion of people who aren't sufficiently literate to cope well and that we come second in the poverty stakes. There was a time when we were known as an island of Saints and Scholars. Have we taken a wrong turning somewhere?



*Rest In Peace*

Bridie Ronayne, Greenfields, had suffered her own share of ill health over the past few years. In spite of this and her frequent visits to hospital, she maintained a very positive attitude to life. Bridie was a native of West Waterford and worked for many years as companion/housekeeper to the late Mrs. Siobhan O'Mahony, Farranlea Park, and was held in great affection by the O'Mahony family for her dedication. Since her retirement Bridie resided at Greenfields. Her relatives are widely scattered in Ireland and Britain. To all our sympathy, and to her friends and neighbours here where she was very much "one of our own".

We pray for the late Patricia Twomey, St. Clares Avenue, who died recently. Pat, as she was known by many, had been ill for the past few years. Pat often gave the appearance that she was a shy woman, but to those who knew her she was fun-loving and enjoyed life to the full. A woman of great strength, she accepted her illness with great dignity and strength. To her son and daughters we offer our sympathy.



**NOTICE BOARD**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Monthly collection will take place next week-end.

**First Friday**

Next Friday, 2nd October, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days. There will be an extra Mass at 7.30 p.m.

**Adoration**

Next Friday, 2nd October, from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

**St. Josephs Young Priests Society**

Monthly meeting in C.P. Centre next Thursday, 1st October, at 8.00 p.m.



**Low Impact Exercises**

A series of exercises which assist in preventing osteoporosis and other ailments are held each Tuesday and Friday at 10.30 a.m. in SMA Centre, Wilton. Classes are conducted by Sr. Vera Harrison RSM (see our church noticeboards). Cost £20 for 10 sessions, £10 for five. Contact number 346283.

**Liturgy Group**

Meeting on Monday 28th September at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt.

**Readings for Sunday 4 October**

Hab. 1:2-3, 2:2-4. Ps. 94  
2 Tim. 1:6-8, 13-14. Lk. 17:5-10.

**Loop System**

A reminder to parishioners who are using hearing aids. We are examining the possibility of providing a loop system in the church. A hearing aid would require a T-Bar connection in order to avail of the loop system. Interested parishioners are asked to contact the Pastoral Council Secretary, c/o C.P. Centre, in writing and replies will be treated with confidence. The number of replies received will assist the Council in making a decision.

**Adult Education Committee**

A series of five talks under the general title of "The Irish Church This Century", will take place in the Crypt every Tuesday at 8 p.m., from 6th October to 3rd November inclusive. All welcome.

6th October - The African Wing of the Irish Church, by An tAthair Fionbarra O Cuilleainain, S.M.A.

13th October - History of the Liturgical Movement, by Fr. Brian McGee, C.M.

20th October - The Challenge of Change, by Professor Lee of U.C.C.

27th October - History of Church Bells, by Adrian Gebruers.

3rd November - History of the Honan Chapel, U.C.C., by James Cronin, History Department, U.C.C.

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