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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Finbarr writes*

EMIGRATION has been part of the Irish vocabulary for many centuries now. I find it hard to believe that of those born between 1931-1941 - people now in their sixties - no less than four out of five emigrated. The fifties saw a huge exodus and the seventies again saw many go. We lost the equivalent of all Connaught, with the exception of Galway, in that decade.

Nowadays it appears that more are returning than departing. Many now go after qualifying to seek further work experience in their careers and also to see the world. Communication and easier access to travel has made life easier for those who emigrate and for their families at home.

I would like to encourage our emigrants and their families to keep in touch. Despite the great time we hear that many have on Bondi Beach, Sydney, America, etc., many still find it difficult and lonely.

Let this Emigration Sunday theme be "keep in touch" and a reassurance that there is still a place at home for all who have left.

## MERCY DAY

The feast of Our Lady of Mercy, Patroness of Mount Mercy and of St. Catherine's, was celebrated by each school having a school Mass in the parish church. The participation and the creative musical talent of pupils and teachers was an inspiration to all present. Thank you.

### MY MOTHER

*A schoolteacher was giving a lesson in fractions. "Johnny, suppose there were seven in your family — five children besides your mother and father. And suppose there was pie for dessert. What fraction of the pie would each get?"*

*Johnny answered, "One-sixth."*

*"No," replied the teacher. "Don't you understand fractions?"*

*"I know about fractions, and I know about mothers, too. Mother would say she didn't want any!"*

## EVER NEW

Some devotions flourish for a while and die. While the Rosary is less popular nowadays, it has survived the centuries. October and the feast of the Rosary (Wednesday next) are opportunities to focus or revive our devotion to Mary. Some families take just a decade a day at evening mealtime or after the Angelus bell. For them, this schedule may be helpful.

Monday: Annunciation (new responses to God).

Tuesday: Carrying the Cross (for the burdened and the sick).

Wednesday: Coming of the Holy Spirit (for the youth of the parish).

Thursday: Visitation (for neighbours; for carers).

Friday: Crucifixion (made effectively present in every Mass).

Saturday: Assumption (for those gone before us).

Sunday: Resurrection (for a renewal of faith).

Rosary after 10.00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday next.



We pray for the late Bart Murphy, Orchard Road, who died recently. Bertie, as he was known by many, was a native of Knocknagoshel, Co. Kerry, the best known village in Ireland according to his brother-in-law who was the celebrant of the Requiem Mass. Bertie had a most interesting life and as an officer in the army he worked overseas with the U.N. At the Mass there was a special prayer of peace for those involved in peacekeeping. Bertie was a keen golfer and loved Kerry football, and he was a kind gentleman, a man of deep faith. To his wife Mary and daughter Sr. Aileen we offer our prayers and sympathy.

We pray for the late Donal Dineen, Roger Casement Park, who died recently. Donal had been suffering from ill-health for some time. A quiet and gentle man, he was well known by many for his fruit and vegetable round which he had for many years. But Donal's life was devoted to his late wife Elizabeth, and being there for his family at all times. As one of his children said, "All he had was ours." To all his family we offer our prayers and sympathy.

We offer our sincere sympathy to HELEN O'HEA, 1 Farranlea Park, on the death of her sister.



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

For quite some time the media has been preoccupied with the approach of the new millennium. Naturally, being largely a secular media, God or Christianity doesn't feature too widely in their coverage. Like many Christians I have reflected on two thousand years of Christianity, its highs and lows, its growth, its scandals, the Reformation, the Counter-Reformation. What of the future of the Church as we approach the millennium?

I listened to an interview on RTE's Crosscurrents, the radio programme hosted by Ruth Buchanan. Theologian Fr. Gabriel Daly and Irish Catholic editor David Quinn discussed the recent Apostolic Letters to bishops, church teachers and all the faithful regarding changes to Canon Law.

For me it encapsulated what David Quinn called "the duel between conservatives and liberals" in our church today. In setting out his case for the need for boundaries and limits, David Quinn spoke of "penalties for dissenting". On the other hand, Gabriel Daly was critical of a church that was "obsessed with control and power, making Christian life and faith as unattractive as possible". He went on to say that "the image of faith that was coming across" was unhelpful when so many are already having difficulties with their faith, if not leaving it behind altogether.

Commenting on the fact that these Apostolic Letters were full of rules and regulations, Ruth Buchanan asked the question: "Where does God come into it?" Gabriel Daly responded by saying that, as a preacher, he had to continually remind himself that God indeed had to feature in his preaching. David Quinn spoke of the success of the Pentecostal Movement and concluded by saying that "if the experience (of church) is dry and remote, people will continue to leave it. "The church," he maintained, "must be spirit-filled". I cannot think of a better way to approach the new millennium. L. K. E.

You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from building nests in your hair.  
*Chinese proverb*

If life is a comedy to him who thinks and a tragedy to him who feels, it is a victory to him who believes.  
*Anon.*



# LOOKING AHEAD

## Parish Finance Committee

Meeting will be held next Tuesday  
6th October at 8.00 p.m. in  
Parochial House.

## Adult Education Committee

A reminder of talk to be given on  
next Tuesday 6th October at 8.00  
p.m. in the Crypt under the  
general title of "The Irish  
Church this Century". Four  
further lectures will be given on  
13th/20th/27th October and 3rd  
November. All welcome.

## Alzheimer Society - Help Needed

We maintain a Day Care Centre in  
Deerpark House two days per week.  
It is manned by our nurse co-  
ordinator, her aide and a group  
of dedicated volunteers. The  
number of people with the disease  
is increasing and more volunteers  
are urgently needed. If you  
think you could help, please  
contact our office at 271333, or  
Deerpark House at 311698 (Tuesday  
& Friday).

## Table Quiz

In aid of the Irish Wheelchair  
Association will be held in the  
Bishopstown GAA Club on Wednesday  
7 October at 8.30 p.m. £20 for  
team of four.

## North Cathedral Renovation Fund

A Fashion Show will take place in  
Jury's Hotel on Tuesday 13th at  
8.00 p.m. in aid of the fund.  
Tickets available at Brown Thomas  
£5 each.



## Computer Courses

Wordprocessing, database and  
spreadsheet at Coláiste an  
Spioraid Máoimh, beginners  
starting Wednesday 7 Oct.,  
Intermediate starting Thursday 8  
Oct. 7.30-9.30 p.m. for 10 weeks.  
Further details from College at  
543790.

## Lough Flower & Garden Club

Annual Open Show at SMA Hall on  
Saturday 10th Oct. 3-7 p.m. and  
Sunday 11th, 12.30-5 p.m.

## Liturgy Group

Minutes of last meeting ready for  
collection in Sacristy.

## Readings for Sunday 11 October

2K 5:14-17. Ps. 97  
Tim. 2:8-13. Lk. 17:11-19.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

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