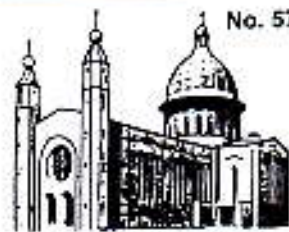




Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FROM OUR  
**PARISH TEAM**

*Sr. Ursula writes*

Did you notice? We had three dry days in a row last week, some pleasant sunshine and light winds. Daffodils are beginning to shoot. There are buds on the camellias. The birds are singing. Spring is in the air.

The other day I saw small children with bright coloured hats feeding the swans in the Lough. They were accompanied by parents or grandparents. The children still seemed to have the excitement of Christmas about them. Two little girls were carrying two small umbrellas with great pride. They looked as if they would welcome rain to show them off.

I spent a few days at a Retreat Centre during the holidays. There were two young seminarians preparing for the priesthood there also. I felt privileged to hear some of the hopes, dreams and fears of these two fine young men and to see their obvious enthusiasm and commitment to the life to which the Lord is calling them. I was conscious of myself, age wise, at the other end of the spectrum. My time of 'active service' has

to be nearing its end. Thank God I can look back with gratitude on the path the Lord marked out for me and so can leave the future and old age safely in His hands.

Musing on all these experiences made me return again to the first reading of the Mass for New Year's Day. Did you notice it? To all of us, children, young men and women, middle aged and O.A.P's, Mother Church says as we begin a New Year:

"May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."



# WEDDING BELLS



Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married recently:

AILEEN GOLDEN, Kenley Road, who married John Goulding, Blarney Road.

TIMOTHY HARLEY, Bishopstown Avenue, who married Rachel O'Toole, Douglas.

ORLA KILLEEN, 42 Wilton Gardens, who married Michael King, Tulla, Co. Clare.



We offer our sincere sympathy to TRUDY FAHY, Maymount, Magazine Road, on the death of her father.



We welcome into our Christian community:

LAURA AILIS O'DONOVAN

JULIA ELLEN O'MAHONY

CONOR BRENDAN SHEEHAN

ALAN TERENCE O'KEEFFE

REBECCA EIMEAR BRADLEY

AOIFE CORA DALY

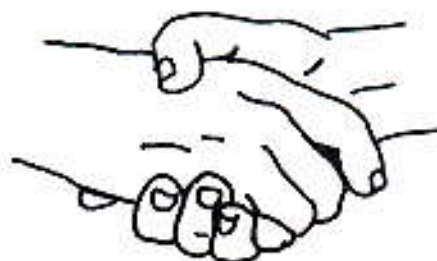
ARMELLE JEAN OGDEN

BEN WILLIAM CARROLL

JAMES FAHY

STEPHEN ALAN KINGSLEY

*Congratulations!*



## MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations to Transition Year student CHERYL O'CALLAGHAN, The Manor, Model Farm Road, who was chosen to represent Cork in the Regional Final of the BIM Seafood Cookery Competition. Cheryl cooked a very attractive seafood stir fry. The Regional Final will take place in Athlone on 18th/19th February. We wish her good luck.





Continuing our explanation of themes on our parish calendar, which by now should have been received by all homes in the parish. Copies are available in the Parish Office and Church.

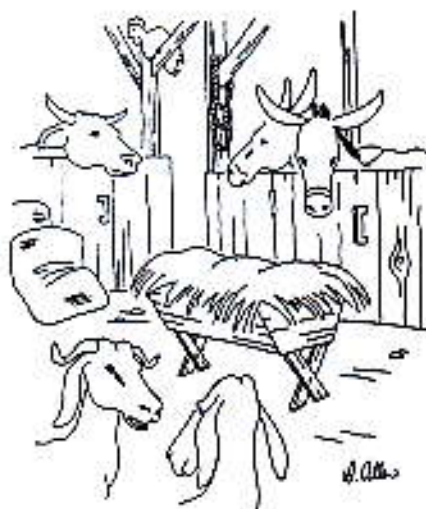


### Justice, Peace and Charity

This theme is illustrated by the scales of justice, the dove, the broken chain of freedom for prisoners and feeding the starving people of the world.

God our Father created us for freedom and joy, not drudgery or slavery. He created the earth for the benefit of all without exception. He sent his Son Jesus to 'preach the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to the blind new sight and to set the downtrodden free'. To celebrate the 2000 Jubilee of the Church there will be a commitment to justice and peace in the world. We are called to raise our voices on behalf of the poor in the world and look for a cancellation of international debts which are crippling so many poor nations. Many feel that economic wellbeing engenders an

apathy towards God and Catholicism in favour of selfishness and self righteousness. Pope John Paul II states that this crisis of our civilisation must be replaced by one of love founded on peace, justice and liberty which find their full attainment in Christ.



"THIS IS WHERE IT HAPPENED, BUT THAT WAS YEARS AGO AND NOBODY HAS HEARD FROM THAT FAMILY SINCE." See MATTHEW 2:13-15.



"AS A MATTER OF FACT, THAT FELLOW JESUS DID COME BY HERE." See MARK 1:16-20.



**Lough Flower & Garden Club**  
Annual Dinner at Rochestown Park  
Hotel on Tuesday 26th January  
at 8.00p.m. Tickets £20.



**Flower Arranging**  
Adult Education Course at  
Bishopstown Community School  
beginning on Monday 25th January,  
7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Contact school  
at 544311 (school hours).  
Concessions available.

**Welcome  
New  
Members**



**Fine Gael**  
Model Farm Road branch will hold  
monthly meeting on Monday 25th  
January at Rendezvous Bar,  
upstairs room, at 8.30 p.m.  
Public representative will  
attend. Interested new members  
very welcome.



**Table Quiz**

In aid of Colaiste an Spioraid  
Naomh Parents' Association will  
take place on Wednesday 27th  
January in Bishopstown G.A.A.  
Club at 8.00p.m. \$10 per table  
of four. Your support will be  
greatly appreciated.

*Don't miss  
this exciting  
evening!*



**Readings for Sunday 31st January**

Zeph. 2:3. 3:12-13. Ps. 145.  
1 Cor. 1:26-31. Mt. 5:1-12.

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