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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Finbarr writes*

I post Monday's edition of The Examiner to a priest friend of mine in Africa. Because he works in a college and they have the internet, he can 'surf the net' for all the sports news from Ireland's papers, but he still loves getting 'de paper' into his hands.

When I studied and worked abroad, I frequently got phone calls from home, but how I loved the letters and the paper cuttings. When you put down the phone the conversation is over, but you could read the letter a few times. There was a feeling that the link with home, with the presence of the letter or paper, was never broken.

One must recognise that we live in world where communication has changed and is more developed. I hope for 'us ordinary folk' the hands-on touch will never be replaced. The telephone advertisement tells us we're just a phone call away. That's true, but for somebody to call to you, to spend a few moments with you, I know does me good, to say the least.

What would Christ do in today's world? I'd say he would

use every modern communication available but, at the same time, he would never forget that the personal touch should never be done away with. People always came first in Christ's life.

*Fr. Finbarr*



Today and for the next two Sundays we publish extracts from Bishop Buckley's letter to the people of the dioceses:

"The approach of the year 2000 is a challenge for all of us to open our hearts to Christ. The celebration of the Jubilee, and our preparation for it, will be a moment of grace and blessing for individuals, for families and for communities 'if we are open to the Holy Spirit' (Pope John Paul II). The Pope calls the Jubilee 'A new springtime for the Church'. It is, of course, at parish level that the Jubilee will have the greatest impact."

### FAMILY PRAYER FOR LENT

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



(while candle is being lit)

**Leader:** May the Light of Christ always shine on us.

We thank you for the gift of being here.

(Pause and pray for one another in silence.)



**Reader (Adult):** Jesus said to his disciples: "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back."

Luke 6:36-38

**Leader:** What are we asked to do in the gospel?

**Reader (Child):** If a woman has ten silver coins and loses one of them, she lights a lamp and

sweeps the house and keeps searching until she finds it. When she finds it she is so glad that she calls together her friends and neighbours and says to them: "I am so happy. I have found the coin that was lost. Let us celebrate." It is the same way with God when a sinner repents and turns back to the call of the Lord Jesus to grow in love and to make good choices.

**Child:** What is the reading (story) saying to us?



**Leader:** We now make our prayers. We ask God to bless, look after, help, etc.

(invite all to ask God for something.)

We thank God for many things, especially...

(invite all to share a prayer of thanksgiving.)

### Final Prayer

**Leader:** Lord, we thank you for the gift of hearing. Help us to use this gift so that as individuals, as groups, and as a nation, we may learn to listen without judging, without condemning, and to pardon and forgive as you pardon and forgive us. We ask you this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.







## Rest In Peace

We pray for Sr. Therese Murphy, late of St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, who died recently. Sr. Therese was a native of Cloughduv, Co. Cork. She taught for 51 years in Drishane Convent Millstreet, and Malahide Co. Dublin, but most of that time was spent in Drishane. She came to live in St. Joseph's Convent nine years ago when her health wasn't the best. Sr. Therese died on Thursday 11th February the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, to whom she had great devotion. She was a woman of great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and was at Mass the day before she died, and spent an average three hours praying daily before the Blessed Sacrament. To her sisters Sr. Peggy and Sr. Theo, and the community of St. Joseph's we offer our prayers and sympathy.

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to EILEEN KIELY, Assumpta, Magazine Road, MARY FORDE and ANNE KELLEHER, Cherryfield, Wilton Road, on the death of their sister.

To JOHN and CATHERINE CLINTON, Model Farm Road, on the death of their grandson.

## THANK YOU

LUKE would like to warmly welcome 'RUTH' to the Bulletin Comment slot, and to thank those who wished LUKE well in retirement.

## LOVE, NOT MERE DUTY

The Church of the Holy Spirit was well-named last Tuesday night. In an inspiring talk, illuminated by anecdote and humour, Fr. Clancy evoked the outpouring of the Spirit in this century, which has transformed our understanding and our vision of the Sacraments. The concept of the Sacraments as the communal celebration of God's love, not a mere duty to be done, was new for many of his listeners in the packed Crypt. He described how rituals focus our awareness of God's presence to us - a presence very tangible in the moments of prayer with which he concluded his talk.

The series of Lenten lectures on the Sacraments organised by the Adult Education committee continues next week when Fr. Clancy discusses Reconciliation.

Rosalie Moloney

## MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations and well done to the Senior A Hockey Team who won the Munster Senior A Cup defeating Scoil Mhuire resoundingly with a score of 3-1 at Garryduff on Monday last. On March 8th and 9th the girls will be in Galway to play the All-Ireland. We wish them the best of luck.

Congratulations to Bishopstown G.A.A. Club on producing a 20-page newsletter called 'The Town'. It's a quarterly newsletter, giving useful club information on fixtures and times, and contains some lovely photographs. It's free and available in the Club Pavilion, or from any club member.



**Lenten Evening Devotions**  
Continue each Sunday at 5.30p.m.

**Family Mass Group**  
A meeting will take place in the C.P. Centre on Monday 1st March at 10.30a.m. Anybody interested in getting involved with the group is very welcome.

**First Friday**  
Next Friday 5th March. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**  
Next Friday 5th March, from 10.30a.m. to 7.30p.m.

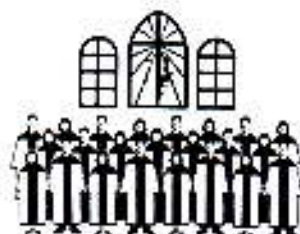
**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**  
Monthly meeting next Thursday, 4th March, at 8.00p.m. in C.P. Centre.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
Monthly collection next week-end.

**Adult Education Series**  
Next Tuesday 2nd March at 8.00p.m. in the Crypt.  
**Reconciliation:** One is sorry because one has been forgiven; one is not forgiven because one is sorry. Lecture given by Fr. Tom Clancy. All welcome.

**Women's World Day of Prayer**  
Will be celebrated on Friday 5th March in the Church of the Real Presence at 10.30a.m. The service is compiled by the women of Venezuela and the theme is "God's Tender Touch". Please come in to have a cuppa afterwards and meet our friends from the North - this is our effort at moving the Peace Process along.

**East Cork Choral Society**  
Presents St. Matthew Passion by J.S. Bach in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 6th March at 8.00p.m. Tickets £7, (£4 concessions). Further details in church porch.



**St. Patrick's Parish**  
To celebrate the restoration of the Pipe Organ in the church, on Tuesday 2nd March at 8.00p.m. a liturgical celebration will take place, followed by a recital by Colin Nicholls, Joseph Leake, Church Choir, Helen Hassett and Bravura String Quartet. Everybody welcome.

**Ceiliuradh 200**  
At St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Saturday 20th March. An opportunity to come together with 18-35 year olds, students, young workers, and young couples. Come and celebrate your faith in prayer and song. An opportunity to prepare to put Christ at the heart of the millennium. Catch the enthusiasm and bring it to your parish, college, place of work, home and community. Cost including meals - students £8, married couples £15, all others £10. Further details from 01-6285222, ext. 3920.

**Readings for Sunday 7 March**  
Ex.17:3-7. Ps.94. rm.5:1-2,5-8. Jn.4:5-42.

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