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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

This Sunday - 7th March 1999 - is a very special day for all Sisters of the Infant Jesus - better known to us as the Drishane Sisters. Their Convent in our parish is at St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road. It's a special day because their founder, Fr. Nicholas Barré is being beatified in Rome this very day.

Nicholas was born in Amiens, France, on 21st October 1621. He grew up in a very happy home where Faith and Christian values were very much part of the atmosphere. He was a brilliant student and, as an only son, his father looked forward to his taking over the family business. However, when Nicholas intimated he wanted to be a priest, his parents fully supported him in his vocation.

As a priest he reached out to the poorest and most disadvantaged in society. He saw that a sound Christian education was an essential in giving young people a sense of worth, as well as preparing them for a useful role in society. He inspired St. John Baptist de la Salle to found a group of Brothers to do this for the boys, and a group of

ladies to do the same for the girls. His efforts were not met with joy and gladness among many of his contemporaries, but were regarded more or less as subversive activity. It really meant depriving the upper class of cheap labour, and making young women independent would please nobody!!! (so some men said). However, other people saw the value of what he was trying to achieve and responded enthusiastically. The Institute of the Infant Jesus was born, and these women would live and work among those they set out to help - as Fr. Nicholas intended.

Their schools spread rapidly throughout France. Later they spread to Malaya, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, where many labour to this day. Much later they came to Ireland and set up their first foundation at Drishane in 1909. Here they started thriving cottage industries as well as their renowned secondary school for young ladies. The Sisters have done so much for so many young people in so many different locations throughout the world - the good will only be known in the next life.

Congratulations and best wishes on this happy day - especially to our own Sisters at St. Joseph's.

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 came to Nazareth and spoke to the people in the synagogue: "I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country... In the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman." When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Luke 4:24,27-30

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

Reader (Child):

Peace

Peace is calmness, peace is quietness,
Peace is love and gentleness.
Peace is gladness, peace is goodness,
Peace is joy and happiness.
Peace is loving, peace is helping,
Peace is showing that you care.
Peace is sharing, peace is giving,
Peace is joining hands in prayer.

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: O God, free us from all false and distorted images of you which prevent us from recognizing, learning from, and cooperating with you in your saving action in all peoples. We ask you this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



IN SYMPATHY



Edward Costello, Waterfall Road, attended the 9 o'clock Mass here in our church on Sunday morning 14th February - as indeed he had done for years. He went home, had his breakfast, sat down to have a look at the paper - and just died. The shock to his dear wife Joan, his son Michael, and indeed to all who knew him was unbelievable. Ed was well known and highly respected in his business. We offer very sincere sympathy to Joan, Michael, his mother (who was in hospital at the time), his sisters Ann and Marion, and all who loved him.

Mary Murphy had come to live with her daughter Eileen O'Doherty at Laburnum Lawn. She died at Cork University Hospital after a short illness. Mary was a quiet and self-sufficient lady. She was removed to Co. Fermanagh to be buried with her late husband. Our sympathy goes to her daughter Eileen, her sons and son-in-law and other relatives.

Kieran Donovan, Highfield Lawn. It's so hard for a mother to see the son or daughter she has brought into the world go to heaven before her. This was the sorrow suffered by Sheila Donovan last week. The sad news of Kieran's unexpected death in London came so soon after the death of his father a few months ago. Kieran had been highly successful in business, and his death came as a shock, not only to his mother and family, but to all who knew him. We extend very sincere sympathy to Sheila, his sister Una, his brothers Cathal, Declan and Conor, uncles, aunts, and all his friends.

On the death of Dolores O'Regan-Cotter, we offer our deepest sympathies to her family, her husband and her mother Mrs. O'Regan, Liam Lynch Park, and all her brothers and sisters, especially Mary Twomey, Wilton Avenue.



A further extract from Bishop Buckley's letter:

"Like the Prodigal Son in the gospel, we all, at times, fail through human weakness to follow the path Jesus Christ has pointed out to us. This year, 1999, has been designated by the Pope as the Year of the Father. 'Our life is like a great pilgrimage to the house of The Father.' It is also the year of the Sacrament of Reconciliation - the sacrament of The Father's ready welcome and forgiveness which the Prodigal Son experienced."

St. Catherine's News

Saturday 27th February was a big day for the girls in 2nd class, and for their families. It was the morning of their First Confession.

No resemblance to Frank O'Connor's famous experience here, as the girls had been well prepared for the sacrament by Mrs. Moran and Mrs. Costello. Fr. Clancy led the ceremony, and showed an excellent understanding of what the sacrament means to those receiving it for the first time.

The girls from 3rd class and their teachers came along to help out with the singing, and Fr. Clancy was assisted by Fr. Finbarr and Dean O'Connor.

We wish them well in preparing for their First Holy Communion.



Cork Marriage Counselling Centre
Annual collection will take place at Masses next week-end.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Assoc.
This being the Centenary Year of the Pioneer Association, a Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated in Croke Park on Sunday 30th May. Preacher at the Mass will be His Eminence Cardinal Arinze, President of the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue. Tickets for Croke Park at £5 each may be ordered by contacting Liam O'Driscoll 544682, or Judith Coffey 345281 - the earlier the booking the better the seats! Pioneers and friends welcome.

Stress Management
A Public Talk by Psychiatric Nurses will be given on Wednesday 10th March at 8.00 p.m. at Penrose Wharf Call Centre. Free admission.

Foster Carers Needed
The Southern Health Board is looking for families to foster young people of 12 years and over. Further details from Frank Murphy or Gail Boland at 312848.

Charity Bridge Night
Being held by Mount Mercy Parents Association at the Cork Bridge Club on this Sunday 7th March at 7.15 p.m. Adm. £5. Novice section. Lots of bridge and raffle prizes.

Fine Gael
Model Farm Road branch will hold its Annual General Meeting upstairs in Rendezvous Bar on Monday 8th March at 8.30 p.m. New members will be very welcome.

Fashion Show
In aid of CURA will be held on 10th March at Metropole Hotel at 8.00 p.m.

Adult Education Series
Next Tuesday 9th March in Crypt at 8.00 p.m.
Marriage: Redundant or Renewed? by Fr. Tom Clancy. All welcome.

Are You Over 65?
Would you like to participate in a group once a week for 12 weeks? If so, the Cork Older Adult Intervention Project, Counselling & Health Studies Unit, Dept. of Applied Psychology, UCC, would like to hear from you. You will be given the opportunity to be part of an ongoing group which will contribute to increased knowledge of older adults. The group will provide an opportunity to interact with new people and to look at your present experience of life. If interested please contact Geraldine at 902881.

Mount Mercy News

Congratulations and well done to Mary Jo Murphy, Transition Year, who was the Regional Winner of Muse '99 organised as a visual Arts Project run by the A.S.T.I. The theme for Muse '99 is Interpreting Irish Life, History and Culture. Mary Jo's entry will be exhibited at a gala national exhibition in the National Museum of Ireland in April.

Italia 1999: On February 11th last 57 Transition Year students and six teachers set off on an education tour of Italy, visiting Rome, Pompeii, Siena and Florence. Highlights included Michelangelo's 'Pieta', the Sistine Chapel, Brunelleschi's Dome and the Cathedral in Florence. The students were most impressed by the ruin of Pompeii and the Piazza in Siena where the 'palio' or horse race is held bi-annually.