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DIOCESAN COLLECTION IN AID OF THE KOSOVO REFUGEES

A special Diocesan collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend - Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May.

In an unprecedented gesture by the priests and people of this parish the entire Offertory Collection will be donated to the Kosovo Relief Fund.

*Please give as generously as you can
to help the victims
of this appalling tragedy.*

If you will be away for the holiday weekend please hand your contribution into the Sacristy or to any of the priests during the week.

Thank you very much

"DO THIS AS A MEMORIAL OF ME"

"A biblical memorial is far more than simply calling to mind past events and their significance: in the liturgical celebration of these events, they become present and real. A memorial means at very least 'the making effective in the present of an event in the past.' Catholic use of the word 'memorial' in the Eucharist involves making effectively present here and now an event in the past. A memorial is a sacred gateway into living communion with God in his work for our salvation. By the power of the Holy Spirit, 'the Church's living memory', the saving events of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are recalled and made powerfully present for us. Their saving power touches our lives today, and through us can touch and transform the lives of all."

One Bread, One Body. Par.33

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Girls Win Gold in Europe

Fifth year students Avril Kelly, Juanita Anthony, Claire Power, Helen O'Brien, Louise O'Sullivan, Lucy Kenefick, Ciara Fitzgerald and Gemma Good travelled to Belgium over Easter to take part in the European Athletics Championship for Secondary Schools. The team of Helen, Juanita and Lucy came 2nd in table tennis, Avril came 1st in the 100 metres and Juanita came 2nd in the 1500 metres. As well as medals, the team was awarded a trophy for performing so well as a team.

Requiescat
in Pace



By way of explanation...

A parishioner asked the question, "How come that some of the people who have died merit an entire paragraph in the Bulletin while others get just a brief mention?"

We have two categories for Deaths. Under the heading "Rest in Peace" we ask prayers for any of our own parishioners who have died. One of our priests who would have known the person writes an appreciation.

Under the heading of "Sympathy" we offer our sympathy to parishioners who have lost relatives from outside the parish. In most cases we would not have known the person who had died.

We hope this answers the question and that our inclusion in the Bulletin prompts readers to say a prayer for our friends who have died, and also for those who are bereaved.



STOP PRESS!

Bishop Buckley is visiting the parish this weekend. He will join us for the celebration of the 6.15 Mass on Saturday evening and the 12.15 Mass on Sunday.



VOCATIONS SUNDAY

It is the time of year when students wonder where the school year has gone so quickly. Examinations are on the horizon and lost opportunities cannot be recalled: In some hearts there are vague recriminations that if the year were on offer again, it would be put to better use. But it is not on offer again. Some opportunities do not repeat themselves. In a sense, we have to make our opportunities and make the most of them. We are responsible for the use we choose to make of what life offers each one of us.

Today's liturgy is set aside as a reminder of a particular opportunity offered to those called to priesthood and religious life. It is a privileged opportunity of friendship with the Lord through his service and service to his people. It is offered to those whom God chooses for his own reasons. Like all opportunities it carries its own responsibilities. It is an opportunity that some accept and that others refuse or let slip away. Vocations Sunday is a day to pray specially for those whom the Lord is calling today to his full-time service, that they may seize with Spirit-filled joy the opportunity that is on offer for the one life they have.

Imagine how much poorer our world would be if Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul, St. Francis and thousands of others had not listened to and responded fully to God's call to them. So, in one way or another, Vocations Sunday is everybody's business.

A SUGGESTION FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Teach your charges as they grow old,
Not to fight and not be bold.
Don't dump your empty cans over garden walls.
Don't throw your rubbish over neighbours' walls.
Take your litter to your own dear hall.
Provide a better life for all.
Let not ambition mock your useful toil,
Your homely joys and destiny obscure.
Nor grandeur look with a disdainful smile,
On the short and simple records of the poor.
The boast of heredity, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth ever gave,
Awaits like the inevitable hour,
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.
For many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness in the desert air.
Face the future and be serene,
Trust in God and be supreme.

Name and address with Editor

TEEN QUIZ

From the correct answers returned to the C.P. Centre we drew **Stephen Healy**, 27 Melbourn Court, as the winner.

Brain Teasers

There were no correct answers received.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Finbar writes

I saw the film 'The Deer Hunter' on 14th April 1979. I had been on retreat for the previous week in preparation for my ordination as a Deacon on the 16th. It is a film about a group of young men before, during and after their involvement in the Vietnam War. I vowed, on leaving the film, if ever there was military conscription I would be a conscientious objector. The film left me terrified - the violence, physical abuse, the psychological abuse of people have all left a lasting impression on me.

When we see, hear and read about what happens in the Balkans, the terror of the nail bomb in Brixton, the daily violence against millions of people living in third world countries, the physical and mental abuse in relationships, I ask myself what makes people behave in this manner, would I be any different if I were the victim?

I feel two prayers must become part of our daily lives in order for hatred to end.

"Lord, let me be an instrument of your peace."

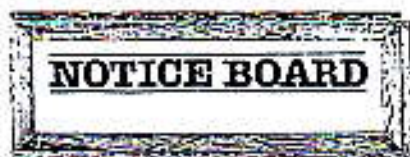
"Blessed are the peacemakers, they shall inherit the Kingdom of God."

Fr. Finbar C. S. C.

INDOOR SPORTS STAR

Joe Browne, a parishioner from Farranlea Grove, has been honoured at the 37th Cork Indoor Sports Awards, in recognition of his work as an administrator and for the fantastic energy, effort and dedication he has given to Cork Chess over the years. Joe has been involved in Munster and Cork Chess for almost 30 years, and is a founder member of the Regency Club. At present he is chairperson of the Munster Chess Association and an associate member of the Red Abbey Club for the visually impaired.

Congratulations Joe!



St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection will take place next week-end.

Kosovo Crisis

Aid urgently required - good quality blankets, sleeping bags, toiletries (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.). Can be handed in at Harringtons Bakeries Warehouse, Churchfield (next to Telecom building). Volunteers also required to sort and prepare aid for containers from 10 a.m to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Readings for Sunday 2 May

Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32
1 Pet. 2:4-9. Jn. 14:1-12.

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