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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

Monica Seles reached the semi-finals of the French Open Women's Tennis Championship this year. I am no tennis buff but I have just finished reading her book 'Monica from Fear to Victory' and have been very impressed by the story of this courageous young woman.

In 1991 at the age of seventeen Monica Seles became the youngest ever No. 1 women's tennis champion. In Hamburg in 1993 she was stabbed during a tennis tournament. If the blade had been a hair's breadth to the left she might have been paralyzed. Less than a week after the attack there was a near unanimous vote from the seventeen top tennis players not to freeze her rank while she recuperated. Monica had been stabbed in the back literally and possibly metaphorically as well.

Physical wounds heal and on her twentieth birthday she was in very good physical shape. Emotionally she was very troubled. Her attacker had walked out of court a free man. She suffered from depression and fear. She cried a lot and had bouts of rage. Refusing all

interviews she closed the blinds in her house and began to wear dark baggy clothes. Gradually she slid into an abyss of depression. She was twenty and she felt as if her life was over.

Her father persuaded her to seek help and she agreed to see Dr. Jerry May, a Clinical Psychologist. It wasn't easy for someone who had been so successful and above all so mentally strong to admit that she couldn't cope and needed psychological help. Gradually by learning to control her fears and emotions and by setting and achieving small goals she slowly made her come-back. Today she is again a top tennis player. Her book is well named 'From Fear to Victory'.



If each one of us took a notebook and listed all our troubles and blessings, side by side, we would run short of the troubles in no time at all! Most troubles are not worth listing as such, for most are imaginary.

— George Matthew Adams

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and welcome our new Ministers of the Eucharist who are being commissioned this week-end.

Miriam Cashell
Simone Coleman
Irene Connolly
Helen Coughlan
Paul Cronin
Ber Healy
Carmel Murphy
Salette Murphy
Pat O'Brien
Colm O'Mahony
Ted O'Shea
Mel O'Sullivan
Eileen Varian



Special Minister of the Eucharist Certificate of Appointment

In accordance with the Instruction of His Holiness, Paul VI, "Immense Caritatis", I hereby designate _____ as a special Minister of the Eucharist in _____



Commissioned _____

Parish Priest _____



Weddings.

Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married recently:

KIERAN BOWDREN, Magazine Road, who married Louise McPartling, Bishopstown.

PAMELA GILLIGAN, Bishopscourt Hill, who married Brendan Brice, Midleton.

DAVID HYLAND, St. Francis Avenue, who married Jacqui Daly, Fountainstown.

NORA KEARNEY, Cherrygrove, Model Farm Road, who married Edmond Irwin, Ardmore.

PETER LYONS, Kenley Drive, who married Georgina Cronin, Castletownbere.

SEAN Ó BROIN, Woodleigh Park, who married Valerie Aherne, Glasheen Road.

MARIA RYAN, Leesdale, who married Michael McCarthy, Passage West.





Pray for

Patrick Lingwood, Highfield Lawn, died on 28th May after a long illness. Paddy was a member of a family long associated with the painting industry in this city. His work at the Poor Clares Chapel and Monastery was much appreciated. He was singularly gifted in working with his hands, and in his spare time turned out some beautiful pieces in woodwork, as well as being a skilled boatman and mechanic. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Chris, his sons Gerard and Noel, his sister Mrs. Cotter, daughter-in-law Marion, and his many friends, especially Matt.

We pray for Aileen O'Callaghan, Orchard Road, who died recently after a long period of illness. A gentle lady, she cared lovingly for her brother and sisters for many years. Aileen was an avid Bridge player with a great interest in current affairs. May the Lord reward her for her kindness to those for whom she cared. We offer our sympathy to her relatives and friends.

OUR SYMPATHIES

We offer our sincere sympathy to the Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, on the death of Sr. Evangelist.

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations to Claire O'Mahony, Transition Year, who won second prize in Category A in the Samaritan Irish Region English Essay Competition. Claire also came first in the World in her Speech & Drama examination. Well done Claire.



June 1999 READINGS Sunday Cycle A Weekday Cycle I

ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

13 Sunday Ex. 19:2-6, Ps. 99, Rom. 5:6-11, Mt. 9:36-10:8.
Writing to the parents, St. Justin uses the language of the time to note that Christians gather together "on the day named after the sun", but he believes the expression has already assumed a new meaning which was unmistakably rooted in the gospel. Christ is the light of the world, and, in the weekly reckoning of time, the day commemorating his resurrection is the enduring reflection of the eschatology of his glory. The theme of Sunday as the day illumined by the triumph of the risen Christ is also found in the Liturgy of the Hours. (See Justin, *Apologia*, Book II, 31 May 1998, p. 27.)

14 Monday 2 Cor 6:1-10, Ps. 97, Mt. 5:38-42.
Let us prove ourselves to be servants of God by living in the way that Christ has taught. Paul himself shows by his way of life that he is a servant following Christ who came only to serve.
St Bonnaventura See June Notes

15 Tuesday 2 Cor 8:1-9, Ps. 145, Mt. 5:43-48.
Christ became poor for our sakes that we might become rich. The more we grow in love so much the more we become perfect as God is perfect.

16 Wednesday 2 Cor 9:6-11 Ps. 111, Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18.
God who provides seed for the sower and bread for food gives us grudgingly. God loves a cheerful giver. He sees all that is done in secret and will bestow his reward.

17 Thursday 2 Cor. 11:1-11, Ps. 110, Mt. 6:7-15.
Paul's Christ does not have the dignity of the Prince of Christ through his ministrations. He is afraid that they will be alienated from himself and Christ. The Lord's prayer shows us that many words are not necessary. In it we praise God's glory, and ask for our human needs: "provision, pardon and protection."

18 Friday 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30, Ps. 33, Mt. 6:19-23.
Paul gave example in his own life by unselfishly teaching his disciples. He has suffered much for them and his concern for them is his daily burden. They are his treasure, close to his heart.

19 Saturday 1 Cor 12:1-10, Ps. 33, Mt. 6:21-24.
Set your hearts on God's kingdom! Tears about our weaknesses or our daily needs will distract us unduly. By depending on God we become strong.
St Romuald, d. 1027, Reformer of the solitary life, founded the Camaldolese.

The Body of Christ. "Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked. Do not pay him homage in the temple clad in silk, only then to neglect him outside when he suffers cold and nakedness. He who said 'This is my body' is the same one who said 'You saw me hungry and you gave me no food'. What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices, when he is dying of hunger. Start by satisfying his hunger, and then with what is left over you may adorn the altar as well." St John Chrysostom quoted in *Des Bonna*, p. 71, Page John Paul II



HERE'S NEWS

Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next week-end.

Ministers of the Eucharist

New rotas commencing on 27th June will be available next week-end at the altar rails. Please be sure to take your copy as some distributions points have been changed.

The FOLD

The Summer issue is now on sale. Items include:

Loran Mulvany's story - a woman in her twenties working for the Church.

Priests of the dioceses - 3 Ordinations, 5 Jubilarians, 3 deaths.

Adult Education Graduates - reflections on the two-year religious studies course ended in Dunmanway.

Sisters of North Pres. celebrate 200 years of service.

Bon Secours Sisters mark 175th anniversary of order's founding.

Bernard Cotter on how parishes cope on Sunday without a priest.

Cathedral Car Draw.

Editorial on lessons from Kosovo.

Children's Chernobyl Project

The Cork Outreach Group are bringing 44 children to Cork from the radiation affected areas of Belarus on 18th June for four weeks. At this time in their own country radiation levels are very high and the children benefit immensely from their holidays in Cork. Due to late dropouts we require host families. If you think you can host two children for two weeks please contact Pat at 341289.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland

The monthly meeting for carers in the Cork Branch will take place at Jurys Hotel this Monday 14th June at 8.00 p.m. Nuala Harty will be in attendance to speak on Carers' stresses and other issues.

Brighter Cork Summer Show

On 18th-20th June in the Show Grounds, Ballintemple - a variety of events: Craft Fair, Fun Tug of War, Ballad Singing, Irish Step Dancing, Busking and Set Dancing. Details of events and entry forms are available from the office (315772). Have a family day out!

Bishopstown I.C.A.

Final meeting of the Guild at S.M.A. Community Centre on Thursday 17th June at 8 p.m. Back in September. New members welcome.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

We wish to thank most sincerely those who supported our recent church-gate collection.

Readings for Sunday 20 June

Jer.20:10-13. Ps.68. Rom.5:12-15. Mt.10:26-33.

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