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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Patrick writes*

## THAT WE MAY ALL BE ONE.

When a person dies they very often leave a will. The executors of that will are there to ensure that the wishes, 'the will', of the deceased are carried out fully. Unfortunately, as we know this often leads to difficulties and disputes. Whole families have fallen apart, and are divided by different interpretations of the will and wishes of the dead.

When Jesus died we know that he had no estate or financial empire to be divided. The only things he possessed were his clothes. He had no say even to whom these went; the soldiers divided his garments, they cast lots for his robe. However, Jesus did have a will. His prayer was that they (his followers) would be one. Like so many wills we (the executors) have not ensured that his wishes are carried out to the full. In Ireland we need no reminder about the disunity among the followers of Christ. While Jesus' estate was non-existent, his kingdom was, and is of infinite value. We fail to see this, and so the

kingdom qualities are far from us. So long as we are immersed in the things and values of this world, we will fail to be one as Jesus and his Father are One.

In these days of Church Unity Octave we are asked to pray for the unity of Christians. We must see how we are acting according to the values of the world and that it is these which drive us apart from others. The values of the kingdom are given to us by the Spirit (The God who unites Father and Son). They are love, joy, peace, patience... and many more. Let us ask the Lord to give us these gifts so that indeed we may all be One.

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## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Bishop Buckley has chosen the Church of the Real Presence to have one of the Chapels of Eucharistic Adoration for the diocese. To establish Adoration successfully, many people will be needed to commit themselves to spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. On Saturday and Sunday, 29/30 January, the National Coordinator of Perpetual Adoration, Cathal Magee, will speak at Masses in the Church of the Real Presence, Saturday 6 and 7.30 p.m., Sunday 9, 10.30 and 12 noon.

## CHRISTMAS MIND BENDER

### Answers:

1. Assume the journey from A to B is 30 miles.

(a) Travelling at 60 mph the time taken is 30 minutes from A to B.

(b) Travelling at 50 mph from B to A the time taken is 36 minutes.

(c) Travelling 60 miles takes 66 minutes (from A to B), therefore average speed is 54.54 mph.

2. Inishtrahull - an island seven miles north of Malin Head in Co. Donegal. The island is really part of the southern tip of Greenland and is not geologically related to the Irish mainland. Millions (approx. 200) of years ago, according to geologists, movements of the earth caused the breaking free of the southern tip of Greenland - the island now known as Inishtrahull to be berthed off Donegal some 800 miles from Greenland. The Rock of Inishtrahull is similar to

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false. Therefore, the statement that there are three errors is false. This is the 3rd error.

4. Adding the porter's £2 to the £12 paid for the room produces a meaningless sum. The guest is out £12 of which the receptionist has £10 and the porter £2. The guest got back £3 which added to the £12 held by the porter and the receptionist accounts for the full amount of £15.

5. Among the 97% of the women, if half wear two earrings and half none, this is the same as if each wore one. Assuming then that each of the 800 women is wearing one earring, there are 800 earrings in all.

6. 12, 3, 11, 21, 7, 8.

7. Copenhagen

8. Toyota - Oliver, Rover - Vera, Fiat - Irene, Honda - Nigel, Jaguar - Ursula.

## My Millennium Prayer

I have a dream that orphan kids,  
won't be sold at the highest  
bids,  
that loving families can  
come and share, their peace and  
love 'cos it's only fair.

I have a dream that I could  
see my brother,  
and so could my sisters and Dad  
and Mother.

And I have a dream that  
children were never abused,  
and drugs and weapons  
were never used.

The End.

Emily Kenefick  
5th Class  
St. Catherines

## Mount Mercy News

Congratulations to Aoife Bambury, 1st year, who achieved 2nd place in the Social and Behavioural Category in the Young Scientist Competition and was winner of the Environmental Protection Agency Award. Her project raised the issue of introducing Plastic Recycling in Ireland. Comhghairdeas lei.

Well done to Triona Milne, 5th year, whose winning entry in the Parents' Association Christmas Card Competition was chosen by Fleaur Daniels Construction Company as their company Christmas Card 1999.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### OUR CHURCH CAR PARK

17 Mount Eden,  
Model Farm Road

3 Kinloch Court,  
Bishopstown Ave.

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter printed regarding parking problems outside churches, I would like to suggest that as many as possible of the congregation actually leave their cars at home. Respect for the natural world is a part of a reverence for God, so perhaps a Sunday family walk to church should become a part of weekly worship. For those who cannot walk, perhaps the church could help set up a car-share pool. The benefits of walking or cycling to church are many, including less air pollution, safer roads and less noise pollution. Last, but not least - and in reference to the Dean's plea for better neighbourly communication - when we walk together we talk together, we can more easily make contact with each other and the world around us. Cars isolate us, they make us lazy and cut us off from each other. How much better to have a car-free Sunday with safe, quiet roads and families walking together through our parish!

Yours faithfully,  
Catherine Llewellyn

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reference to the letter from Elinor O'Flynn in last week's bulletin. Of course the lady is correct in her views. I would like to offer some suggestions to try to help.

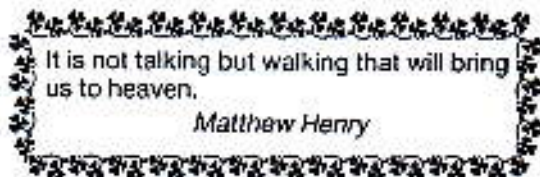
I think painting a yellow box on the ground or erecting a 'No Parking' sign at the side of the steps and an 'In' and 'Out' sign at each side gate would at least avoid traffic jams. In my opinion, parishioners are aware of and respect these traditions, but I blame outsiders for causing obstruction in these places at weddings and funerals.

Naturally this is only guesswork on my part and it will not avoid double parking, but I submit it would help somewhat.

Yours sincerely,  
Mary Mooney



We offer our sincere sympathy to MARIE DOHERTY, Kenley Heights, Model Farm Road, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Kathleen Browne, Dublin.



It is not talking but walking that will bring us to heaven.

Matthew Henry



**NOTICE BOARD**

**Half Day of Prayer**

Sunday 30th January, 1.30-6.00 p.m. at SMA Hall directed by Father Michael Fitzgerald and includes, Talk, Adoration, Rosary and Mass 5 pm. Further information from Gearóid Ó Dubhtaigh 541876.

**Schizophrenia Ireland**

At 42 Penrose Quay offer services including information, support groups for people with schizophrenia and support groups for carers of people with schizophrenia. Further details from 552044.

**45 Card Drive**

Organised by Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh on Wednesday 26th January at the G.A.A. Pavilion, 8 p.m. £5 entry per person. Great prizes.

**Invitation**

**A Healing Journey**

For those suffering the effect of past hurts, Life's Healing Journey Retreat for six nights, 31st January to 16th February, Monday and Wednesday, 8.00 to 9.30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Details from Norma 346711 (9.30-3.00). £30 per person.

**Readings for Sunday 30 January**

Deut. 18:15-20. Ps. 94.  
1 Cor. 7:32-35. Mk. 1:21-28.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

087 - 251 9940

**Bishopstown G.A.A.**

Under Age Section A.G.M. on Wednesday 26th January at 8 p.m. in Clubhouse. All welcome.

**Help Wanted**

Child minder needed, part time. Phone 341104.

**PARISH JUSTICE GROUP**

I am delighted to hear that one concrete outcome of our Jubilee Triduum is that some people within the parish are interested in forming a justice group. I hope to be along to meet with you, together with Sheila Dillon, Director of Trocaire's Cork office, on Monday night 31st January at 8 p.m. This meeting will explore possibilities for the group. Some of these might be:

- \* hearing guest speakers from the South of the World and planning response
- \* how we might lobby Irish politicians about issues of the majority world
- \* looking at relationships between Ireland/EU and majority world
- \* looking at racism in Ireland and perhaps doing a workshop to help us understand it more fully for ourselves.

These are just some ideas. Hopefully, we can explore these and others at the meeting on 31st January. Looking forward to meeting you there.

Fr. Fachtna O'Driscoll, SMA