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OUR PARISH PRIEST

writes

As many a family knows, celebrations that are blessed with new life are especially blessed. This will happen during the coming week for one family in our parish, the Poor Clare family on College Road. On Wednesday next (2nd Feb.) the sisters will welcome Margaret Sheehan into their faith community as she commits herself to live the consecrated religious life. The Poor Clares chose next Wednesday for Margaret's formal reception to coincide with the national day of Jubilee thanksgiving for the gift of religious life in Ireland over the last millennium. The central diocesan celebration will be Mass in St. Augustine's Church at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday next, 2nd February.

Going to school in the South Parish, and then later living and working there, I became deeply aware of the gift that consecrated religious are to a parish and to the wider community. Presentation and Christian Brothers were educating the young side by side with the Mercy and Presentation sisters. The Reparation sisters were providing a haven of prayer and support. The Capuchin community

continue to enrich our faith and devotion in a myriad of ways, especially through the Eucharist, Reconciliation and care of the poor. Like myself, many will owe such religious a deep debt of gratitude and friendship. Wednesday will be an opportunity to express gratitude to religious wherever they have touched our lives.

In this parish, we offer our prayerful appreciation to the Mercy sisters for their work in nursing and education, to the Poor Clares for their continual remembrance of us before the Lord and to the Franciscans who minister to them, to the Presentation brothers for the gift of Coláiste and to the Sisters of the Infant Jesus for their caring presence among us.

May the blessing of the Lord be upon us all.

Thomas Blaney



MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations and well done to Aoife Turner, 2nd year, who won the Under-14 Irish Indoor Tennis Championship in Riverview, Dublin, over the Christmas holidays. Aoife is now the under-14 Irish Indoor Champion. Well done Aoife.

CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?


WORLD DEBT

THIRD WORLD POVERTY

Come and See

Crypt
MONDAY 31ST JANUARY
8 00 p.m.

Speakers:
Fr. Fachtna O'Driscoll, S.M.A.
Sheila Dillon (Trocaire)

Rest in Peace 

We offer our sincere sympathy to
GERTIE GOGGIN, Wilton Road, on
the death of her sister, Sr.
Teresa, Bon Secours.



Congratulations to the following
parishioners who were married
recently:

GILLIAN KEATING, Robinscourt,
Model Farm Road, who married Joe
McKenna, Glasheen Road.

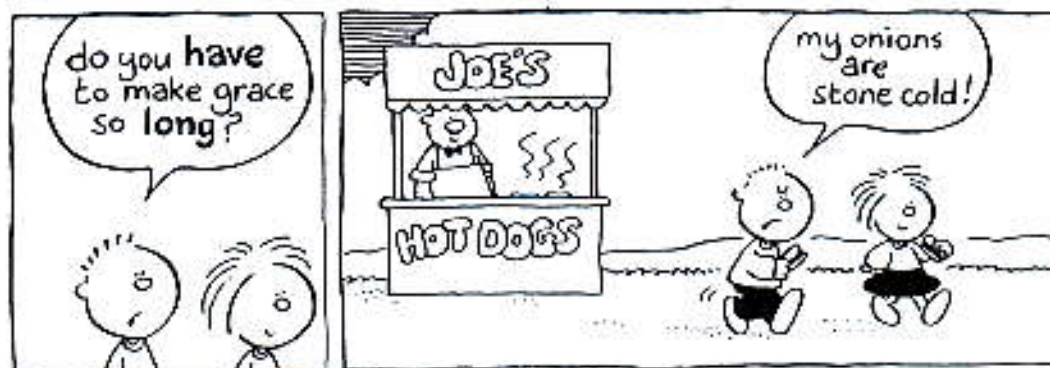
NOEL FORDE, 1 Kenley Avenue, who
married Maura O'Sullivan,
Derrycool, Bandon.

JOANNE CURTIN, 34 Farranlea
Grove, who married Liam O'Rourke,
Farranree.



the mouths of babes

by Roy Mitchell



Some people talk about finding God - as
if he could get lost.

Anon.

Success in marriage is more than finding
the right person: it is a matter of being the
right person.

Rabbi B.R. Brickner



JUBILEE

A.D. 2000

Parish Jubilee Calendar

Through the courtesy of our Bulletin distributors each home in the parish should have received a parish calendar. If not, you may collect one in the Sacristy.

There is a religious symbol on the four corners of the calendar, one from each province. Today we highlight the Connacht symbol.

Croagh Patrick, Ballintober Abbey, Knock, the Cross of Cong.

Clew Bay on the Atlantic coast of Mayo is dominated by the bald and brooding peak of Croagh Patrick, Ireland's holiest mountain. Following the pattern of Moses, St. Patrick is said to have spent forty days and nights fasting on the summit in prayer. Today, thousands of pilgrims climb Croagh Patrick on the last Sunday in July, some using the traditional methods of climbing up the rocky scree-slopes barefoot and partially in the dark, while others, particularly the more youthful pilgrims pray in a lively and spiritual way, for this is a happy event and one with a long Christian tradition.

Ballintober Abbey was founded close to a well (the 'tober' of the name) dedicated to St. Patrick, and has traditionally acted as an assembly point for

pilgrims setting out to climb Croagh Patrick.

At about 8 o'clock on the Thursday evening of 21st August, 1879, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of the church at Knock, Co. Mayo, beside them and a little to the right was an altar with a cross and the figure of a lamb, around which angels hovered. There were fifteen official witnesses to the apparition - young and old, they watched it for two hours in pouring rain and recited the Rosary. Today, Knock ranks among the world's major Marian Shrines visited by pilgrims from all corners of the world.

The Cross of Cong - the first recorded relic of the True Cross in Ireland dating back to the late 11th or early 12th century, is now preserved in the Treasury of the National Museum in Dublin.



My Millennium Wish

I wish for peace and harmony,
I wish that peace would stay.
I wish all wars and bombs
would soon just go away.

I wish there would be no murders,
I wish no one would kill.
I wish that peace was my cup of
tea,
and it would never spill.

I wish that creatures would not
be killed,
and harm would come to an end.
I wish in peace and harmony, for
the rest of our lives we shall
spend.

By Katie Winters



First Friday

Next Friday, 4th February, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.



Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday from 10.30 to 7.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Meeting next Thursday 3rd February, at 8.00 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection next weekend at all Masses.

Day of Reflection and Prayer

Bishopstown Lay Dominican Chapter invites you to join them on Saturday 12th February from 10.00 to 6 p.m. in St. Dominic's Retreat House, Ennismore. For booking contact Mrs. Jean McKeown, 11 Uam Var Grove, tel. 545093.



Blood Transfusion Service Board

Bord Seirbhíse Fuilaisriccháin

Blood Donors' Clinic

At the City Hall on Sunday 30th January from 12 noon to 3 p.m. The demand from hospitals has been high over the past few weeks, while the number of donors eligible to donate has been lower than usual.

Five Millennium Meetings

At Ballincollig Community School, Thursday 3rd February to Thursday 2nd March at 7.30 p.m.

'Christianity in the New Millennium', Speakers Most. Rev. Dr. Paul Colton and Rev. Fr. Declan Mansfield.

'Will Irish History & Culture Lose its Identity in a new Europe', Prof. W.J. Smyth.

'The Development of South Cork in a New Century', Mr. Maurice Moloney.

'The Development of Irish Sport in 21st Century', Mr. Marty Morrissey and Mr. Tony Davis.

'Education in a New Ireland at the Beginning of a New Century', Minister Micheal Martin (8.30 p.m.).



Flower Arranging Classes

At Bishopstown Community School commencing February. Tel. Anne 544010 or School 544311.

Is It Yours?

Mobile phone found in church. Call to Sacristy or C.P. Centre.

Readings for Sunday 6 February

Job 7:1-4,6-7. Ps. 146.

1 Cor.9:16-19, 22-23.

Mk. 1:29-39.

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