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OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

A Time for Sowing

Faith, like love, thrives through being expressed in the joyful company of believing family, friends and neighbours.

Each individual person's unique friendship with God is a strand in the tapestry of community faith. On their own, the strands become easily frayed and may even disintegrate. But woven together and seen as complementary, they create a vibrant spirit that inspires confidence in the Risen Lord among those who believe in Him.

Jubilee faith celebration is a thanksgiving for our faith heritage, handed on from Finbarr to our time. It is a re-awakening of our common vision of the gifts, opportunities, challenges and blessings that the new millennium presents to us. It is a time for sowing new seeds of confidence, goodness and service in the hearts of the young and the not so young.

Bí linn on May 21st in Gougane Barra with your family, neighbours, friends and parish.

Tom Clancy

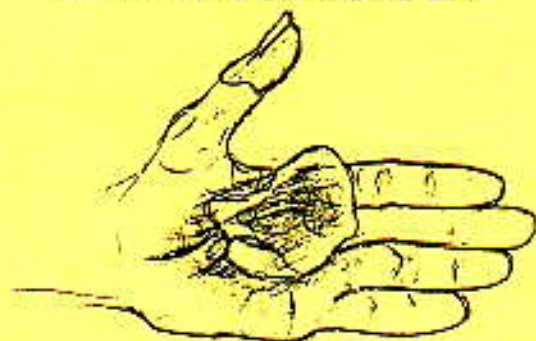
BRING A STONE

As we journey though life, we carry the burden of anxieties, fears, mental anguish, anger, pain, resentment, guilt. These burdens separate us from love of one another and of God.

Jubilee pilgrimage time is a time to let go off these burdens. It is a time to ask for forgiveness and healing, to make a new beginning in our relationships with one another and with God. "Come to me all you are overburdened and I will give you rest."

As a symbol of your burden, we invite you to carry a stone from your garden or neighbourhood on our pilgrim journey. Together we will leave these stones in Gougane as we ask God to lift our burdens and to renew our hearts and our strength.

LEAVE YOUR BURDEN



BRING ANOTHER'S STONE

Some people, who cannot journey with us, would like to send their burdens. Will you carry another's stone? Reach out to family, neighbour, friends, who may like to share our healing prayer but will not be with us in Gougane Barra on the day. Bring their stone. Leave their burden there, too.



NIGHT BEFORE

UNITE IN PRAYER - on the night before the Pilgrimage. We invite every home in the Parish to offer a prayer of Blessing.

Bless us, Father

God, our Father,
we ask your blessing
On the planet entrusted to us; protect it
from our greed.
On our families, wombs of faith, hope
and love.
On all who are with child as we begin a
new millennium.
On all who will be born in the coming
century.
On parents, co-creators with you of
loving hearts.
On teachers, enablers of the young in
seeking you in all things.
On prophets, speakers of your word of
hope-filled truth.
On believers, called to be saints
everywhere and everyday.
On refugees, the homeless and the
deprived.
On all who suffer in the cause of justice
and peace.
On the sick that we may sustain one
another.
On the young, that the Spirit of God may
nourish loving generosity and
creative commitment in their hearts
always.
On the Church, that we may keep faith,
hope and love alive in unity and peace.
We ask your blessing upon us all.



With us in Spirit

While the Parish will be on pilgrimage in Gougane Barra, the Community of the Poor Clares in their monastery in College Road will join us in Eucharistic Adoration.

Pilgrimage Coach Tickets

A limited number of coach tickets will be on sale in the C.P. Centre after all Masses this weekend.

ALTERNATIVE SLANT

BY "RUTH"

I have been thinking about what could happen when refugees are settled in our parish. We are the established community here. Some of us have been here for 50 years. We have worked hard to make our community what it is today. We have watched the expansion of housing out along the Model Farm Road, and accepted a hospital, industries and colleges, if initially we were apprehensive about what that would bring.

Refugees, by comparison, are the vulnerable and weak of Europe. They have been uprooted and scattered to live from hand to mouth. They have no community here.

We have a lot to offer them and it is up to us to be creative and think of ways we can help to assimilate them, e.g., through sport, recreation and church groups.

The price of social exclusion is disharmony. We have embraced change before, we should have the strength to do it again.



Rest in Peace

Chrissie Hughes, Liam Lynch Park, died on 28th April in the loving care of the staff of St. Clare's Ward, St. Finbarr's Hospital, where she spent the last seven weeks of her life surrounded by her family. Reared in a traditional love of her Irish heritage, she had a great generosity of spirit that inspired her home in a myriad of ways, especially in the respect and care for anybody in need. To her husband Felix, her daughters Mary, Eileen and Catherine, her son Sean, her sisters, grandchildren, and to the wider family and friends, we extend our sympathy. Ar dheis De, go raibh a h-anam dilis.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to MRS. SCANNELL, Wilton Road, on the death of her son Tom.

Congratulations

To PEGGY NAUGHTON, Leesdale, who was one of the finalists in the over 60's competition at City Hall on Easter Sunday. Peggy was the oldest contestant in the competition.

Mount Mercy News

Congratulations to Laura Hurley, 1st Year, who achieved third place in Munster in the final of the Irish Junior Mathematics Competition which was held in Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh over the Easter holidays.



*Pilgrimage -
Practical Points*



Rain or shine the Pilgrimage will go ahead. Please bring rainwear and, if you wish, a folding stool or a rug to sit on.



The coaches will depart at 1.30 p.m. sharp from the church car park. They will stop at the No. 5 bus stop near the entrance to Kenley to pick up passengers from that area.

Motorists should allow an hour and a half for the journey.



All pilgrims, whether in cars or coaches, should pass the island, enter the forest and assemble at the first car park inside the forest before 3 p.m.



Remember to pack your picnic! Please respect the forest: -

- ◆ Extinguish all matches and cigarettes carefully.
- ◆ Light no fires.
- ◆ Leave no litter.

Faith in Action Group

Meeting Monday, 15th May at 8 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.
Topic: Refugees and Asylum Seekers, what can we do to help? (Following on Fr. Fathna O'Driscoll's recent talk)
All Welcome to Attend.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

The Association would like to thank our parishioners most sincerely for their generous contributions in the recent church gate collection.

Padro Pio Thanksgiving Mass

At Enniskeane Church on Thursday 25th May at 8.30 p.m. The chief celebrant will be Fr. Angelus, O.F.M. Cap. Blessing with relic will take place immediately after Mass. Everybody welcome.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Final Recital of this season will take place on Wednesday 24th May at 3 p.m. when Dan Murphy will present some glorious music. Everybody is welcome to a great finale.

Mount Mercy College: Cursa Gaeilge

One week Irish Course for Girls and Boys, 10-16 years. June 26th-30th; 10.00 a.m. - 3 p.m. Catering for 4th to 6th Class Primary and 1st to 3rd Year Post-Primary. Seisiuin, teagaisc, Dramaíocht, Ceili. Apply: Secretary, Mount Mercy College. Tel. 542366.

Readings for Sunday 21 May

Acts. 9:26-31, Ps. 21.
1 Jn. 3:18-24, Jn. 15:1-8.

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