



NOTICE BOARD

Peters Pence Collection

Will be taken up at all Masses next week.

Parish

for July and August. Tickets available in parish office at Mass times.

First Friday

Next Friday, 7th July will be the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 7th from 7.00 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

Padre Pio Devotions

On Sunday 20th August at Rochestown College starting at 3.20 p.m.

Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual C.I.E. pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 13th August, departing Parnell Place at 7.00 a.m., stopping for full Irish breakfast and evening dinner. All in cost £26. Booking with John C. Hennessy at 506976.

Coffee Morning

Our Tuesday coffee sessions have concluded for the summer. We take this opportunity to thank Mary Crean, May O'Connell and Dorothy O'Connell for running this sociable and enjoyable service.

Readings for Sunday 9 July

Ez. 2:2-5; Ps.122;
2 Cor.12:7-10; Mk.6:1-6.

The Last Bulletin

No more Bulletins until September. We thank our readers for their interest and support. Have a nice summer, and we hope you miss us!

Family Studies Course

Certificate Course by N.U.I. for parents, workers in caring professions and those involved in community/parish work, aimed to:
* increase participants' knowledge and skills in the area of family
* to increase awareness of social issues and promote a positive perspective of family life
* to facilitate group development and to train participants as resource people.
Course from 10th October to 29th May, at Cork & Ross Family Centre, 34 Paul Street, Tel. 275136. Early booking is essential as places are limited.

God in the City

The second 'God in the City' Theology Summer School - theme: 'God in the City' - will be held from July 3rd-7th. An opportunity to think about Christianity in the 21st century in an informal and user-friendly setting, exploring our relationship to the earth, each other, ourselves, the Church and our communities. Bookings and information from Dominican Centre, 4502067.

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNY'S CROSS, CORK

**FROM OUR
PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

KNOCK - A PLACE OF PRAYER

ABOVE ALL ELSE

In this Millennium Year we are invited to celebrate the occasion by making a pilgrimage - a tradition as old as Christianity. Our own Parish Pilgrimage to Gougane in May was a prayerful and happy occasion for all who joined us there. Many others have gone further afield during the past few months - Lough Derg, Lourdes, Fatima, Rome, Compostello, Holy Land. Others make the less arduous journey to Knock. I will join them, D.V., and thought a word on its history might be helpful.

Our Lady appeared for two hours at the gable of the Parish Church in this small windswept village on the evening of 21st August 1879. No message was given, no words were spoken, except the prayers of those who gathered there in the rain. Knock is still a place of prayer above all else. Prayer is the common bond. It's a place where people can be themselves, and celebrate their faith and devotion to Mary without fear or inhibition. Problems more than anything else draw people to Knock. It might be sickness, a deep hurt, family tensions, faith

withering away, a son or daughter gone astray and all the worry that goes with it. At home we may feel compelled to cover up and bear it. At Knock it's alright to be broken. Sometimes it's a hidden guilt problem, and here the pall is lifted.

The vast majority of us return home with hearts uplifted - ready to face the problems of life once more. It's curious the spots of the human spirit such an experience can touch. May God and Mary be with you.

Paul C. Kenner

SEPTEMBER ELECTION DECLARED

September will see the election of a new Parish Pastoral Council for a three year term. The parish is divided into 12 areas, each of which elects one representative.

Between now and September, look around your neighbourhood for somebody who would represent you and make a contribution to the work of the council, which is to enrich the life of the parish and serve the needs of the people.

Full details and nomination papers will be distributed to each house with the Bulletin on the third weekend, 18th/19th of September 2000. In the meantime talk to your friends and neighbours about possibilities.

Thank you.



Rest In Peace

Jim O'Hea, Farranlea Park, died at Cork University Hospital on 14th June. He had been in failing health for some time. Jim was a well known personality in the business and sporting life of his native city. He was a long serving and popular member of the staff at C.M.P. Dairies. His sporting interests were varied, a life member of St. Finbarr's Hurling Club, and a man with a keen interest in horses and ponies. His success in different shows was evident from the variety of rosettes from competitions won over the years. In former years he could be seen regularly taking his pony and trap for a smart run out to Ballincollig on a sunny summer evening. Jim was a man of much practical common sense on different aspects of life, and this extended to his religious convictions too. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Helen, his family Mary, John, Tomás, Jim, Helen, Anne, Una, Finbarr, Kevin, and his extended family of Tony, Dan, Noreen and Máire. May he rest in peace.



We offer our sincere sympathy to the SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, Model Farm Road, on the death of Sr. Stephanie Purcell. To MARY HALL, Bishopstown Avenue, on the death of her sister, Terese O'Donovan.

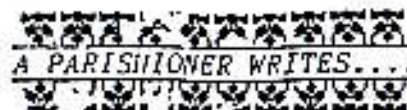
Lt. Col. John O'Keeffe died peacefully at his home in Linaro Avenue on 19th June 2000. A native of Mitchelstown, John had a distinguished career in the Army. A loyal and faithful parishioner, he was a daily Mass goer here until ill-health restricted his lifestyle. Even though he was in failing health, his death was not expected. To his wife Kay (nee Lane), his son Declan, and to the wider family, we extend our sincerest sympathy.

Eileen Fahy, Bishopscourt Road, died peacefully at Cork University Hospital on 21st June 2000. A native of Glanworth, Eileen worked in England until she retired to live with her sisters here. A kind and gentle lady of generous disposition, she will be missed by all the family. To her sisters Bernie and Frank, her brothers Vincent, Finbarr and Joe, we offer our deepest sympathy.

St. Catherine's News

Congratulations to Kate McCutcheon (4th class) on coming first in Cork in five categories of mathematical and programming competitions, and also to Olivia Flynn (4th class) who came second in one of the categories.

For the second year in a row our camogie team were beaten in the final of Sciath na Scol. Every girl played her heart out, but the scores didn't come right for us on the day. It was a great achievement to get to the final and to play in Pairc Uí Chaoimh! With seven of the panel still available for next year, we will be as determined as ever to bring home the cup!



Tara Court,
Glasheen Road

Dear Editor,

In Bulletin 423, 7th May 1995, I was hoping that the Church would not only follow the Pope's call to repent for its past sins, but consider remedying its PRESENT ones...

In the context of the Pope's stated closed position on the exclusion of women from the ordained ministry, I was hoping that by the year 2000 ans, sexism in the Church might have become a PAST sin!

I am comforted today (a pentecostal gift!) by the apology given at the weekend by the Bishop of Killaloe, Dr. William Walsh, for the Church's attitude to unmarried fathers, unmarried mothers and co-habiting couples. "Christ did not condemn those who failed to meet the ideals of the Church, but only those who pretended to live by those ideals and condemned others who appeared to have failed to do so. We must not condemn. We must not question the nature of that love that may not meet with our ideals."

I see Bishop Walsh's act of repentance (speeches are acts) as a symbol of hope. If our Church is able to express a more Christian attitude towards unmarried parents and co-habiting couples, it must be a sign of hope for women called to the ordained ministry, whose only failure from the Church's "ideal" is to be...women!

Yours sincerely,
Madelaine Kerson McNanara

RUTH WRITES

Ten years ago I responded to a questionnaire in this Bulletin, seeking views of the parishioners about the Bulletin. I said I thought there wasn't much in it for the younger reader, and there and then the team recruited me to write 'Alternative Stants'! Sometimes the views I expressed were too alternative for some readers, and I would like to apologise to those who were offended.

Now I am ten years older and I think it is time to step aside and make room for other parishioners to share their thoughts with us.

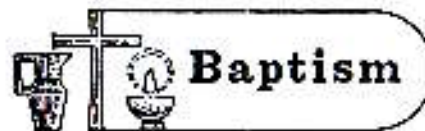
I would like to thank the Bulletin team for their help and support, and wish them well in the future.

Rath De ar an obair!

Editor's note:-

We are sorry Ruth is leaving us, but we were fortunate to have had so many pearls of wisdom and perceptive comments from her over the years.

Thank you, Ruth.



We welcome into our Christian community

Sinead Teresa Cadogan
Rebecca Jean Cummins
Emily Jane Horgan