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neighbourhood caring, to nurturing the young, to enriching our Sunday liturgy, or to sharing the vision in many other ways.

The second vision continues to inspire many who contribute greatly to the well-being of the community. But the new millennium brings new opportunities and new challenges for each one of us who is baptised into Christ Jesus. The Spirit alerts us to God's invitations if we heed him. We need to listen as individuals and as neighbours, as peers and across the generations to what the Spirit is saying, and we need to do something new about it now, or the faith community here could die.

*Tom Lehane*

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### Faith in Action Group

Our next meeting will be on **Monday next, 20th November**, from 8.10 till 9.00 p.m. in the C.P. Centre, to discuss possible actions in relation to asylum seekers and refugees, and to the Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2001, etc.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

As a report inside shows, the new Pastoral Council has got into stride quickly and competently as it searches out how best to help this parish to continue to be a believing, worshipping and caring community. Our best thanks must go to the members who have agreed to serve in this way, and also to those who nominated them.

The three year life span of this council will be a particularly crucial time in our faith and communal life. Increasingly, rapid change in social and religious life patterns means that the life of this parish will be significantly different, richer or poorer, by 2003.

One vision of parish is the supermarket or service station model where one drops in for particular services like Mass, sacraments or funerals, and then moves on. There is another vision. It is one of belonging to a worshipping, caring community, where the core business of enabling each person to live in the love of God and of the neighbour is everybody's gift and responsibility. With such a vision, some devote themselves to



## Rest in Peace

Mary O'Regan, Liam Lynch Park, died on 7th November in her 83rd year at the Respite Care Unit in St. Patrick's Hospital surrounded by her devoted family. Born in Wales, Mary lived most of her life in the old Glasheen village before becoming one of the first residents of Liam Lynch Park with other good friends and neighbours from the village, who brought with them a wonderful sense of faith, community and family. Mary was a truly gracious and gentle woman with only the best to say about others and a kind word for all. Despite serious illness in early life and sad bereavements in recent years, Mary retained an equanimity that endeared her to all. She is predeceased by her husband John, her son Jack and daughter Dolores. She will be sadly missed by her son Joe, daughters Eileen, Alice, Mary, Catherine, their spouses and families, by a wide network of relatives, friends and old neighbours. To all, we offer our sincere sympathy.



We offer our sincere sympathy to MR. JOE McCARTHY, Farranlea Park, on the death of his father.

### Pastoral Council News

This report covers the meetings of 23rd October and 13th November. Area 12 (College Rd. St. Clare's Ave., Orchard Rd.) remains unrepresented on the Council. Irene Connolly and



area in order to update the list.

It was decided to proceed with the printing and distribution of a parish calendar for 2001 and a decision on the holding of a parish social will be made at the December meeting.

Discussion on the future of the parish Bulletin is on-going, dealing with content, compilation, printing and distribution. Despite a front page being devoted to an appeal to parishioners to become involved, especially by giving their views or writing articles, the response so far was nil.

A Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday 17th December at 4.30 p.m. A decision on Midnight Mass and the marking of the end of the calendar and Jubilee Year will be taken at the December meeting. Your views on these celebrations are invited and may be given to the priests of the parish or Council members.

Your Parish Council is at present discussing how best to fulfil its role in our community. If you have any ideas or views about this we would be delighted to hear from you.





### ST. LUKE

Continuing on the symbols of the Evangelists inside the dome of our church...

Luke, the Evangelist, is symbolised by an OX, a sacrificial animal, because his gospel begins with the story of Zachariah entering the Holy of Holies to sacrifice.

Luke's gospel is very warm and human, concentrating on Jesus' mercy and forgiveness, especially to the poor and underprivileged, inviting both Jew and Gentile to salvation. Luke also emphasises the importance of individual spiritual qualities, especially prayer, joy and praise of God, and the essential part played by the Holy Spirit in Christian life. The gospel is dated at about the year 80 A.D.

Luke is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles.

### Thanksgiving after Holy Communion

Fr. Walsh in a homily a few weeks ago touched on the subject of preparation of children for First Holy Communion. It reminded me of the preparation we received at school over a half-century ago. A reverence for the Blessed Sacrament was instilled in us, particularly in relation to the thanksgiving after Holy Communion. Our teacher's legacy to us was the word 'WARDOR'. Down through the years, after receiving communion, I automatically think of the word **WARDOR** and what each letter stands for as follows:

**W for Welcome:** Welcome Our Lord into your soul. Ask Him to dwell therein for as long as possible and let the brightness of His Presence outshine any stain of sin still remaining in your soul.

**A for Adore:** Adore Him as Our Lord and Saviour. He is our Maker, Creator and Redeemer. Without Him we are as nothing. Place yourself completely in His care.

**R for Return Thanks:** Thank Him for visiting your soul and dwelling therein. Thank Him for all the graces, blessings and favours He has bestowed on you and your family and friends down through the years.

**D for Demand:** More an impassioned plea for forgiveness for our sins and the grace to serve Him faithfully for the remainder of our lives; also for the grace of a happy death when the time comes. You may also mention here any other requests you may have, asking particularly for His continued support and protection.

**O for Offer:** Offer up your Communion for your intentions, eg. the repose of the soul of a relative or friend; in thanksgiving for favours received; for the Holy Souls, etc.

**R for Redemption:** Make a good act of Contrition and renew your intention to serve God faithfully in future.

Name and address with Editor





**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Global warming or not, the needy in our parish need help with fuel costs in winter. Please help with your donation to priests of the parish, C.P. Centre Parish Office, or any of our members.

**Attention! - People over 75 years**

From October of this year 'Free Schemes' - electricity, gas, telephone allowance, free T.V. Licence - are available to all people over 75 years, whether or not they live alone (unless someone else in household is getting the allowances already). Application forms can be had at the Post Office.

**Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle**

Our final recital of 2000 will take place on next Wednesday 22nd November at 3.00 p.m. in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when Thecla Duggan will give the recital, and everyone is welcome to an afternoon of great music.

**Gala Christmas Flower Arranging**

Mount Mercy Parents Association will present a demonstration by Mary Coleman, International Flower Arranger, on Wednesday 22nd November at 8 p.m. in the school. Adm. £5, tickets at door.

**Thank You**

Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank the residents of Woodlawn for their generous donation of £41.50 towards security of the elderly.

**Readings for Sunday 26 November**

Dn. 7:13-14; Ps. 92;  
Rv. 1:5-8; Jn. 18:33-37.

**St. Anne's Adoption Society  
St. Anne's Family Service**

The annual collection will take place next week-end at all Masses. As well as providing service for adoptees, locating natural parents, supporting St. Anne's Day Care Centre Nursery, the Family Service has been set up as a counselling service project for children and families coping with parental separation. All the collection will go towards these very important services.

**St. Finbarr's Annual Mass**

The Annual Mass for the living and deceased members of St. Finbarr's National Hurling and Football Club will be celebrated at the Club on Monday, 20th November, at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

**Congratulations to a Parishioner**

Barrister Lia O'Hegarty of Cnoc Muire, Wilton Avenue, is Ireland's first-ever Parliamentary Legal Adviser. Recently, she took up her appointment at Leinster House where she will be advising the Houses of the Oireachtas. Lia is a past pupil of Mount Mercy College and a graduate of U.C.C. and Harvard University. She was called to the Bar in 1996. We send Lia our congratulations and very best wishes.

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