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*We are Easter
people
and
Alleluia
is our song*



Carmel O'Shea



CHAIRPERSON
of the
PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL
writes

The Parish Pastoral Council is now midway through the first year of its three year term of office. Since its appointment last October it has been engaged in a series of discussions on its present role in the parish in the light of the aims laid down in its constitution, as revised in 1992. These aims require the Council to act as a consultative body, to develop a Parish Community centred on the Lord Jesus where people find a sense of support and belonging and where the giftedness and ministry of each person is realised and valued. These aims have due regard for the principles of the Second Vatican Council which emphasised the importance of all the people of God in the Church.

In the context of the foregoing, I am pleased, as Chairperson of the Council, to avail of this opportunity to emphasise the vital importance of the laity in the Church of today. We are fortunate in this parish that, because of the foresight of our former Parish Priest Dean O'Connor, in facilitating the establishment of a Parish Pastoral Council more than fifteen years ago, there has been considerable involvement of the laity in a variety of parish matters. Many are involved as contact people in every area of the parish and many are members of committees such as the Liturgy Group, the Faith in Action Group and the Education Group. This involvement is more important now than ever before if the Church is to prosper in our community.

We still have our full complement of three priests, ably led by our Parish Priest, Fr. Tom Clancy, but there is no doubt that, because of the age profile of the priests of the diocese, this will change within a

relatively short period of time. Therefore, we must plan for a time in the immediate future when there may be only one priest in this parish. This is the challenge that faces this Pastoral Council in concerning itself with the range of pastoral activities in the parish and in seeking to determine its role and objectives. On behalf of the Council, I invite your prayers, your comments and your active involvement in any of the groups mentioned above.

Pádraig O Riordáin



Happy
Easter



THE EDITOR
writes

Dear Bulletin Reader,

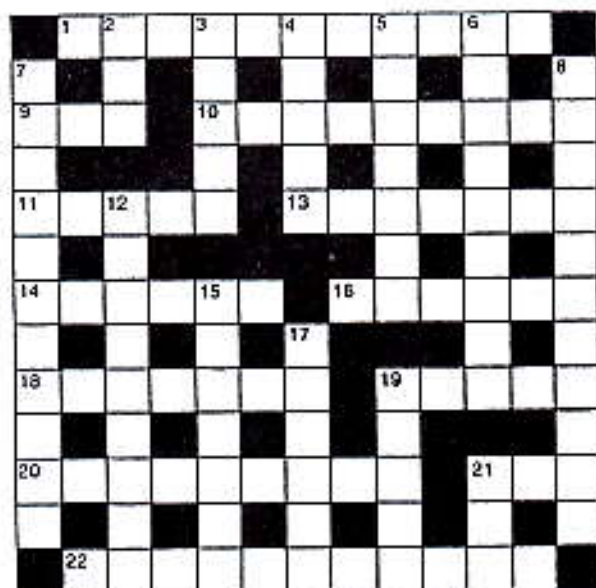
On behalf of our Bulletin team, I would like to say a big thank you to all who help in its production. A team every Saturday folds and arranges Bulletins for distribution at the church. Once a month, a massive organisation is needed to deliver two thousand Bulletins to homes in the parish. A Bulletin is useless unless distributed.

We thank also those who were concerned enough to write articles, letters and news items. Without all this help the Bulletin team couldn't operate.

To all our readers a very happy Easter.

Irene Connolly

EASTER CROSSWORD



NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Answers to the Parish Office by April 29th

Across

1. She turned round and then said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbuni!" which means Jn.20:16. (5,6)
9. Quite a large amount – of salt. (3)
10. She it was who said to Mary: "The infant in my womb leapt for joy."(9)
11. Long to disturb a caver. (5)
13. Pull this with dangerous consequences. (7)
- 14 & 17D. Springy hat. (6,6)
16. You can also shoot with this. (6)
18. It's an ill wind! (7)
19. Cupid's Mum – a shining star. (5)
20. You could describe them as the insiders. (9)
21. You'll be happier to find there's something nice inside. (3)
22. Basically, this is it. (11)

Down

2. Consume spilt tea. (3)
3. A point within a French resort – relatively speaking. (5)
4. Not dry, not drenched, something in between. (5)
5. Enduring power, found in a mast. (7)
6. Always naïve but never bald. (9)
7. Go out to the whole world: proclaim the gospel to Mk.16. (3,8)
8. But a blunt question may incur it. (5,6)
12. Cast brats about for such conceptual ideas. (9)
15. Illustration that was formerly big enough. (7)
17. See 14 across.
19. This comes from taking a long view. (5)
21. A close friend inside the palace. (3)

Resurrection - Out of the Mouth of a Babe...

My daughter overheard her 3½ year old making a call on her pretend phone to her Grandad in heaven. Later, she asked her did she talk to Grandad. She said she could SEE him. She said, "You know God is 'HUGE'. Well, Grandad was sticking out of His pocket. He was wearing a Superman outfit and he was having a lovely time."

This Grandmother takes great comfort in thinking of her beloved husband being in God's pocket.

A parishioner



HE IS RISEN

The morning rain swirled around Killarney. At the foot of Mangerton, I could hardly see the outline of even this familiar mountain but the trail was well marked out by the feet of the many who have trodden this popular route to the summit.

Later, the rain stopped and the mist lifted. Then in the brilliant sunlight the grandeur of the mountains and the beauty of the lakes were visible to all. The reality had not changed. What had happened was the way I saw it and experienced it.

Sometimes I think of God's love as being like Mangerton – solid, unchanging, eternal, dependable. It is always there but, in the troubled mists of everyday life, I do not always see it. There is a well-proven trail to guide me, the trail of prayer, service and forgiveness. It was Jesus who blazed the trail.



It brought him not only to death but to resurrection, to sharing fully in the Father's glory. His resurrection is the beacon light that beckons me onwards. It encourages me to stay on the trail, to live in hope of glimpsing the beauty of God's love in this life and of experiencing it constantly in the next life.

Jesus has passed through the mists of death to prepare the way for us. Not only that, he walks with us on our journey as one who has been through it all, to give us the confidence to believe that we are made for true greatness, God's love seen dimly now and radiantly hereafter.

“We believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.”

Happy Easter.