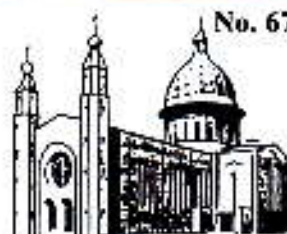


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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Patrick writes

The Peace of Christ

It is a good idea to have made a will before you die. Those who mourn you will certainly find things much easier to deal with if you do.

Jesus, when he died, had nothing in terms of silver and gold. The soldiers who executed him were to divide his clothes among them and cast lots for his robe. His will was made orally in the presence of his disciples on the night before he died. "Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you."

When someone leaves you something in a will there is a certain undeserved quality to it. It is really a gift to you from the deceased. Jesus who died for us gives us the gift of peace. It is a gift that is undeserved and unfortunately not very well received. Jesus was facing betrayal, denial, his passion and death, yet he was at peace and wished that we would share it with him. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, just before Holy Communion we repeat again those words of Jesus. How true are his following words: "A peace the world cannot give this is my gift to you".

Let us try in these days of Easter to

perceive this gift of the Peace of Christ deep in our hearts and perhaps the world too might be a more peaceful place.

MAKE ME A BLESSING

*Make me a blessing to those that I meet
Make me a blessing as I walk down the street
Make me a blessing this day and this hour
Make me a blessing, it lies in Your power
Make me a blessing wherever I roam
Make me a blessing as I journey to Home
Amen*



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Change of Sunday Mass Time

Two Sundays in June

June 3rd and June 10th

The mid morning Mass will be at 10.00 a.m. and will be broadcast on R.T.E. Radio One. The other Masses at 9.00 and 12.15 p.m. will be as usual.

CONFIRMATION DAY

Bishop John Buckley confirmed 51 girls from St. Catherine's on Thursday last in a very joyful and happy occasion for the girls and their families, and teachers Gbnait Matson and Catherine O'Neill. The beautiful singing was augmented by the fifth class girls whose presence was much appreciated.

The girls are now completing their primary education, many of them having spent eight years together in St. Catherine's. As they move on to a new phase in life, we wish them God's every blessing. May this new coming of the Spirit of God upon them strengthen their faith, hope and love. May they be blessed in their families and friends. In turn, may they enrich the lives of all whom they come in contact with throughout their lives. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh siad.



Congratulations

Well done to Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh who won the F.A.I. Schools U-15 All-Ireland Final in Limerick last Wednesday, beating Marist College, Athlone, 3-0. Parishioners on the team included John McCleverty, Eoin Ryan and Ian O'Flynn. Co-coaching with Neill Brett was parishioner Kieran O'Mahony, a past pupil and captain of the Runner Up team in the All-Ireland Final in 1997, and a team member in the All-Ireland Final 1995.



Our Church Parking Problem

The Pastoral Council is very concerned about the worsening problem of parking in the church grounds to the point that our own parishioners and visitors attending morning Mass, weddings, funerals or other ceremonies are finding it difficult to get spaces.

It is endeavouring to find ways of ensuring that parking is available at all times for church ceremonies and functions in the Crypt. We ask parishioners to understand why the gates may be closed on occasions overnight and in the very early morning to help resolve the matter.

At cool of day, with God I walk
my garden's grateful shade;
I hear his voice among the trees
and I am not afraid. *Chinese proverb*

OUR SYMPATHIES

We offer our sincere sympathy to EILEEN KEENAN, The Grove, Parkway Drive, on the death of her mother.



INVITATION

We have been invited to broadcast Mass on RTE Radio 1 from our parish church on Sunday (Pentecost Sunday) and June 10th (Trinity Sunday) at 10.00 a.m.

The first Sunday happens to be the June Bank Holiday weekend when some people are away and our congregations are usually smaller. So, if you are at home that weekend, please join us for the 10.00 Mass to fill our big church with the praise of the Lord on what is also the feast day of our church and parish, the Descent of the Holy Spirit. Invite others to join us on the occasion that brings the Mass to the housebound, the sick in hospital, the lonely, prisoners.

Please be in the church before 10.00 as broadcast Masses are strictly confined to 45 minutes.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Just a note to thank you for the book voucher, the prize in your recent crossword.

Though not a parishioner, I often attend Mass at Dennehy's Cross. I love the sermons, the singing and the spirit of the congregation. It seems a lot of effort is put into everything. Keep up the good work!

Regards,
E. Richmond



Our Lady of the Rosary
pray for us

Why Should I say the Rosary?

1. In the grotto in Lourdes, when we look up at the statue of the Blessed Virgin, we will see that she carried a Rosary Beads. Surely this shows that it must be an important and even powerful prayer.
2. Worry beads are counted in the hands in some prayer countries to calm people. The beads of the Rosary may well have a similar effect.
3. The **Sorrowful Mysteries** tell us how much God loves us – he suffered so much for us.
4. The **Joyful Mysteries** show that Our Lady had joys, sorrows and anxiety like us.
5. The **Glorious Mysteries** give us hope of heaven the Risen Lord has prepared for those who love Him.
6. When our Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima, she asked the children to recite the Rosary – we are her children too – how could we refuse?

P.B.



Diocesan Missions Peru and Ecuador

The annual collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

Academic Year 2001-2002

St. John's Central College of Further & Continuing Education brochure is now available from the college office or requested at 4276410.

Chernobyl Children's Group

Host families are needed for this summer, two or four weeks, from 22nd June to 20th July 2001. If you could help, please phone Anne at 4505094.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Jim Bowen will present our final recital for this season on Wednesday next 23rd May at 3 p.m. in the crypt of our church. As always everybody is welcome to an afternoon of great music.

Old Ursuline Past Pupils' Union

The A.G.M. will take place at the Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, on 23rd May next. Mass at 7.30 p.m. then short meeting, and complimentary refreshments afterwards. Past Pupils are welcome to renew friendships at this event, as always.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

The annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart will be held on June 14th at 7.30 p.m. New members of the Pioneer Association will be enrolled at this Mass. Any pioneers of 25 or 50 years who would like to have silver or gold pins presented to them may contact Judith Coffey (4345281) or Liam O'Driscoll (4544682) before June 5th please, as pins and brooches have to be ordered.

School Caretaker

Required for Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh. Apply with C.V. and reference immediately to The Secretary, Board of Management. Full details on the post available from the school, 4543790. Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh is an equal opportunities employer.

Readings for Sunday 27 May

Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11. Both the first reading and Gospel today contain an account of the Ascension by St. Luke.

Psalms 46. God goes up with shouts of joy.

Ephesians 1:17-23. Paul interprets the Ascension as Christ's exaltation at the right hand of the Father.

(OR Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23. Jesus' entry into heaven assures our entry there, too.)

Luke 24:46-53. The very last words of Luke's Gospel.

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