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OUR
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writes

A weekend that includes a First Communion ceremony for girls and a graduation ceremony for Leaving Certificate young men focuses my mind once again on the extraordinary contribution our teachers make to the formation of our young people, not just academically, but socially, culturally, physically, as well as religiously.

The span from four year old to eighteen year old is a huge section of any life, and a section that influences all of us deeply. The hopes shared, the gifts developed, the hardships overcome, the values lived out, the friendships formed can enrich forever the lives of all involved and not just the pupils.

The key importance of partnership between parents and teachers over these years is crucial to the well-being of the young. It is a partnership that must be built on mutual respect and trust, protected by openness and integrity, nurtured by understanding and appreciation, renewed in hope and forgiveness. It is only in such a spirit of partnership that the God-given gifts of the young can blossom and bear fruit. Education is never a lone ranger

operation. It must always be the concern of all the communities to which the young belong including the parish community.

As we near the end of the school year, it is appropriate to say thanks to all involved, especially our teachers, but also the members of boards of management and of parents' associations, and to a myriad of others who contribute time and talent to our education system and the good it achieves.

Beannacht Dé oraibh go léir.

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

Masses at 9.00 and 12.15 p.m.
will be as usual

Christian Meditation

The following is intended as an introduction to the prayer of Christian Meditation. This ancient form of prayer is rooted in Christian tradition and dates back to the fourth century Desert Fathers.

The prayer is a prayer of Stillness. The body and mind are completely silent and still. "Be silent, still, aware, for in your own heart the Spirit is at prayer." In the stillness we bow in faith before the majesty of God who can reveal His unlimited love for us. Meditation is a simple direct method of making us present to God in love.

Christian Meditation is a Prayer of Faith. It is more important to experience its power in our lives than to try to understand or explain it. It is unlike other forms of meditation with which you may be familiar. Here there are no words, no thoughts, no concepts, no images. We pray with Jesus dwelling within us. It is no longer 'our' prayer for "we do not know how to pray" (Rom.8).

The basis of the Prayer is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Deep within all of us dwells the Blessed Trinity. At the depth of our being the Father continually loves the Son while the Son responds to the Father in love and prayer through the Holy Spirit. In our prayer of Meditation we desire to be part of the love and prayer of Jesus to the Father. Rather than think up words or aspirations or images of our own, we wish to unite ourselves with the loving prayer going on continuously within us. In this prayer we also seek to open

ourselves completely to the Holy Spirit that He may bring about in us conversion, repentance and faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Monsignor G.T. Feehily

Submitted by the Parish Meditation Group which meets each Thursday from 7.00-7.30 p.m. throughout the year at the C.P. Centre. Newcomers especially welcome.



LETTERS

Dear Editor,

We enjoyed the pilgrimage to Gougane Barra so much last year that we would like another pilgrimage or parish outing as soon as possible. We would like the pastoral council to organise it and choose the venue. I'm sure I'm speaking for many people in the parish.

Yours sincerely,
Jackie O'Herlihy

Wilton Road.

Dear Editor,

A little note to say a big thank you for the Book Token prize for the Easter Crossword. It was much appreciated.

Bail ó Dhia ar an obair!
Mary Nolan



We offer our sincere sympathy to MAIREAD O'REGAN, Merlyn Lawn, on the death of her mother.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to parishioner GAVIN BARRY of 8 Leesdaie, Model Farm Road, who received a Scholarship to pursue his studies in Dentistry in Trinity College, Dublin. Well done Gavin!

www.gettingmarried.ie

This is the address of the new website, created by the Jesuit Communications Centre in Dublin. Launched on Valentine's Day the website – subtitled *Planning a Day – Preparing for Life* – helps young couples plan their wedding from the earliest stages.

It covers a wide range of topics from the first steps to the ceremony itself. It gives advice on readings, vows, music, preparing the church and even gives the texts so that couples can make their own wedding booklet. Couples add their own stories as well.

Designed to complement couples' planning with their local priests, this website is easy to use. Let us know what you think of it.

GETTING DIRECTIONS

Peace is one of those elusive realities that people long for. Yet, in over 3,100 of recorded world history, the world has only known peace for an estimated total of 286 years, with 8,000 treaties made and broken. On any given day, soldiers are firing in 30 to 40 nations. Wars of liberation, territorial disputes, internal strife, religious principles. Different causes and motives, but the common currency is death. Violence does lead to peace, the peace of the graveyard.

World peace is one thing; personal peace is a deeper reality. What is this 'peace that the world cannot give' which Jesus promises his faithful followers? The ability to remain calm and serene in every circumstance because we entrust all to the protective care of God. Who wouldn't want that peace?

Have your goals become so all-consuming that life has lost its joyful quality, and become one emergency and deadline after another? Everyone is trying to 'catch up'. Sometimes the architect of the stress is you. Life will go on wonderfully even if it doesn't follow your plan.

Christ hints strongly that we find peace by ceasing self-centredness, which is the cause of perfectionism; the cure is service. When you live for others, it takes the focus off you. When that happens, you become more joyful and enjoyable. And you find real peace in the process. Think about it.

- Fr. Tom Cox



ECUMENICAL FAITH SERVICE

at

Crypt of Church of Holy Spirit

Thursday 31st May at 8.00 p.m.

Homily by

Rev. John Farris

Presbyterian Church

Representatives from Church of Ireland,

Methodist and Society of Friends.

Co-ordinator: Mr. Tom Liston



The ascension of Christ is his liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth.

First Friday

Next Friday 1st June is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will take place next Friday 1st June from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

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Gaelscoil Uí Riada

Ba mhór ag Bord Bainistíochta Ghaelscoil Uí Riada (021-4342027) cairde uile na scoile a bheith linn ag an Oscailt Oifigiúil 8ú Meitheamh, 2001.

GOD'S WORD

Readings for Sunday 3rd June
Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11. The events of Pentecost are described.

Psalm 103. May the Spring renew the whole world.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17. The Spirit helps people live spiritual lives.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26. The Advocate reminds us of what Jesus taught.

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