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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

This is Father's Day. I know you will want to get a present which will symbolise all the love that you feel in your heart for him. To be ruthlessly honest, it can happen and sometimes does happen, that relationship between father and son (or daughter) isn't the beautiful reality that God intended it to be. Remember John McGahern's novel of the domineering father and the family who all left him one by one because they could not relate to him.

There is another story of a Jewish Rabbi and his son. The son chose his own way in life much to the disappointment of his father, who wanted him to follow in his own footsteps and become a Rabbi too. The rift widened with the years, and the only memories left were bitter ones. Eventually the father phones, and invited his son to come home. The son, mindful of many arguments and accusations, hesitates - "I can't", he says. The father's love shines through in his response: "Then come as far as you can, and I'll go the rest of the way." Life is too short and too precious to fritter it away. This is the day to go as far as you can.

This is true too in our relationship with

our Heavenly Father. If we have strayed away from Him, this is the day to turn back, and 'He will carry you on eagles wings' to the home and security where you belong. You recall His own words - if one of his flock strays, He leaves everything else aside, and goes in search of the one who was lost. And having found it returns home rejoicing. "I have found the one who was lost." Give our Father's love a chance to shine in your life and everybody will share the joy.

*Aileen S. Conroy*

### Questions People Ask

**Q.** What is so special about devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus? Where did the devotion come from?

**A.** The heart is the centre of love, so this devotion is a way to focus on the love of God shown in Jesus Christ. The devotion was popularised by St. Margaret Mary Alcoque in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. It counteracted the very severe idea of God then being spread by Calvinism. Margaret Mary was asked to draw people back to the love in Christ's heart: his love for the Father, his mercy to sinners and his compassion to the sick.

"Behold his heart which has so loved people and is so little loved in return."

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

### A Blessing for Fathers

We thank you, God, for the gift of our fathers,  
for grandfathers and godfathers and fathers-in-law.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our fathers,  
in whose laps we were cradled,  
on whose knees we were bounced,  
by whose hands we were fed, instructed,  
at times corrected,  
in whose company we learned to work  
and play and pray,  
at whose side we hear your word and  
celebrate your mysteries.

Heal their pains and disappointments.  
Forgive all that needs to be forgiven.  
Give to them the good that they have  
given to others.  
Welcome into your arms those who have  
died.  
Fill this world, O God, with a father's  
love!

We ask this through your son Jesus  
Christ,  
who taught us to pray to you as *Abba*.  
He lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
who is the Father of the poor,  
one God forever and ever. Amen.

- *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*,  
U.S. Catholic Conference, inc. Washington DC.

"...I have come  
so they may have  
life and have it  
abundantly."  
John 00:10



We congratulate the following parishioners who were married recently:

MAIREAD CRONIN, Woodlawn, Model Farm Road, who married John Collins, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

JAMES McCARTHY, Laburnum Park, who married Mary Claire O'Brien, The Lough.

JOHN GERARD KEENAN, 15 The Grove, who married Jackie O'Connell, Cathedral Road.

DONNA SORENSON, 32 Greenfields, Model Farm Road, to Simon Anthony Fleming, Gwent, Wales.

ANNE HENNIGAN, Wilton Road, who married Michael Burke, Ballymacthomas.

## GOOD NEWS

### EAGLE'S WINGS

One of the loveliest images of God's love occurs in today's First Reading: *I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself.* God's protection of his beloved people is also expressed in the role of Jesus as shepherd for the flock. He commissioned the 12 apostles and gave them his message and divine power. The Church, founded on the apostles, continues God's work of caring



and carrying, of teaching and feeding.

Our psalm invites us to celebrate all that God continues to do for us. Eternal is his mercy and faithful his love. As Paul says to the Romans, what proves that God loves us is the way that Christ died for us while we were sinners.

If we believe in this divine care, we should pass the message up to our faces. And let us not be too shy to raise our voices to sing his praise, to cry out with joy to all the earth.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM.Cap



*Rest in Peace*

Catherine (Kit) Grant, Roger Casement Park, died peacefully at C.U.H. on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2002. She had lived life to the full and although advanced in years, she remained young at heart. Her life was a very active one as she had a deep sense of care for others and being a good neighbour was important to her. Whenever there was any crisis her deep faith led her to prayer and to a firm belief that everything was in the hands of God. She loved the ordinary things of life, gardening, cooking, knitting, craftwork. An enthusiastic member of the I.C.A. she spent summers improving her skills at An Grianán and loved the weekly meeting at the S.M.A. Hall. Casement Park will be the poorer for her passing as her unfailing spirit and genuine joy at meeting others lifted many a heart. To her daughters Mary, Kay, Noreen and Sheila, to the wider family, friends and neighbours, we offer sincere sympathy. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a hanam dílis.

## Bible Corner



### ROMAN GIFT

The instant speed of text messaging, voice mails and e-mails has changed not only how we communicate but how we live. Still, the traditional personal well-crafted letter can have enduring influence. This is certainly true of St. Paul's letters to the early Christian communities. Over the coming months, our weekend liturgy will offer us extracts from his letter to the Romans. The Romans involved were principally migrant members of the Jewish community in the Eternal City. They had come to believe that one of their own race, Jesus of Nazareth who was also Son of God, had come to save us from our sins and selfishness through his death and resurrection. The unearned giftedness of this salvation is a cornerstone of our confident hope as we hear this weekend.



We offer our sincere sympathy to COLM LINEHAN, a member of our Bulletin Team, on the death of his sister Deirdre.

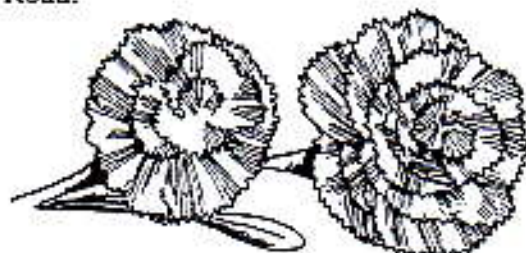
To NORMA SORENSON, Greenfields, Model Farm Road, on the death of her brother.



## Announcements

### A Night at the Circus

Special charity performance of Fossetts Circus in aid of Bishopstown Lions Club Charities will be held in the old Malting site, Ballincollig on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 p.m. Tickets available at O'Donoghue's Shell Service Station and Herlihy's Centra, both on Curraheen Road.



### Open Garden

Beneath the Steeple in Innishannon, on Saturday and Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Alice Taylor will open her garden to the public. Located behind the red house at the traffic lights in Innishannon with parking further up the hill in St. Mary's Church grounds. All proceeds in aid of Innishannon Church Fund.

## Thank You

Cope Foundation wish to acknowledge receipt of the very generous contribution of €162.00 from the residents of Bishopstown Park and the Dennehy's Cross area.

### Blessed Padre Pio

A Triduum to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed Padre Pio will be held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June at the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, commencing with 7.30 p.m. Mass on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00 p.m. Mass 15<sup>th</sup> June and concluding on 16<sup>th</sup> June with a special Mass at 3.00 p.m. Preachers: Fr. Jack Twomey, Fr. Colga O'Riordan and Fr. Kevin Kiernan.



### Now's the time

### Youth Ministry Studies

Certificate Course will be commencing this coming September. The course is an eight module programme covering many areas relevant to Youth Ministry. An information evening will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 p.m. at the Scala Community, Bessboro, Blackrock. This course is particularly relevant to adults who want to be involved in the area of faith development with teenagers.

### God's Word

### Readings for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

#### First Reading:

Jer.20:10-13. Jeremiah is under pressure, but still believes God is at his side, helping him.

#### Psalm 68

#### Second Reading:

Rom.5:12-15. Sin affects everyone, according to St. Paul, but grace comes to all through Christ.

#### Gospel:

Mt.10:26-33. Jesus assures his followers and asks for their loyalty.

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