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OUR  
**PARISH  
PRIEST**  
*writes*

As I write, the build-up towards war continues. The reason given is that this war is necessary to bring peace. For the powerful, war is the easy option. It is a false option. Experience shows us that war never brings peace. Enduring peace comes only from a change of heart. It comes from building new relationships, not from bombing innocent people. Defeating the aggressor through violence breeds new aggressors who feed on the pain and humiliation of the vanquished. This is true on the domestic scene as well as on the world stage. It is so easy to dismiss another as intransigent, not open to any change of behaviour. Deviant such a one may well be, but the peacemaker's task is to work to bring about such a change.

The key to building world peace is to start local, to build cells of justice, forgiveness, respect and love in our homes, neighbourhoods and communities. Such cells networking together overcome fear and create an ethos of responsibility for one another on our planet. Deepening sensitivity to true peace at home inspires our efforts to achieve it worldwide.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

## CRYPT NEWS

The Crypt is operational again as the remaining jobs are being finished off. Our best thanks to builder Michael O'Shea, architect Bertie Pope and their staffs for a job well done. As the varied groups move back to use the facility, we hope all will enjoy their enhanced surroundings.

The invitation to put an extra Euro in the collection each Sunday to pay for the refurbishment has evoked an excellent response. An average of €520 is coming in each week. The request for a fairy godmother for the tea-maker and the dishwasher was answered. Thanks. A Lotto winner has not surfaced so far but several people have given generous subscriptions towards chairs and for the overall cost. These continue to be very welcome and are much appreciated. In a few weeks' time, we hope to invite you to visit and see your refurbished Crypt. Meanwhile, many thanks again.

Fr. Tom Clancy

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASSES

**Sunday :** Vigil Mass at 6.15 p.m.

**Monday:** 9.00, 10.30 and 12.15.  
(No 7.30 p.m. Mass)

**TRÓCAIRE VISITOR URGES  
JUSTICE FOR  
GENOCIDE SURVIVORS**

Trócaire's Project Officer in Guatemala, Dr. Katy Mitchell, spoke in the Crypt last Monday about the suffering of the Mayan people of Guatemala, who are the focus of Trócaire's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Lenten Campaign.

During the 36-year civil war in Guatemala over 200,000 people were killed (or disappeared) by government-backed military or paramilitary groups. 83% of the victims were Mayans. Dr. Mitchell, who has worked in Guatemala since 1997, stated, "The killing of entire villages, of women, and of children, suggest that the massacres carried out by the military during the Guatemalan Civil War, were carried out in an attempt to exterminate the Mayan population."

She concluded, "We are appealing to parishioners to support Trócaire's work through Lenten donations and through a postcard campaign which will put international pressure on the Guatemalan Attorney-General's office and the Guatemalan Supreme Court to ensure that those responsible for genocide be brought to trial."

The campaign postcards will be available after Masses next weekend (22nd-23rd March). You are asked to give your name, address and signature on the 3 postcards, which should remain attached.

**SUPPORT POSTCARD SUNDAY!**

16 Tara Court  
Glasheen Road

Dear Editor,

Could Lent be a time for reflecting on our responsibility towards the earth? Isn't it after all our nearest neighbour? Isn't care of the environment in fact a justice issue? Perhaps your readers would like to translate this reflection into action. For those who wish to begin recycling their waste, here is some information.

Cork City Council (previous name Cork Corporation) has installed "bring sites" around the city for domestic usage only. I'll mention just two of them today (to be followed...)

To the Wilton Shopping Centre site you can bring cardboard, paper, textiles, drink cans, glass.

To the College Road Brookfield Holiday Village site you can bring glass.

Consulting with neighbours or friends with a view to pooling recycling efforts would have the added benefit of community building.

Happy Lent, happy recycling, re-using, repairing!

Yours sincerely,  
Madelaine McNamara

**MOUNT MERCY NEWS**

This week 2<sup>nd</sup> year students are enjoying themselves at the Delphi Outdoor Education Centre in Co. Mayo. Delphi is located in the south west of Mayo, halfway between Louisburg and Leenane on the shores of Killary Harbour. Activities include kayaking, abseiling, archery, surfing, hill/wilderness walking.



## Rest in Peace

The death of Sean Ó Murchu of Farranlea Grove, took place recently. He will be sadly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Sean endeared himself to young and old, as was evident in the very large attendance at his funeral. His illness was borne with great courage and dignity. Sean was a man of great faith and a wonderful and caring neighbour. He worked selflessly in Business Adult Education, C.L.C.G., St. Vincent's Hurling & Football Club, and many charitable organisations. Sean had a smile and a kind word for everybody, and was always willing to lend a helping hand. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Joan, his brother Frank, nieces, nephews an extended family. An dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

# Lent on the Edge

LUNCH TIME TALKS

SR. MARGARET LYNCH

PROSTITUTION IN IRELAND

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1.10 - 1.30 p.m.

Light Snack Available

## Church of the Holy Spirit

DENNEHY'S CROSS

# CARE

About One Another in Christ

## DISTURBING THE COMFORTABLE

How do you view Ireland? Is it as an economy or as a society? This was the question asked by Fr. Sean Healy at the *Lent on the Edge* talk last Wednesday. If we regard it as an economy, we can proudly claim to be doing very well. However, if we look at Ireland as a society, things are not so rosy. Our per capita income is above the EU average but our infrastructure is below the EU average. We are challenged to bring social welfare, health care, housing, education, etc., up to the standards of the rest of Europe.

The Gospel calls us to move towards where God wants us to be. Catholic social thought defines justice as right relationships with God, society and the environment. A just society is one where rights and the dignity of the individual are respected and development is facilitated. Is Ireland just? Despite the Celtic tiger of recent years, there are more people in relative poverty now than twenty years ago. When money was available the government decided to reduce taxation rather than improve services. Our total taxation is the lowest in Europe.

Fr. Healy's wish list included a basic income of €156 per week for everyone, social housing for the 50,000 on the waiting lists, meaningful work for everyone and an opportunity for all to participate in shaping their lives. If this could be achieved, the country would be a better place for all of us.



# Newsnotes

## APRIL BULLETIN TO THE HOMES

Next month's Bulletin to the homes will be delivered on the second weekend - 12<sup>th</sup> April.

### First Holy Communion

Children from St. Catherine's preparing for First Holy Communion will have their First Reconciliation Service on Saturday next, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, at 11.30 a.m.



### Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

We will resume our monthly recitals on Wednesday next 19<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00 p.m. in the newly refurbished crypt, when Vera Wellcome will give the recital. Do come and enjoy a great afternoon in lovely surroundings.

### N.A.O.M.I.

Information at 36 Washington Street, tel. 4272213, on Pre-marriage Courses, family planning, etc.

### Childminder

Wanted to look after two year old girl several mornings each week. Can be flexible with days/hours involved. Please ring 4345487 after 6.00 p.m.

## EMERGENCY NUMBER

087 - 251 9940

### Bridge

It is intended to resume Bridge in the refurbished church crypt. Those interested are requested to submit their names to the Parish Centre. On receipt of this information details of the resumption of bridge will be published. The most suitable time is Tuesday afternoons.

### The Widening Gap

Lecture on Social Housing given by Margaret O'Keeffe, U.C.C., and Paul Moynihan, Cork City Council, in the S.M.A. Centre at 8.00 p.m. next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>.

## God's Word

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

#### First Reading:

Ex.20:1-17. The ten commandments give the foundation on which a life of Christian love is built.

#### Psalm 18

#### Second Reading:

1 Cor.1:22-25. Christ crucified is our focus; Christ draws us together - beyond our factions, beyond our disputes.

#### Gospel:

Jn.2:13-25. Jesus purifies the Temple of commercial defilement, but then proclaims himself the New Temple, the fulfilment of everything the old order stands for.

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