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OUR
**PARISH
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writes

PASSIVE POISONING

Passive smoking continues to get a great airing in recent months. Despite differences about how to deal with the problem, there is widespread acceptance that it is an enormous hazard to our bodily health and should be avoided if at all possible. The anti-smoking campaign set me thinking about the many other things that undermine our well-being and could be avoided.

Passive violence comes to mind. Our media constantly bring varied violence into the innermost sanctuaries of our homes, our minds and, indeed, our hearts. What effect does this violence have upon us who experience it frequently? Do we gradually absorb such violence and accept it as a normal and acceptable way of getting our own way, of responding to frustration of our whims, of releasing our anger? Does passive violence poison our minds and our hearts?

It certainly coarsens our culture. Do we need self-imposed bans to protect our homes and our hearts as poison-free zones of peace and love? Certainly, life-giving relationships need such oases in modern life. They will not happen accidentally. These havens must be chosen, nurtured and protected. The choice is to give passive violence free access to our minds and hearts, or to shelter our inner selves from such poison. The choice is our own.

Mass for those who died during the past year

Our traditional annual Mass for parishioners who died since November 2002 will be celebrated on Tuesday 11th November at 7.30 p.m. Families and friends of the bereaved are especially invited to attend. During Mass, as each name is called, a family member will be invited to bring a lighting candle to our November shrine. All parishioners are invited.

Reflections on the Mass - 3 Singing & Responses - Involvement

The Mass was never intended to be like a play or a concert, with the celebrant up on the 'stage' of the altar, and the congregation sitting and passively watching. The Mass developed from an informal meal setting in the homes of the elders of the community. While the elder led the celebration, everyone present participated in the prayers and singing. As the numbers grew, and especially after the Edict of Milan by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century, which gave freedom of worship to Christians in the Roman Empire, the Mass moved into larger Basilica (law-court) type buildings. The prayers and rituals grew more formal and took on some of the dress and customs of public life. As this happened, the role of the congregation became more and more reduced, and the role of the bishop and priest more solemn.

Vatican II once again restored the balance

and stressed 'the active participation of the faithful' in the rites and ceremonies. Lay ministers were introduced, congregational singing was stressed, and the dialogue nature of the Mass was restored again. The change from ceremonies in Latin to English facilitated all this. Again, we in Ireland have been very slow to put all of this into action. We Irish people are shy by nature, perhaps, and Irish congregations are very poor to join in the responses and especially the singing.

In the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, a serious attempt has been made at encouraging more lay participation in the Masses, especially through singing, and with considerable success. There is a Cantor and Organist at the 6.15 vigil Mass, at the 10.30 with the choir, and at the 12.15 each weekend. Very few other churches have singing at so many Masses. We appeal for a bit more participation and volume, especially at the 12.15 on Sundays!!

It needs to be stressed that the role of a choir is to support the congregation in their singing, not to replace them; the choir is also there to sing music which would be more difficult for a congregation, and at times when the congregation is receiving Communion etc. A church choir is not meant to be merely there to sing solo pieces or to entertain, by having an excellent standard. It contributes to the overall participation in making the liturgy lively, joyful, prayerful and fulfilling, appealing to the senses and to the spirit. We are so blessed with our choir, organist and cantors!!

The Acclamations - Alleluia, Mystery of Faith, Great Amen, Holy Holy, among others, are meant to be sung in participation. Dialogue parts of the Mass, e.g. the Lord Have Mercy, introduction to the preface etc can be sung or said, but again, provide participation.

Rest in Peace

Frank Buckley, The Ridgeway and Adrigole, died at Cork University Hospital on Wednesday 8th October. Frank was born and reared on Magazine Road, and attended UCC where he graduated with a degree in engineering. He spent most of his working life abroad, and loved to come home to Adrigole, where his wife Celine had strong family ties, though she too was a native of this parish. Frank loved the people of Beara and is remembered with much respect and affection by his friends down there. He purchased his home at the Ridgeway in recent years chiefly for the convenience of his family. He died after a rather short illness at a comparatively early age. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Celine, family - Lucy, Michael, Stephen, Hugh and Luke, his sisters Mary, Ann and Claire, his brother Pat, mother-in-law Laoise Lee, Laburnum Park, and all his relatives and friends.

Rita O'Leary, Lima Lawn, died peacefully on 12th October at Marymount Hospice in the presence of her loving family. Aged 74 years, Rita and her sister Ann moved to Lima Lawn six years ago having sold the Tower Inn which their family had owned for many years. Rita was a loveable lady and very popular with her friends and neighbours. We extend our sincere sympathy to her sisters, Ann, Kathleen, Noreen and Agnes, her brother Noel and to her extended family. Her funeral Mass was celebrated in the South Parish. Fé choimirce Mhuire go raibh sí.

Maura Duggan, Laburnum Lawn, died peacefully at the Victoria Hospital on Saturday 18th October. Maura was a native of the Lough Parish, and married Paddy Duggan from Friars Walk in 1949. They were one of the first families to move into the newly built houses at Laburnum Lawn in



the early fifties. There they reared a large and happy family. Maura's commitment to her husband, family and grandchildren was exemplary and they returned that love when she needed it. She was predeceased by her husband Paddy, and suffered ill health herself for the past few years. We extend the sincere sympathy of our community to her family, Pat, Joan, May, Michael, Frank, Olive, Ber and Claire, to her grandchildren who were so special to her, to her sister Brid and all who were close to her and good to her.

LOCAL SCHOOLS

Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh

Prospective entrants, along with their parents/guardians are invited to an Open Evening in the college on Wednesday 12th November from 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. You are invited to take a tour of the school and to meet with teachers and pupils.

Congratulations to Eoghan Deasy, Bishopscourt, Michael Dineen, Rossbrook, Colm Murphy, The Ridgeway and Hugh Hurley, Wilton Avenue, all of whom were presented with awards for academic excellence in last year's Leaving Cert. exams at a ceremony held in the college recently.

Well done also to Brian Cuthbert and all the C.S.N. boys who brought the County Minor Hurling title to Bishopstown for the first time ever. A marvellous achievement!

NOVEMBER SCROLL

Our thanks to Valerie Walsh-Jolly, Art Teacher, Mount Mercy College, for preparing the scroll of deceased parishioners, and to Lynda Mulcahy of Leaving Cert. for her beautiful calligraphy.

Bible Corner



HERITAGE FOCUS

The Temple in Jerusalem was central to Jewish religious practice and very important in the life of Jesus, and features frequently in the gospels. It was there that Zachary was ministering when he received the promise of the birth of a son, John the Baptist. It was to the Temple that Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to present him to the Lord as was the traditional Jewish custom. On a family trip to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, it was in the Temple that his parents found Jesus, the twelve-year-old boy who was AWOL.

Jesus was back there several times during his public ministry. It was there he cured the man who had been ill for thirty-eight years. He preached there often because it was such a sacred place and because it was where people gathered in big numbers, especially near the feast of Pentecost.

As we will hear this weekend, it was from the Temple that Jesus drove out the wily traders who were ripping off the poor and desecrating the sacred place.

Christians, too, have always set aside special places and buildings to focus their worship of God. Just as Jesus celebrated the dedication of the Temple, our weekend liturgy today celebrates the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, one of the oldest of Rome's great churches.

NEW SWAMP PAT LAW
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We offer our sincere sympathy to TOM RAFTERY, Bishopscourt Road, on the death of his sister Joan.

To KITTY HOLLAND, Laburnum Drive, on the death of her brother John Murphy and her sister-in-law Una.



Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday at 8.10 p.m. in Parish Centre.

Day of Prayer

At St. Dominic's, Ennismore, on Sunday 30th November, 9.30 – 5.00 p.m., including Mass. Cost €20. Information from Jackie at 4541144 after 6.00 p.m.

Healing Peace, Happiness

Are you seeking the above in your life? Emmaus Men's Fellowship Cork invites you, women, men and young people, to a weekend of searching, prayer, healing and celebration at the Sacred Heart Hall, Western Rd, Saturday/Sunday 15th /16th November, 10.30 to 6.00 p.m. Theme: "The Law of the Lord is my Strength". Speaker: Fr. Thaddeus Doyle of *The Curate's Diary*. Coffee and tea provided.

Christmas Festive Display

The premises of Cork ARC Cancer Support House at 5 O'Donovan Rossa Road (near front gates of UCC) will be a "Winter Wonderland of Christmas Enchantment." Come and see some special festive displays in advance of preparing your own for Christmas. Opening Thursday 6th, 5.00-7.00 p.m., Friday 9.00 to 10. p.m. and Saturday/Sunday 10.00 – 6.00 p.m. €10 entry.

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O'Connell Court

Annual Bazaar will take place at Windmill Road next Sunday 16th November, 2.30 to 6.00 p.m. Something for everyone, fun for all the family, prizes galore. Adm. €1. OAP's and accompanied children free. O'Connell Court is a non-profit social housing organisation providing sheltered accommodation with care support services for elderly and older homeless adults with mental health disorders, including Alzheimer/Dementia.

Thank You

Many thanks to all who supported my coffee morning in aid of the Hospice. The total collected was € 575.00. Ruth Walsh, 59 Wilton Gardens

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 16th November

First Reading:

Dn. 12:1-13. Daniel gives a prophecy of the end of time, when the virtuous will be rewarded.

Psalm 15

Second Reading:

Heb.10:11-14. What many priests did in former times, Christ does now: he has achieved our perfection.

Gospel:

Mk.13:24-32. Jesus repeats Daniel's prophecy, adding that only the Father knows when the end will come.

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