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TRADING PLACES

By Tom Darby

RECENTLY there was a great deal of "ballyhoo" in the public press concerning the imprisonment of a prominent public figure for seven days. The impression was being created that the laws of the land were being applied equally by the judiciary. Sentiments expressed from the bench recently would tend to give that impression.

Though when closely scrutinised there is a major difference between not obeying the court and not obeying the law. In other words it could be said you can manipulate the law but you must obey the court.

The roaring headlines proclaiming that there was no hiding place for well-heeled crooks brought a tinge of self-satisfaction to us all. But then of course a slight re-think and we remember that the judges had to resign — one of which was threatened with impeachment.

That happened only last year and I am not convinced that any conversion has taken place and that the position still is "you

get the level of justice you can afford to pay for". That principle applies throughout the world and is not unique here but we should refrain from giving the impression that things are different, and when judicial statements are made to the effect that the law applies equally there are large sections of the public who don't believe it.

There are a considerable number of law-breakers at large and I refer to the tax dodgers who have with the help of influential friends managed to evade prosecution and the question must be asked why hasn't the law applied to them or is it alright if you are caught to then "fix up" with the Revenue Commissioners.

Against that background last week's statements that the law applies equally to all sounds very hollow. Corruption has been so rife that both politics and the law needed a "scapegoat" and one has surfaced, but let no one get the idea that the jailing of one individual will make one iota of difference to the application of the law. You get what you pay for.

BEAUMONT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

AGM 2001

Will be held on

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2001

at 8 p.m.

**IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE,
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AGENDA -

1. Minutes of previous AGM
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Ratification of Trustees
5. Election of New Committee
6. Any other Business

This is YOUR opportunity to express your views on any issues that you feel should be addressed concerning your road or your area. Have you any ideas about improvements in Beaumont with regards to our entry in the Tidy District Competition? We do need more help in many areas. Your news and your views are very important. So come along and be a good Beaumont Neighbour on your road.

Light refreshments will be served - Please sign in when you are entering

RULES THAT GUYS WISH GIRLS KNEW

Please note, these are all numbered **Numbered 1 ON PURPOSE!**

1. If you think you are fat, you probably are. Do not ask us. We refuse to answer.
1. Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big girl. If it's up, put it down.
1. Do not cut your hair. Ever. Long hair is always more attractive than short hair. One of the big reasons guys fear getting married is that married women always cut their hair, and by then, you are stuck with her.
1. Birthdays, Valentines, and Anniversaries are not quests to see if we can find the perfect present yet again!
1. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you do not want to hear.
1. Sometimes, we are not thinking about you. Live with it.
1. Saturday = Football; Sunday = more sports. It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.
1. Shopping is not a sport, and no, we are never going to think of it that way.
1. When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine. Really.
1. You have enough clothes. You have too many shoes.
1. Crying is blackmail.
1. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work. Strong hints do not work. Obvious hints do not work. Just say it!
1. We don't remember dates. Mark birthdays and anniversaries on a calendar. Remind us frequently beforehand.
1. Most guys own three pairs of shoes - tops. What makes you think we'd be any good at choosing which pair, out of thirty, would look good with your dress?

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CALLING TO HEAD OFFICE

- By Margaret Cunningham

WHAT can I write about the buses, too many bad memories. Now take last week, a cold December day and not a trace of heat on that 16. It was obvious that the suspension had collapsed too. Why else was the ride so bumpy? Then on reaching Parnell Square we heard the dreaded words, change to bus behind, not please, sorry, or one word of apology. So a furious bunch trooped into another cold bus. After another ten minutes the heat came on which calmed us all considerably.

Then there was the 1 hr. 10 mins. wait in Terenure for a bus going to Beaumont. It was a cold and frosty night. Three buses came past going to Santry, (this was the time when the 16 came to Santry and the 16A to Beaumont), the fourth bus also had Santry on it, so I took it and walked from Swords Road to Beaumont.

On asking the conductor what happened the Beaumont bus, it broke down says he, why in God's name it was not replaced by one of the Santry buses showed an appalling lack of caring for us passengers. Next day at the C.I.E. office I yet again made my complaint. An inspector called to our home, he was very sympathetic but could not explain the drama of the night in question, however he promised that soon the two 16s would use the Beaumont Route to Santry and thankfully this is happening today.

What about the driver who should never have got out of bed that day, as is evident by the way he chucks and pulls those levers that the most nimble among us find it hard to keep our balance. On one such like journey, as the bus drove into O'Connell Street he hit the biggest pot hole ever, lifting me up in my seat to almost hit the ceiling. The lady who was standing ready to get off was thrown back against the ledge hurting her back, not the first time says she, I'll surely sue them. We all know better than to reprimand the driver. A long queue outside Clerys waited more than 30 minutes in the freezing cold to board a 16 bus. It was the week before Christmas and the shoppers packed the buses. The frustration of passengers trying to get on and off through one door and chaos it involved is beyond belief. Why the centre doors couldn't be opened especially during this busy season is mind boggling. With these thoughts in a furious mind I approached the C.I.E. office once more. The lady in charge said how dangerous it would be opening the centre doors, as young children could rush on to the street and be injured. Surely the mothers of small children knowing that the centre doors are to be opened would have enough intelligence to keep a watchful eye on their children I said. Anyway today we leave by the centre doors. Common sense has at last prevailed.



Pictured above some happy children who had Santa visit them at home just before Christmas. A great day was had by all, except sadly a lot of people who put their name forward for a visit were not at home when Santa and his loyal helpers called.

A DAY OFF

So you want the day off. Let's take a look at what you are asking for. There are 365 days per year available for work. There are 52 weeks per year in which you already have two days off per week, leaving 261 days available for work. Since you spend 16 hours each day away from work, you have used up 170 days, leaving only 91 days available. You spend 30 minutes each day on coffee breaks, that accounts for 23 days each year, leaving only 68 days available. With a one hour lunch period each day, you have used up another 46 days leaving only 22 days available for work. You normally spend at least 2 days per year on sick leave. This leaves you only 20 days available for work. We are off for 5 holidays per year, so available working time is down to 15 days. We generously give you 14 days vacation per year which leaves only 1 day available for work and I'll be damned if you're going to take that day off. :-
Contributed by B. Lynch

NOTICEBOARD

THE FAMILY of the late Christy Edwards of Coolrua Drive would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all who shared in our grief at the loss of a wonderful husband, father and friend, he is greatly missed. To all who braved the Arctic weather to attend the Church in Whitehall and funeral in Dardistown. To all of his friends and colleagues on the committee of Whitehall Credit Co-Op and the members who conveyed their condolences. To all involved with Lorcan & District Active Retirement Association. To all the "Friends & Neighbours" on Coolrua Drive and adjoining streets. To Fr. Tony of Beaumont Hospital and Fr. Aidan of Whitehall Church. To Sarah Murphy for her beautiful voice and to her accompanying Organist. To all who made contributions to the Oncology Department of Beaumont Hospital and last but by no means least, the fabulously caring staff of the Oncology Unit working under the guidance of Mr. Grogan. We wish to convey our heartfelt thanks to you all, you are in our thoughts and our prayers. Sincerely Stacia & Family.

A FAMILY hill walking and rambling group is being set up in the area, which will hopefully get off the ground early this year. The group will be orientated towards parents who with their children are interested in Hill Walking / Rambling Walks together with other parents and their children. It is envisaged that Hikes of different levels / ability will be organised to suit children of different ages. The group will be run on an informal / co-operative basis and is open to beginner and experienced alike. Those who are interested and want to know more should telephone Peter at 8360398 or Pat at 8319755 or David at 8369648 where you can leave your name, address and telephone number after which we will contact you with further details in due course.

COMPOST BIN - The word on the street is that if you are looking for a Good Compost Bin to do your bit for the environment and your garden that the best and cheapest place to buy a good quality one is the Dublin Corporation Depot on Collins Avenue. Cost approx. £20 for a plastic one with a lid and side door

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're treading seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow
You might succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than it seems
To a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out -
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt -
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

THE MURRAY FAMILY would like to thank most sincerely all our friends and neighbours for their wonderful support and kindness to us on the death of Dave. Especially Dolores Rogers for having a coffee day to support Dave's family. We wish to thank also all Dave's friends for their tremendous effort in organising the Dave Murray Fund, which was a great success. It was greatly appreciated by Dave's family.

CHRISTY—A TRIBUTE—On St. Stephen's Day, 2000, our dear friend and colleague Christy Edwards passed away. Forty years ago Christy became a founder member of Whitehall community Development and since then this became a big part in his life. He rarely missed a meeting on Monday nights, always in the same good form and ready to advise on any matters on hand. Monday nights will never seem the same without him. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Stacia, Catherine, the Boys and all the grandchildren.—The Board of Whitehall Credit Union Co-Op.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY - Santry Garda Station. - Sgt. John O'Driscoll and Stephen Daly and many many more Gardai threw a really great Christmas Party for Senior Citizens from "H" District. They worked hard to make the night a night to remember. A few residents from each district, Beaumont, Whitehall, Santry and Ballymun made up the party of 70. Our residents from Beaumont wish to thank Garda Stephen Daly for picking them up from their houses and driving them to and from the party; and also to thank all the Gardai and Sgt. John O'Driscoll for a lovely and most enjoyable night with plenty to eat and drink. - Noreen, Deirdre, Phyllis and Irene.

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BEAUMONT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY 2000

WE HELD our 3rd Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 2, as with previous years it was a huge success and the numbers attending are increasing each year. Neighbours from all over Beaumont shared a wonderful evening, singing, dancing and partying away until near midnight. We even had some ladies doing "Riverdance" for us - well done ladies! The scrumptious sandwiches were only beautiful - all were prepared and served under the supervision of our "Super Chef" Phyllis Redmond and her crew Ann Maher, Chris Foy, Lorraine O'Toole and Margaret Doyle. We also served lovely cocktail sausages cooked by Joyce Moore and Charlie. Thanks to Roi Lacy, Anne Caulfield, Bernie Pierce, Deirdre Higgins niece and her friend who all helped out in many ways. Also thanks to Irene Molloy's family, Noreen Maher's family, Sam Bolton's family, Des Maguire and Garda Stephen Daly who helped to set up the hall.

We hired a bus to cater for the big numbers and booked the Garda Community Bus and asked some of your younger men to help drive some Senior Citizens to the Party. A sincere thank you to all our drivers and to Garda Stephen Daly who drove the bus and did quite a few runs picking up and leaving people home whenever they wished to go. Deirdre Higgins was the "bus conductor" for Stephen's bus and she was highly praised by several people for her help and concern. Thanks to Irene and Ann Maher for helping as conductors on the hired bus. The drivers were Kevin McNamara, Breda Buckley, Mr. Redmond, Joyce Moore, Des Maguire and Mary Bolton. Thanks to Barry Doyle for doing M.C. on the night. Congratulations to all who won prizes on the night.



WE NEED NEW BLOOD

The AGM of the Beaumont Residents' Association will be held on February 20th, why not think about becoming a member of the committee.

Most if not all of the present committee have served with the Association since it was restarted four years ago. We have lost some valuable committee members in the meantime and we need to replace them.

So why not think about it. It will not take up too much of your time and you might even feel rewarded as a committee member.

A good association cannot run without a good committee, and we need new blood now.

We purchased a few big prizes ourselves but our local shops and businesses were absolutely outstanding with their beautiful prizes and their support.

Santa and his two helpers gave each and every person a lovely present. Thanks to Sam Bolton who does a really great "job" in securing Santa's services on the night. Thanks to Fr. Joe for coming along and chatting to everyone. Nearing the end of the party almost everyone was presented with a bunch of fresh carnations - compliments of Beaumont Market, many thanks to John and all his staff.

A big thank you to the Artaine Beaumont Family Recreation Centre for allowing us to use their premises, also Con Keenan our bus driver. The committee members who organised and worked hard to make the night a memorable and enjoyable one were: Noreen Maher, Phyllis Redmond, Deirdre Higgins, Irene Molloy, Sam and Mary Bolton, Peter Boylan, Ann Maher, Chris Foy, Lorraine O'Toole, Margaret Doyle, Joyce Moore and Barry Doyle. The music was kept going all night by Mr. Corcoran on keyboard. Everyone enjoyed the music and the atmosphere was only "electric".

We wish to thank the following for their donations to the Party:- A.I.B. Whitehall, Lanigan's Funeral Home, Beaumont Rd., (Blind Co., OMNI PARK, Chemist, Vera Mode, Crazy Prices, Penneys, RTV Rentals, Hallmarks, Omni Jewellers, Montrose Jewellers, Butchers, Gormleys Butchers, Book Shop, Car Accessories, Dry Cleaners), SuperValu, Crumlin Blinds, Kilmardinny Inn, Comet Pub, Swords Rd., O'Sullivan's Chemist, Swords Rd., Byrnes Butchers, Barry's Pick of the Crop, Flowers Unlimited, Kittys KPH, McElearneys (Londis) Shantalla Rd., Shell Filling Station (Beaumont), ARTAINE CASTLE: Tesco, Jewellers, Graham O'Sullivan, Kylemore. COLLINS AVE.: Ascot (Sweet Shop), Devins Chemist, E.B.S., New Shop. OMNI PARK - Homebase, Travel Agency, Conways Chemist and Newsagents Shop Swords Rd., Cadburys, Brendan Collins, milkman. Thanks also to the "Hatch" Beaumont, Marie Martin, Beaumont Road, Superquinn, Northside, Christy, Johnston, Mooney & O'Brien, Girvan, Buttercrust, Tolka Egg Stores, Fairview, Paper Pieces, Raheny, McLoughlin Chemist, Una.

To everyone who helped we would like to say a BIG Thank You. If we have failed to mention any helpers or contributors above we apologise for their omission.

THE BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION would like to thank all those who sent thank you cards concerning the Senior Citizens Xmas Night - Greatly appreciated.



46 YEARS A MILKMAN. - Vincent Regan and his wife Mary were invited to the Party for a special presentation of a watch for being such a nice and caring milkman, serving Beaumont for 46 years. Always a smile, always a wave, always a friendly chat. Pictured above Vincent being presented with his engraved watch by Barry Doyle, Chairman of the Association.

When the Snow Fell

—Brendan Burke

I WAS walking up Coolgreena Road one day just after Christmas when we had our first real snow visit since 1982. There was a silence that only a heavy fall of snow brings. It was so silent. My mind raced back and thought of the amazing slides that we made on Coolgreena Road when we were kids. The pipes in school had burst and we were off. We were wild, we were free, we had hair. The slide was HUGE! We all got a bucket of water each and poured it down the road in order to make our slide. It was the best slide in the world. Wearing 40 coats and my 'Monkey Hat' and knowing that I had no 'ecker' to do, I couldn't wait to get out there. When I think about what we used to do! You'd make a mad gallop down the road towards the slide also making sure that you were wearing your leather shoes for 'extra distance'. How we didn't end up breaking our spats!

Arriving at the beginning of the slide (at an approximate ground speed of 850 miles an hour) you would have to put on the brakes by bracing both knees and off you'd fly like a mad cejit, down Coolgreena Road until you reached the end where upon you usually ended up on your coccyx along with the other 600 cejits. But wasn't that the craic! Of course we always had the one neighbour who managed to throw salt on the slide. Needless to say we would lash on more water that night just as it started to freeze again in order to make our slide better than ever!

Correct me if I am wrong but do kids play 'games' anymore on the roads? I don't think so. I never hear of friends' kids playing 'Relievio'. Remember you had to put your foot in the middle along with everyone else's to find out who would be nominated 'On It' or 'Man'. For some reason it always seemed to be me. Some rhyme would be rattled off and before you'd know it everyone would scatter in every direction. You'd have to go off then in

search of someone and drag them back to your 'Den'. They were not allowed leave 'The Den' unless someone tapped them on the shoulder. These people usually came out of cracks in the ground. What ever happened to 'Kick the Can'? Now there was a great game. Remember you had to guard your empty can of Marrow Fat peas until some gobshite sprang out from nowhere and kicked the thing. While everyone hid, you had to put your hands over your face and count to 100 in 5's. You did this peeking through your fingers and looking left and right, nodding donkey style. Then at the top of your voice 'READY OR NOT KEEP YOUR PLACE OR YOU'LL BE CAUGHT!!!!!!'. Kids playing in New York at that time must have heard us. Of course as soon as the can was kicked you had 'ALL IN ALL IN THE CAN HAS BEEN KICKED!!!!!!'. Then there was 'Beds'. You had an empty shoe polish tin that you filled with muck. If you didn't have an empty one you'd dump the polish into the bin while your Mammy wasn't looking'. Kicking the tin from boxes 1 to 9 without it landing on any line was done with such skill. There was always some dispute: 'YOU'RE ON 2SEES' 'NO WAY, I'M ON 4SEES'.

'Kerbs' was a popular game. Throwing the ball over to your opponent while trying to get it to bounce back off the kerb. Then we had skipping. Now this wasn't ordinary girlie skipping. Oh no, we were real men. One huge big rope that was swung while everyone had to jump through it without breaking a few ribs. It was all to do with the timing of course. Some of us took more time to make a run at the rope than your average punter takes to answer a question on the Irish version of 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire'.

While I walked up Coolgreena Road just after the snow fell this year the road was empty as most of the roads are in new estates because it is now too cold for little Johnny or little Mary to come out and play.

It is much more comfortable to play the CD-ROM versions of 'Relievio' and 'Kick the Can'.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH –

New Neighbourhood Watch Stickers are available from your Neighbourhood Watch Committee. If you are suspicious of anything, ring the Gardai on 999. Don't allow workmen do any jobs without getting more than one estimate. There are unscrupulous people about you will con your out of your few pounds. Don't let anyone put pressure on you to let them in. Check their identity card. Phone the organisation to check things out. Always keep the door locked while you use the phone, or ask them to call later when you have someone with you. Neighbourhood Watch Committee are: Phyllis Redmond, Irene Molloy, Deirdre Higgins, and Noreen Maher.

ON STAGE PRODUCTIONS –

Look out for their next production – "Caught On The Hop" by Derek Benfield. Directed by Kay Farrell with all your favourite cast members and some new faces as well. Commencing at the Regency Hotel on Monday, March 12th until early in June. It promises to be another hilarious comedy

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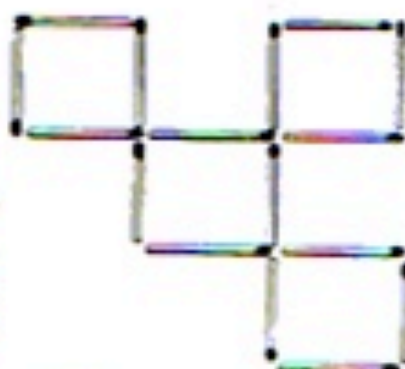
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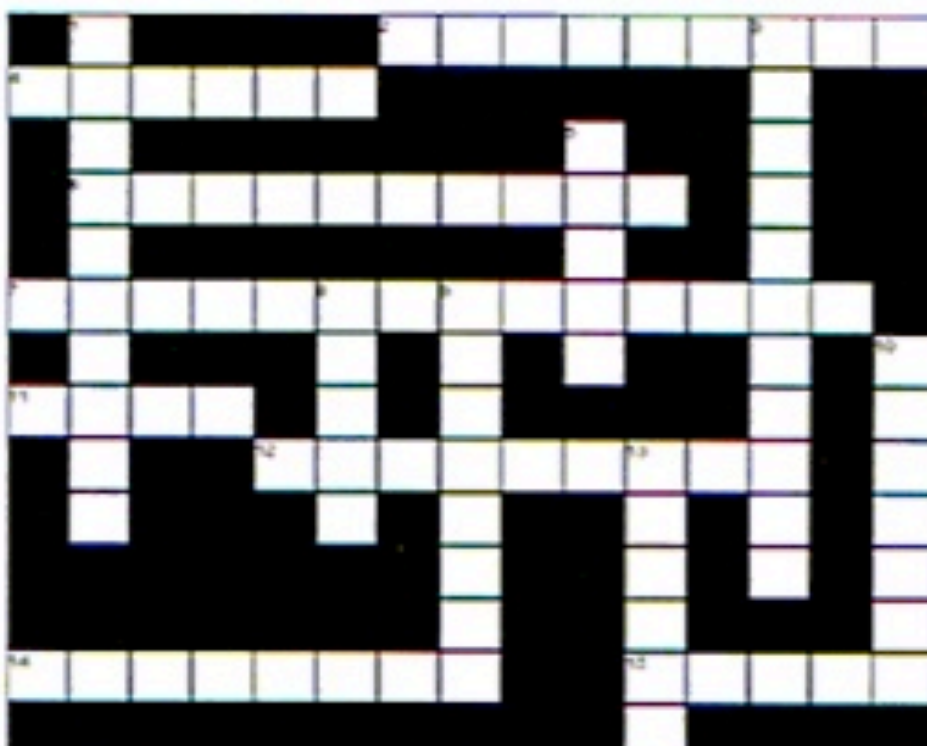
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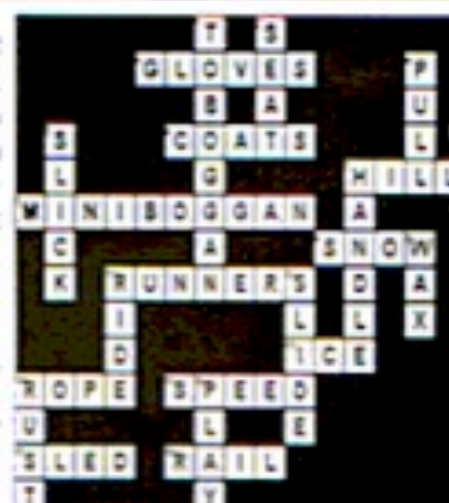


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Father Joe's Column



Hello Everyone

Sorry I missed you in the last edition, I was away on holidays with my family. I was very interested to see the article in the last edition of the Beaumont News on the moon landings as my holiday included visiting the NASA Space Centre in Houston, Texas!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and that the New year is going well for you all. The Jubilee Group brought our Jubilee Year celebrations to a close with a Twilight ceremony on 31st. of December 2000. It was very well attended and was appreciated by all. We are hoping that the Jubilee Group will continue to organise different celebrations and events in the future even if our Jubilee Year is over.

On January the 10th. we celebrated the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of St. Frachra's Junior School with a special Mass and a reception in the school. Many memories were shared during the evening of the early days of the school and even before the school was built. It was great to see so many past pupils visiting their old classrooms. The School and Parish have certainly grown over those twenty-five years and we owe a great debt of gratitude to so many people.

Preparations are well in hand for our Confirmations which are to take place on Friday, 9th. and Saturday, 10th. of March. We wish all the young people and their families and teachers every blessing on this very special occasion.

Sunday, April 22nd. and Monday April 23rd. will be very important days for us this year as the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux will be in our Parish. St. Thérèse often called 'the Little Flower' is one of the most well loved saints. She entered the Carmelite Convent at Lisieux in France at the young age of sixteen. The beauty and simplicity of her life and writings have inspired many people and what she called her 'little way' has provided a sure gospel path leading many people to God. She is the patroness of the Missions and recently was declared a Doctor of the Church, that is a great teacher of the gospel message. At the end of her short life she declared that she would spend her heaven doing good on earth. Many, many people have felt the power of her prayers.

Her relics or mortal remains are not important in themselves of course. But they help to remind us of her life and message and they point our hearts to her and are a strong reminder to us that the grace of God is at work in our lives too.

It is a great honour and privilege for us to host these relics. In preparation for this great event, we hope to have a number of opportunities for us to get to know this great saint better.

That's about all my news for now. I have probably forgotten lots of things. I pray God's Blessing on you all. Keep us in your prayers.

God Bless Fr. Joe

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THINGS YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE MOVIES . .

Large, loft apartments in New York City are plentiful and affordable, even if the tenants are unemployed.

One of a pair of identical twins is evil.

Should you decide to defuse a bomb, don't worry about which wire to cut. You will always choose the right one. It doesn't matter if you are greatly outnumbered in a fight involving martial arts. Your enemies will wait patiently to attack you one by one, dancing around in a threatening manner until you have dispatched their predecessors.

When you turn out the light to go to bed, everything in your bedroom will still be clearly visible but slightly blue.

If you are blonde and pretty, it is possible to be a world-famous expert on nuclear fission, dinosaurs, hieroglyphics, or anything else, at the age of 22.

Honest and hard-working policemen are usually gunned down a day or two before retirement.

Rather than wasting bullets, megalomaniacs prefer to kill their enemies using complex machinery involving fuses, deadly gasses, lasers, buzz saws and hungry sharks, all of which will give their captives at least 20 minutes to escape.

During all crime investigations, it is necessary to visit a strip club at least once.

All beds have special L-shaped covers that reach up to the armpits of a woman but only to the waist of the man lying beside her.

All grocery shopping bags contain at least one French bread and one bunch of carrots with leafy tops.

KEEP WARM IN WINTER

"Don't Save Money For A Rainy Day Spend It On A Cold Day!"

Each Winter in Ireland there is an increase in deaths due to cold related illness.

Half of these deaths are from strokes and coronaries.

These deaths occur when the temperature in the environment falls below 8°C.

One of the factors causing these deaths is that blood clots occur more easily, when the temperature of the body falls.

A blood clot can cause a heart attack or a stroke.

The most vulnerable people are those over 65 years living alone.

If you have an older neighbour it is important to advise:

1. House is warm. Temperature should be 21°C (70°F) in the living area. Bedroom is warm when getting up 14°C (57°F).

2. Wear several thin layers of woolen clothes. When going outside wear - coat, hat, gloves. (25% of heat loss is from the head).

3. A warm meal should be taken once a day. Keep a flask with a hot drink and drink frequently.

4. Don't stand and shiver, exercise! (Shivering means body is trying to conserve heat).

5. Elderly should not to go out in very cold weather.

6. The house should be insulated.

Contact: Energy Action Tel. 01-4545464.

7. Use efficient fuels. Contact ESB if bill cannot be paid.

REACH OUT—BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

REPRESENTATIONS for double yellow lines near the bus-stop on Beaumont Road in the vicinity of number 89 were considered at a meeting of the North Central Area Committee of Dublin City Council which was held on January 15th 2001.

You will be interested to know that double yellow lines were recommended on the south side of the carriageway from the vehicle entrance to house number 89, 5.5 metres west of LS20, eastwards to a point 1.0 metres east of LS20.

The length of the double yellow lines will be 1 5.5 metres in total.

I refer to our recent correspondence regarding the potholes on Beaumont Road and enclose herewith a reply which I have received from the City Manager to the Question I submitted to him at the City Council Meeting held on 08.01 '01 on your behalf. (S. Haughey).

The City Manager informs me that the Road Maintenance Division have carried out some temporary repairs at the this location. Resurfacing will be considered for inclusion in the years Draft Works Programme, which will be presented next month to the Area Committee for consideration and approval.

I hope that this information is of some assistance to you and please be assured that I will continue to monitor the situation on an on-going basis.

Question to Dublin City Manager City Council Meeting 08/01/2001 Q49. Alderman Sean Haughey.

Will the City Manager please arrange for all potholes on the Beaumont Road at the Shantalla Road / Beaumont Road junction to be filled in and ensure that a full reinstatement takes place in order to avoid further accidents and flooding at this location.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:- The Road Maintenance Division have carried out some temporary repairs at the above location. The resurfacing of this junction will be considered for inclusion in this year's Draft Works Programme which will be presented, next month, to the Area Committee for consideration and approval.

I enclose herewith a Report in relation to roadworks on the Beaumont Road, which was presented to the December meeting of the North Central Area Committee of Dublin City Council.

I know that this will be of interest to you and will continue to press for the full re-instatement of the road by Dublin Corporation, in due course.

Office of the Director of Traffic,
Block 2, Floor 4, Civic Offices.

Report on Roadworks at Beaumont Road

Total no. of wayleave applications for year 2000 on Beaumont Road is 17:

Wayleave was granted to the following utilities:

Bord Gais (2 no.), ESB (4 no.), NTL (1 no.), Eircom (1 no.)

Castlethorn Construction (1 no.), Dublin Corporation (8 No.)

(3- Waterworks, 1 Rd Construction, 1 Drainage, 1 -Sewers, 2- Rds Maintenance)

Bord Gais — a) 24/1 -28/2/00: upgrading of gas mains between Shantalla Road and No 142

b) 16-25/2/00: upgrading of gas mains between no 142 and Beaumont Hospital

ESB -Four wayleave applications were issued to the ESB all relating to the installation of a 110,000 Volt cable which involved excavating a trench from the Junction of Thatch Road to Skellys Lane. This supply cable was required to be installed to reinforce the existing electricity network for the North City Dublin area which has experienced a significant increase in energy demand.

NTL -Wayleave was granted by Dublin Corporation to NTL for the installation of telecommunication ducts along Beaumont Road for the period between 8/1 1/00 and 1/12/00. The ducts installed by NTL

were required in order to run telecommunication cables from existing ducts on the N1 road to exchanges located at Butterfly Business Park and Clonsillaugh Industrial Centre. The works were also required as part of their network upgrade for the supply of digital services. This work is due to be completed by early 2001.

In line with the Dublin Corporation trench sharing policy, NTL also installed additional telecom duct for another telecommunications company that required access to the same exchanges. In addition to this, and as a condition of the wayleave granted to NTL, Dublin Corporation required further additional duct to be installed within this trench. This additional ducting will be used to cater for future telecommunication requirements and therefore its installation will help to prevent future road openings.

Unfortunately the telecommunications ducts could not be laid in the same trench as the ESB high voltage cable for safety reasons and also due to the number of telecommunication ducts required to be installed.

Eircom—6/10/00-1/12/00: Works consisted of upgrading of a telephone kiosk.

Castlethorn Construction—4/9/00-22/9/00 Wayleave for works between Beaumont Grove and Coolatree Ave.

Dublin Corporation—Waterworks:- Wayleave was issued for the following periods: 10 January (1 day), 9th February (1 day), 28th & 29th August (2 days).

Road Construction—Wayleave was issued for the period between 1st September & 8th December

Drainage -Wayleave was issued for period between 15- 17th August outside no. 51.

Sewers -Wayleave was issued on 22nd August for works located outside no. 32.

Roads Maintenance -Wayleave was issued for 29th July and 7th October for periods of 1 day to conduct road repairs.

In relation to any future trenches along Beaumont Road Dublin Corporation requires all utilities to submit a 12 month plan of all major works proposed in the Dublin Corporation area for the year 2001. Details of these 12 month plans have been received and indicate there are no proposals for major works along Beaumont Road. The submission of 12 month plans do not however account for minor works which may be necessary for the maintenance of existing apparatus along this road.

Con Coll, Principal Officer

Beaumont Hospital re: paths and Eucharistic Ministers.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 16th, 2001 and note the points you raise in relation to car parking for Ministers of the Eucharist and the pathway to the Hospital. I have referred these matters to our General Manager, Mr. Liam Duffy, for attention.

Yours sincerely Pat Lyons, Chief Executive.

Re: Public Lighting at junction of Cooleen Avenue and Coolgariff Road

I refer to your letter of 16th January 2001 regarding public lighting at junction of Cooleen Avenue and Coolgariff Road.

We will consider the matter mentioned in your letter and will reply further to you.

VICTIM SUPPORT - Is there anyone out there who feels they would like to help some unfortunate person who has been mugged or maybe had their house broken into? Yes you really could help - by training to be a good listener and often it's only someone to listen to that can help a person back on the road to recovery. Please help to keep our local branch going by phoning 878 0870. Email info@victimsupport.ie