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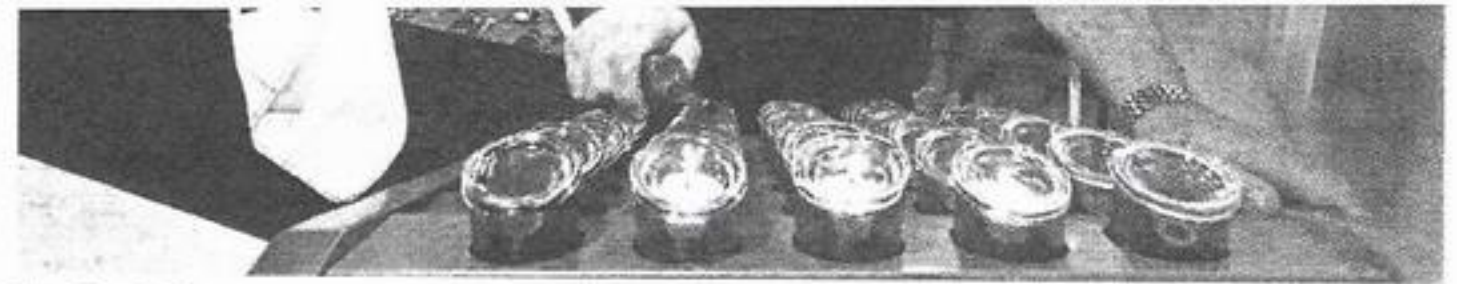


I found reading John B Keane's Christmas stories settled me down and I got a good few laughs out of it - even if it was out of season! Even though I am not an avid reader I now read regularly and I find it enlightening and fulfilling.

A thing I discovered early on was the generosity of parishioners. There was no end to offers of support - one day I got three dinners! So I had to work out a rota for my benefactors.

It is very affirming to experience the kindness and thoughtfulness of people. Maybe our big fault is that we take people for granted and do not appreciate the goodness that surrounds us.

The virus has given us time to reflect on the wonder of life, to stop and look around us and to see the love of God reflected in people and creation. The little



The Covid-19 darkness is lifting: Fr Tom Carroll, co-parish priest of Parteen - Meelick - Coonagh

discomfort that the virus has caused most people pales into insignificance when we consider the misfortune of those who are poor and sick.

This is not to take from those who have tragically lost loved ones from Covid-19. They and their families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Millions of people are dying from starvation and governments turn a blind eye. At the heart of the Christian vocation is a call to feed the hungry - one of the corporal works of mercy.

The final question on the last exam we will do before

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entry in the promised land will be - did we share our resources with the poor and the hungry?

As Jesus told us, so long as you looked after the least of

my brothers and sisters you did it for me. There we will say, Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

So our life is a journey into the bosom of the Trinity - that is where we will rest in peace because we will be together and forever.

There is a lot of wisdom in Daniel O'Donnell's song - One Day at a Time.

There is always something to see and do. Yes, there are a few inconveniences. It's the first year I have not heard the song My Lovely Rose of Clare

New release is a collaborate effort

THE Brad Pitt Light Orchestra are releasing the powerful, uplifting single 'Whose Side Are You On?', a Limerick music collaboration with Emma Langford and Thick As Thieves. The song serves as both a rallying cry and a warning against complacency.

Whose Side Are You On? was written by the The Brad Pitt Light Orchestra's songwriter David Blake as a reaction to a certain notorious 2016 election.

Then last year, it featured as the stirring finale to the Gúna Nua Theatre Company's 2019 award winning theatrical spectacle Bread Not Profits. The play, written by Mike Finn, commemorated The Limerick Soviet - a fascinating historical chapter when the



city last found itself in lockdown. Blake wrote the music. Appropriately, the song was recorded (remotely!) during

the 2020 lockdown, featuring vocals from the wonderful Emma Langford and the fabulous Thick As Thieves (Lesley-Ann Halvey and Phil Aherne), who also performed in the show as storytelling troubadours. The cast can be heard belting it out on the recording too. The music video, edited by Shane Serrano, includes footage of the theatrical production.

This promises to be the first of many releases by The Brad Pitt Light Orchestra this year.

'Whose Side Are You On?' will be available on all the usual Digital Platforms from June 23rd 2020. See The Brad Pitt Light Orchestra's Facebook page and Twitter for details.