As we go to print, the result of the general election in Ireland is not known. Whatever Government we will have, we all hope that it will bring a quick and just solution to Ireland's problems.

Ever since the 26 counties of Ireland got its independence, there has been peace and the community has lived in harmony with one another. Surely that is proof enough that when the whole of Ireland is free, the whole community can have the same justice and peace. I hope the elected Government of our country can bring this peace and justice into a living reality. It is the duty of every one of us (not only the Irish, but also the British people) to band together and work together for the achievement of this freedom, peace, and justice. For too long we Irish think it is only our duty, I believe it is the duty of the British people as well. I hope that the newly elected Government of Ireland and the British Government will seriously come together now and use all their power to stop all the nonsense in the North and establish a just state.

St. Patrick's Day is getting quite near. We here at the Irish Centre will be celebrating our national feast day in the usual appropriate manner. We think we should, and must add something special to the celebrations. There will be three Masses celebrated on the 17th March, the 1st at 5.30 p.m., the 2nd at 5.00 p.m., and the last at 6.30 p.m. These Masses will be to ask Almighty God to intervene in the solution of our political problem; that He will guide the authorities of both Ireland and Britain to a just and lasting solution. On our own we can solve nothing, with God we can solve everything.

Admission on St. Patrick's night to the Irish Centre will be by ticket only. The tickets will cost all members 25p, and all guests 50p, into the Douglas Hyde Lounge, we must see to our members as a primary duty. The tickets are already printed. There is no use ringing in for a dozen tickets, please order a ticket per member.

For the dance in the J.F. Kennedy Hall, the entrance fee is 50p, where Martin & Teresa McMahon and the Caravelles will be playing. With your co-operation, we can have a great night. I hope all that meets with your approval.

On Monday night last we had our Council A.G.M. We wish our new committee every success and hope they will guide the Centre successfully through our negotiations with British Rail and succeed in getting the best deal for the new Irish Centre.

The Club A.G.M. takes place on Tuesday, 3rd April. This is the meeting where all members attend and voice their ideas. We expect a very good attendance.

God Bless you all.

Rev. P. Sheridan, OMI.

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3rd.

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7th.

Comhaltas.

8th.

Crean School Card Drive.

10th.

Dinner.

15th.

Kilkenny Dance.

16th.

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17th.

Dance - J. F. Kennedy Hall.

Douglas Hyde - (Members).

21st.

Comhaltas.

24th.

Wexford.

29th.

West Cavan Reunion.

30th.

Dance.

31st.

Clare Assoc. Dinner.

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