Rebuilt Conference: Alpha Ireland presents Rebuilt Conference from 10th-11th September in NUI Maynooth North Campus, Iontas Building (Use car park 5). Rebuilt is a story of stopping everything and changing focus. Join speakers Fr. Michael White, Fr. Patrick Donnelly and lay associate Tom Corcoran and see how they changed their parishes around. The result tripled their weekend mass attendance, yielded increased giving, flourishing ministries, and a vibrant, spiritual revival. You are invited to share the vision, borrow their strategies, and receive a wealth of guidance on how to rebuild your own parishes. Evening Session €15; Day Session €40; Both Sessions €50 -(Group Rate (4+) €35 p.p. Group rate applies to Day Session only - *Day Session Includes Lunch) To Book, call 01 708 6400 and guote voucher code: ALPHCONF05 14 To register go to www.iregister.ie/alpha or post your details and cheque to Alpha Ireland, 2 Duncairn Terrace, Bray, County Wicklow by 15th August.

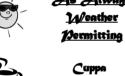
Help with applying for a Security alarm pendant (for those living alone, housebound, sick or elderly) can be had from Kay Ryan (Tel. 4591833) The units themselves are free. Once installed there is a yearly maintenance cost of \in 59.00

Please see poster on the notice board about the "Youth 2000" Summer festival which takes place this year from Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th August at Mount St Joseph's Abbey, Roscrea, County Tipperary. More info on **www.youth2000.ie**

Diary Date

Early Morning Mass starting with a Pilgrim Walk -to-St. Brigid's Well (Boot Road) Saturday 26th July





After Mass

St. Mary Magdalene - Feast day 22nd July - Who was she?

Down through the ages of western civilization **Mary Magdalene** was one of the most obsessively revered of saints, to some she became the embodiment of Christian devotion. From age to age her image has been reinvented, spanning from prostitute to mystic.

Confusions attached to Mary Magdalene's character were compounded down through the years. **So who was she really?** From the New Testament, one can conclude that **Mary of Magdala** (her hometown, a village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee) was a leading figure among those attracted to Jesus. When the disciples and men in the company of Jesus abandoned him at the hour of His impending death, Mary of Magdala was one of the women who stayed with him, even to the Crucifixion. She was present at the tomb, the first person to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection and the first to preach the **"Good News"** of that miracle. These are among the few specific assertions made about Mary Magdalene in the Gospels. From other texts of the early Christian era, it seems that her status as an **"apostle,"** in the years after Jesus' death, rivaled even that of Peter. To most she was the woman that simply befriended Jesus of Nazareth, and who ultimately became **Apostle to the Apostles**.

The Lighter Side !

After the christening of his baby brother in church, little Joe sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you!"



