

JUST AROUND THE CORNER

By Bill Pugh



In our country parish lived an old lady who was going blind. She was a bit of a character. Knew all the gossip.

Her home was always closed up. She was a Catholic by profession, I think, but always stayed at home as it was too unsafe to venture out.

She expected the clergy to visit her on summons. Afternoon tea was served and because of the darkened room one was never sure of a clean cup.

She was always kind and welcoming. I wonder why she cultivated both clergy. Maybe she was being nice, wanting to have a chance both ways in getting to heaven?

Perhaps a good mark from the Protestants would get her out of purgatory, if that was her fate? In any case she was genuinely kind to her visitors, who made her afternoons social.

Reflection:

Heaven is not gained by earning points on a scale. In the Father's house there are many lodging places, room for all. Access begins with humble and contrite steps down here. "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

And the door is always open.

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except by me."

1 John 1:9

John 14:6

Speaking of clergy, read Hebrews 4:14-16

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