

No 9:00 A.M. Mass
this Sunday; 8:30
instead.

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(Ill) aunt of Joe Gulde
(Far); sister-in-law and
uncle of Bill Harty (Mor)

Lourdes Miracle.

Eileen Lynn is a Catholic lady of Leeds, England. A year ago she was tubercular, blind, unable to speak and paralyzed. She suffered these afflictions all at the same time.

Miss Lynn has been a victim of tuberculosis for more than twenty years. The disease finally sapped her strength so much that she was unable to leave her bed. In 1947 she suffered a stroke and was in a coma for a week. It left her partially blind. One arm was paralyzed and her voice was reduced to a whisper. Her condition gradually became worse. Soon she lost her voice completely and total blindness set in.

Friends in Eileen's parish collected funds to pay the cost of a trip to Lourdes. Her doctor said her heart was so weak that she might die on the way.

Eileen began the pilgrimage in fair condition. But while aboard ship she grew so sick that the doctors despaired of her life. She reached shore alive, however, and even survived the trip to Lourdes.

Two days after her arrival at the shrine, while she was lined up with the other invalids during the blessing of the sick, Eileen was cured. This daily blessing is a very solemn ceremony. The Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance is carried from invalid to invalid, and each is blessed. When she was blessed with the Sacred Host--it happened. Eileen saw. And what she saw first was Our Blessed Lord truly present in front of her, though veiled by the appearance of bread.

Then Eileen cried out in a strong voice her first words spoken in over a year, "I can see. Thank God, I can see!" Now having the use of her eyes, Eileen looked around at the surprised crowd, and recognizing a woman she knew, she raised her once paralyzed arm. Soon afterwards, she discovered she could walk.

Our Blessed Lady cured Eileen. But did you observe where the cure was performed--before Christ, her Son, in the Blessed Sacrament.

A very large number of the miracles at Lourdes take place at this blessing with the monstrance. If we look for a reason, it seems that Our Blessed Mother wants us to express Faith in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and a great trust in Him as well as in her, before she gives the blessing one desires.

Sinners, the sick, the discouraged, the tempted, the worried need the Forty Hours Devotions which begin Sunday--that covers about all of us. To obtain the special graces Christ and Our Lady wants to give you, visit the church during the three days of the Exposition and attend the evening sermon (7:00) and Benediction.

Plan to receive Holy Communion Sunday and thereby share more fully in the blessings of the Forty Hours.

PRAYERS: (deceased) grandmother of Jack Durkin (Cav); Mrs. M. Connor, aunt of John and Joe McGonigle (Dil). (Ill) father of Prof. Ron Rich (Chem. Dept.) Nine Special Intentions.

IS YOUR SOUL IN GOOD CONDITION?

Prepare for FORTY HOURS & LENT by confessor tonight