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CHURCH OF THE DECENT OF THE HOLY GHOST CHURCH OF THE REAL PRESENCE

Early in December an important public meeting called under the auspices of the Bishopstown Community Association and open to all Parishioners, was held in Colaiste An Spioraid Naomh.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss what is euphemistically called the "Parish Debt". However, the meeting went much further and took into consideration such items as involvement of people in helping to run Parish affairs, communication of news and views within the Parish, and also the re-organisation of Parish finances.

Priests and people present contributed freely in the discussions and this Newsletter is one of the first tangible results of the meeting. Its purpose is to help in communicating information and ideas of Parish interest. Initially, we plan to go to press four times yearly and also publish the occasional special edition for items of particular importance.

Features will include articles from the recently founded Parish Finance Committee, Church Services and Announcements etc. We also hope to publish a series of articles on the history of the Parish and how it developed into what it is to-day. We would welcome contributions from parishioners and parish organisations which we will try to publish if space permits.

We would like to express appreciation to the executives of the B.C.A. for their excellent initiative and also for the facilities they have provided in the delivery of this Newsletter to your home.

Editor

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Editor has already referred to the Public Meeting held in connection with Church Finances last December. Following a lively discussion ranging over a variety of financial topics, a steering committee of twelve was elected with power of co-option. The brief of the new committee is to investigate ways and means of establishing a good system of financing the existing Parish Debt, and planning the best method of providing the necessary finance for the proposed new National School, and also paying the normal parish financial commitments.

It is proposed to re-introduce a weekly house to house collection and further details will be announced shortly. If you would like to volunteer your services we would be very pleased to hear from you.

The key to success lies in all of us helping and co-operating. We are all fully aware that this help and co-operation has never before been found wanting. We are fully conscious of the many pressing financial calls on our earnings, but we believe the way forward is for each of us to share the burden equally in the interest of ourselves and the coming generation.

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NEWS FLASH FASHION SHOW - MARCH 12th - COLAISTE AN SPIORAID NAOIMH - ADM. 50p. 8.30 p.m. FASHIONS BY CASHS, MODELS BY MAYFAIR MODEL AGENCY; DEMONSTRATION BY SALON INTERNATIONAL; of cosmetics at interval.

HISTORICAL NOTES

Bishopstown or Ballineaspaig got it's name from the fact that it was once the country residence of the Bishops of Cork (Church of Ireland).

Bishop Peter Browne, a native of Dublin, entered Trinity College in 1682, where he obtained his M. A., etc., and eventually became Provost. After engaging in literary work, he was appointed Bishop of Cork & Ross in 1710. In Cork, he distinguished himself as a writer and preacher and was also known for his charity towards the poor.

He built a summer residence and chapel on 118 acres in Ballineaspaig (or Ballinaspic) at the cost of £2,000. He willed this residence etc. to his successors and was himself buried in the chapel in 1735.

During the 1660's a rumour was circulated to the effect that the bodies of Bishop Browne and his successor, Bishop Mann, had been stolen from the vault under the Bishop's Chapel, by then in use as a dairy, and situated about 100 yds. from a stream, then called Bishop's Brook. A Dr. Caulfield (Bishop ?) got the assistance of a Mr. Lewis of Bishopstown and three labourers, who, early in the morning of 12th January 1861, began digging operations under the chancel of the Chapel. The work took about three hours during which the lead coffins were discovered. It was found that nothing had either been disturbed or stolen.

There had been a monument to Bishop Browne in the Chapel but it had crumbled when the thatched roof caved in. A marble monument of Bishop Mann was removed to the porch of St. Finbarr's Cathedral. There is a portrait of Bishop Browne in the Cathedral Library.

Dr. Caulfield, writing in 1861, mentioned having met an old man who remembered Bishop Mann's funeral in 1788, coming along the Glasheen Road, to be buried in Bishopstown beside Bishop Browne.

BRENDAN McENERY.

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CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST:

SUNDAYS: 8 a.m. 9 a.m. 10 a.m. 11 a.m. 12 noon & 5.30 pm
WEEKDAYS: 7.30 a.m. 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS: 7.30 a.m. 9 a.m. 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 7.30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m.,
(WORKING) 12 noon and 8 p.m.
CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 11.45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: 8 p.m.
EVES OF HOLYDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 7 p.m.
BAPTISM: SUNDAY: 1 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: 7.30 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE REAL PRESENCE:

SUNDAYS: 9.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.
WEEKDAYS: 10 a.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS: 10 a.m., and 7.30 p.m.
HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 7.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. &
(WORKING) 7.30 p.m.
CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m..
7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
EVES OF HOLYDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 7.30 p.m.
BAPTISM: SATURDAY: 4.30 p.m.
SUNDAY: 12.30 p.m.

As this first edition of the Parish Newsletter goes into circulation, may I, as Parish Priest, convey to the people of Ballineaspaig, my best wishes for your welfare. This youthful parish has (as yet) many problems, and to help in the solution of them, your involvement in parish activities and your co-operation with the Clergy is an urgent necessity. To the Donors who responded to our Christmas Appeal, and to all our helpers, I say sincere thanks.

(SIGNED) CANON T. McSWEENEY.