

# news & notices

## The Christmas Fold

ON SALE THIS Sunday and next is the December Fold.

"Yes, there is a Santa Claus", says Fr. Morgan Costelloe in the first article. News of emigration is given, as well as useful addresses for emigrants to London.

There are Christmas stories and quizzes, photos of the year that is nearly over, an article on actor Mick Lally and the thoughts of Bishop Murphy on the new Family Centre. Good value at 30 p.

## A Holy Show!

PAT GUNN OF the Irish Guide Dogs Association lets us know that the All Priests Holy Show will be staged next Sunday at Connolly Hall at 8 P.M. Profits from the show, presented by the priests of Cloyne diocese, go to the Association. Admission is £3. Tickets from the Training Centre on Model Farm Road.

## "A Rose for Mary"

On sale at the 'Legion' stall this Sunday and next is a beautifully illustrated book with the above title. Based on the Rosary, it offers a short reflection on each mystery, as well as some short sentences to assist meditation. A lovely little book, it costs just 30p. Available at the Bookstall at the Side Porch during the week.

## "Parish Centre"

Many of you saw our application for planning permission to build a 'parish centre'. You may have been wondering what we meant by that. It's simply a Parish Office, which we hope to build in the near future. It will be located directly behind the "Economy Shop" and will face into the Church yard.

The office will contain a reception area, a 'bulletin production room' and some meeting space. We hope to have some space for books as well. By it we hope to be of more efficient service to the parish. More about our plans in Bulletins to come. As they say.... "WATCH THIS SPACE!"

## For Teachers etc...

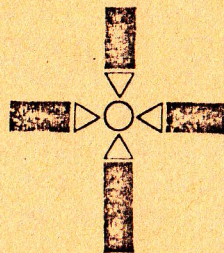
THE BISHOPS of Ireland have written a letter. It's for all concerned with the pastoral care of young people. This includes youth leaders, sisters, teachers parents and others. Called "THE YOUNG CHURCH", it is available in Veritas, Bridge St. We have a few copies on our bookrack, in the side porch.

## Clogheen says 'Thanks'

We received a 'thank you' note from Marion Roche during the week. She tells us that 202 packets of Clogheen Church Christmas cards were sold at our church a few weeks ago.

"The people of your parish are indeed generous people", she says, adding that the people of Clogheen/Kerry Pike appreciate it. It's nice to be thanked, isn't it!

# Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin



## No.15

● SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER. '85. ●

## Church of the Holy Spirit Dennehy's Cross, Cork.

### PASTORAL TEAM

#### PRIESTS:

REV. DENIS O'CONNOR P.P. ... 42972  
REV. TADHG O MATHUNA S.C. ... 41572  
REV. BERNARD COTTER C.C. .... 41814  
\*EMERGENCY NUMBER..... 932906

#### SISTERS:

REV. SISTER FRANCES..... 41376  
REV. SISTER BRENDAN..... 41376

### MASSES

#### SUNDAYS:

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS - 7.30 P.M.  
SUNDAY - 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15.

#### WORKING HOLYDAYS:

EVE OF HOLYDAY - 7.30 P.M.  
HOLYDAY - 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15, 7.30 P.M.

#### WEEKDAYS:

9.00, 10.00 AND 7.30 P.M.

### CONFESSIONS

#### SATURDAYS:

12.00 - 1.00, 7.00 - 7.30, 8.15 - 9.00.

#### EVES OF HOLYDAYS:

7.00 - 7.30, 8.15 - 9.00

#### WEDNESDAYS & EVES OF FIRST FRIDAYS:

8.00 P.M.



# PAPAL HONOUR GIVEN TO OUR SACRISTAN

WEDNESDAY NIGHT was a real celebration. Not only for the Waldrons, but for all our parish family. And we celebrated in style.

## A Bishop's Blessing

PRIESTS WHO HAD served in the parish joined Bishop Buckley for a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving. And the Senior Choir sang. And the parish priest preached. Everything was 'just right'. The right words were spoken, the right hymns were sung. And the right English translation of the Benemerenti citation was used by the Bishop at the appropriate moment.

## Night of Speeches

OVER TWO HUNDRED packed into St. Catherine's School Hall to hear Michael Waldron speak. Without a note, he was clear and sincere and humble, expressing thanks and affection. His words impressed all who heard them. His speech was preceded by a few words on behalf of the collectors by Jack Fitzgerald and Rita Shaw.

## Night of Song

After the speaking and the eating, the song and dance began. The band was aided by the lovely voice of Con O'Toole. The floor timbers shook to the 'Hokey-Pokey', the Paul Jones, the old-time waltzes and the ever-popular 'Baint an Fhéir'.

## Community Night Out

The success of the night was due to many people. For one, we thank Bishop Buckley and the other priests for coming. We thank the collectors for all their help. And, of course, the valiant team of ladies who helped with the tea. And the Mercy Sisters for the use of the Hall. And we thank you all for supporting this great occasion.

## Thought for the Week

Finishing his homily Canon Denis quoted some poetry that summed up why we had gathered, as well as teaching each of us a lesson for the future. I finish by quoting....

"If with pleasure you are viewing  
Any work that I am doing,  
If you like or you love me  
Tell me now.

Don't withhold your approbation  
Till the Father makes oration  
And I lie with snowy lilies  
o'er my brow.

For no matter how you shout it,  
I won't care too much about it,  
I won't see how many teardrops  
You have shed:

If you think some praise is due me,  
Now's the time to slip it to me  
For I cannot read my tombstone  
When I'm dead!"

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## Competition Winner

LAST WEEK WE asked for entries for our Latin translation competition. The winning entry came from Miss Mary O'Donovan, our 10 o'clock organist. The correct translation was printed in the Mass leaflet on Wednesday night.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT *Preparing a way for the Lord*



Even though the sun may be shining brightly and warmly outside, unless you pull back the blinds it will not be able to fill your house. In today's liturgy we hear the lonely but insistent voice of John the Baptist urging us to 'prepare a way for the Lord'.



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Advent issues a great call to repentance. Each year we hear again John the Baptist's lonely voice crying out: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' To repent means to recognise our brokenness and our consequent need of redemption, and to turn to God.

Unless we are able to recognise this state of brokenness there is not much hope for us. What makes it all the more painful is the feeling that we are powerless to save ourselves. Left to ourselves we are incapable of performing even one Christian act.

But God has not abandoned us or forgotten us. In his love he has sent us a Saviour — Christ.

Christ is the first of the new creation — man restored to God's friendship.

The risen Christ is with us. The work of healing and restoring goes on in us and through us. God has not forgotten us. This is something to feel happy about. It means that the message of the prophets is being fulfilled. To be redeemed is not merely to be absolved of guilt before God, but to live in Christ, to be a new creature.

