

# news

## Ascension Day

THURSDAY NEXT is Ascension Thurs, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at 7.30 P.M. on Wednesday, and 7.30, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15 and 7.30 P.M. on Thursday.

## Help the Bishops...

THE COLLECTION to finance the various Episcopal Commissions takes place next Sunday. Information on what they're about is in this week's Bulletin. Please be generous.

## Coming of Age...

OUR MISSION in Peru is 21 years old this year. To celebrate, a special 'FOLD' is on sale today. Priced 40P, it contains history, photos, memories etc...

## The First Novena.

Between the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost Day, the Apostles and Our Lady spent 9 days in prayer. This Novena begins next Friday...nine days of prayer to the Holy Spirit. We invite you to join the whole Church for this, the original Novena.

## Special Visitors

THE COLUMBAN FATHERS will speak on their Missions in this Church next Sunday (11th May)

## Money Matters...

Offertory Collection

Sunday, 27th April.....£ 1065

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND PROMPTNESS WITH THE 'DUES'. WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL RETURN THE REMAINDER DURING THIS WEEK.

# notices

## Pilgrims' Progress

TWO COMPANIES sent details of pilgrimages they are organising during the past week. Both concern Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimages to Lourdes.

Details as follows:

Mon. 26th May - Sat. 31st May.

Prices from £ 287 to £ 346.

Organised by Casey Travel.

17th to 19th October (weekend)

Price £ 235. (Visitation Tours)

POSTERS IN CHURCH PORCH.

## A Day Out...

THE SENIOR CITIZENS outing is on May 27th, to Glandore.

Buses will leave at 1.30 PM.

Enquiries to Helen O'Hea 46167 or Mrs. O'Donoghue at 941399.

## A Thriving Group...

"THE PIONEERS are NOT a dying breed, but an up-and-coming group", insists Judith Coffey, reacting to our last mention of them. And to prove their vitality, they're to be found in the Crypt enrolling new members on the FIRST SUNDAY of every month.

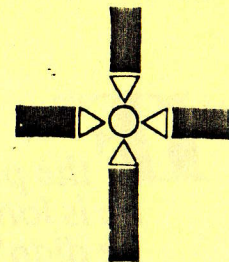
Those eligible for silver or gold Pins should ring 44682 or 42907. These will be given out at a special Mass within the Octave of the feast of the Sacred Heart. Details later.

ST. JOSEPH' Young Priests' Soc. meeting is Wednesday at 8 (Crypt)

CORK SPASTIC CLINIC thank you for your generosity for their Church-gate collection, on 19/20 April. They made £ 121.55.

Canon Denis O'Mahon 42972/ Fathers Tadhg O'Mathúna & John Vaughan 41572.  
Priest on Duty: Fr. Bernard Cotter 41814. (Emergency Number = 362976)

# Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin



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## Sixth Sunday of Easter



Peace I leave  
with you,  
my own peace  
I give you,  
a peace  
the world  
cannot give,  
this is my gift  
to you.  
Do not let  
your hearts be  
troubled or afraid



## EPISCOPAL COMMISSIONS

The various Commissions of the Catholic-Bishops' Conference came into being as a result of the decisions of the Second Vatican Council and to meet the needs of the Irish Church in the modern world.

- ▶ **IRISH EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE**  
-meets at Maynooth twice yearly.
  - ▶ **COMMISSION FOR CATECHETICS**  
-has been engaged for several years in planning and directing the Irish Catechetical Programme (ie. what's taught in schools)
  - ▶ **COMMISSION FOR COMMUNICATIONS**  
-runs the 'Veritas' Bookshops, Veritas Video, Veritas Publications, Veritas Family Resources, Catholic Communications Institute etc.
  - ▶ **COMMISSION FOR ECUMENISM**  
-advises the Hierarchy on ecumenical affairs in Ireland.
  - ▶ **COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE**  
-is concerned with human rights, social justice in Ireland and internationally, peace, including peace education, and world development. Its role is to assist the Church to respond to the challenges facing it in these areas.
  - ▶ **COMMISSION FOR THE LAITY**  
-is concerned with the role of the laity in the Church, and is almost exclusively made up of lay people...The single body most representative of lay Catholic ideas and opinions.. As such it makes recommendations and proposals to the hierarchy.
  - ▶ **TROCAIRE**  
was set up in 1973 by the Irish Bishops, to express the Church's concern for the problems of the Third World. Activities include medium and long-term development projects, development education in Ireland, and emergency relief grants in time of disaster. Funds are raised mostly through the annual Lenten Campaign.
  - ▶ **CURA**  
-established by the Irish Bishops to offer information, advice and counselling to any woman, married or single, with an unwanted pregnancy. Cork Number: 501444 (Mon.-Sat. 10 A.M. - 10 P.M.)
  - **EPISCOPAL COMMISSIONS FOR THE CLERGY, DOCTRINE, EDUCATION, EMIGRANTS, LITURGY, MISSIONS, PRESS & INFORMATION, RELIGIOUS, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, SEMINARIES, SOCIAL WELFARE AND VOCATIONS.**
- \*\*\* If you have a 'crow to pluck' with the Bishops in any of the above areas, you should write to the Secretary of the relevant Commission and put forward your views. The relevant address will be available in the Sacristy ( in the Irish Catholic Directory).
- \*\*\* Each of these Episcopal Commissions is at the service of the Catholic people of Ireland, and as such deserves your support.

**IF** the pastor preaches over ten minutes, he is long-winded; if his sermon is short, he didn't prepare it..

If the parish funds are low, he is a poor business man; if he mentions money, he is money-mad.

If he visits the parishoners, he is nosey; if he doesn't he's being snobbish.

If he owns a car, he is worldly, if he does not, he's late for sick calls.

If he has fairs and bazaars, he's bleeding the people; if he doesn't, there's not enough social life in the parish.

If he takes time in the confessional to help and advise sinners, he's too long; if he doesn't he's not a good adviser.

If he starts Mass on the minute, his watch is fast; if he starts Mass late, he's holding up the congregation.

If he redecorates the church, he's spending too much money; if he doesn't, he's letting things run down.

If he's young, he's not experienced; if he's old, he should retire.

If he dies — there's no one who will ever replace him!!!"