

# News

## Procession News

WHATEVER THE WEATHER, the Bishopstown contingent will gather in our Churchyard at 2.45 P.M. this Sunday.

Despite rumours to the contrary, on the Cork Examiner and on last week's Bulletin, the route will be the same as last year's. (Via College Road, French's Quay South Gate Bridge etc.)

All Parish Community members are invited to come with us, as we publicly witness to Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord.

## The Sacred Heart

FRIDAY NEXT is both the First Friday of June, and the Solemn feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Calls to the sick will be made on the usual days. Commissioning of remaining Ministers of the Eucharist takes place at the 7.30 P.M. Mass that day.

## Pray for your Priests

THE PRIESTS OF THE Parish will be on Retreat during the coming week. Perhaps you might remember them in your prayers in a special way this week. In their absence, Father John Vaughan will be on duty.

## Generous People

Offertory Collection

Sunday 25th May.....£ 918

Cork & Ross

Mission to Peru.....£ 1945

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JUNE FOLD ON SALE TODAY - 40p.

# Notices

## Departure

FATHER JOHN VAUGHAN, who has been helping out since last Christmas, is due to take up an appointment in the Archdiocese of Miami, U.S.A., in July.

Accordingly, he will be leaving Ballineaspai on Friday next, 6th June, and after a well-earned vacation, he will begin a life-time of priestly service in America.

We are grateful to him for the unique contribution he has made to the life of our Parish Community. He will be remembered, and greatly missed by all his friends at Dennehy's Cross. We wish him well. AD MULTOS ANNOS!

## Youth Club News

OUR YOUTH CLUB wishes to thank those who helped collect or who subscribed to the Ogra/Cork Youth Association collection last Thursday.

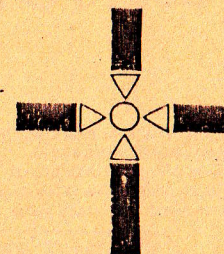
CONGRATULATIONS TO the D.C.Y.C. members who completed the Sport-Aid run last Sunday: Paul Keating, Luke Fox, Frank Murphy, Stephen Giltinan, John O'Shaughnessy and Paddy Quinlan. WELL DONE!

## St. Joseph's Young Priests Soc.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Bishopstown Branch is on Wednesday next at 8.00 P.M. in the Crypt of the Church. New members are especially welcome!

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC: WEDNESDAY NEXT: 3.00 - 5.00, 7.30 - 9.30.  
(Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh, Bishopstown)

# Ballineaspai Parish Bulletin



## No. 39

● \*SUNDAY 1ST JUNE, '86\* ●

## 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.....362906

#### SISTERS:

REV. SISTER FRANCES..... 41376

REV. SISTER BRENDAN..... 41376

### MASSES

#### SUNDAYS:

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS - 7.30 P.M.

SUN. 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15.

#### WORKING HOLYDAYS:

EVE OF HOLYDAY - 7.30 P.M.

7.30 A.M., 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.



# Catholics and marriage

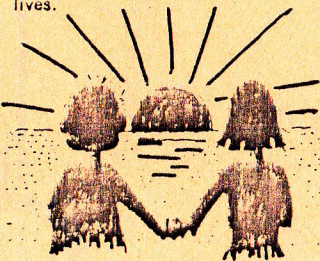
The main thing to realise about the Catholic Church's attitude to marriage is that it's the same as everybody else's. Everybody loves a good wedding. Especially aunts.



Everybody likes to see a happy young couple who love each other enough to want to spend the rest of their lives together. Their love, hope and trust strike deep chords in people's hearts.



At a wedding everyone recognises that two people have found something of immense value. They've been taken out of their loneliness and have discovered, in their love for each other, a new sense of meaning and purpose in their lives.



This is so important to them that they want to make it permanent and they want to make it public.

LISTEN EVERYONE!  
WE'RE NUTS ABOUT  
EACH OTHER!



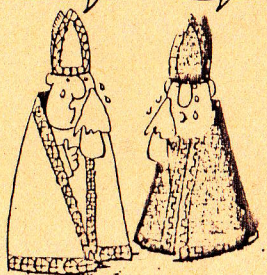
So in the presence of their family and friends they pledge their undying love.



The Catholic Church is entirely in agreement with all of this. Like nearly everybody else the Catholic Church thinks marriage is wonderful.

I ALWAYS CRY  
AT WEDDINGS

ME TOO



THAT'S ALL VERY WELL, BUT  
WHY DRAG RELIGION IN AT  
ALL? PEOPLE GOT MARRIED  
CENTURIES BEFORE  
CHRISTIANITY CAME ALONG



True enough. But as Christianity developed, married Christians began to realise that their love for each other was the same love which was at the heart of their Christian faith.

EVER HEARD THIS  
BEFORE?



So for Christians marriage took on a much deeper meaning. They began to realise that the bond of love between a married couple not only brought them closer to each other, but also brought them closer to Christ.

Christians began to look upon marriage not only as a social institution but as a way to holiness.



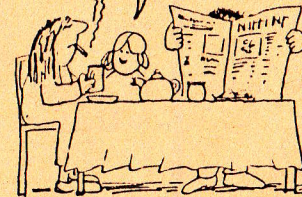
And that's not all. The love married people showed each other didn't only have an effect on the couple themselves. It was also a sign for the whole Church.



So marriage came to be recognised as a SACRAMENT—one of those seven signs by which the love of Christ is made visible in the world.

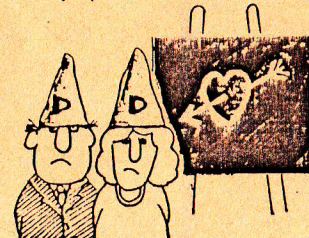
Now all this may sound a little bit unrealistic. Most people would say that marriage just isn't like that.

MY TEACHER SAYS  
MARRIED PEOPLE  
MAKE CHRIST  
PRESENT TO  
EACH OTHER



How, then, do married people become a sign of Christ's love for each other and the people round them?

Chiefly by discovering what love is and what it means. Marriage has been called a school of love. And most people have a lot to learn.



When the honeymoon's over and the romance has worn off, all married couples have to discover what true love means. Over the weeks and months and years of their relationship there are numerous opportunities for learning to accept, to be tolerant, to forgive.

I'm sorry, dear. I put my foot on the accelerator instead of the brake and ran the new car into the greenhouse. Oh...and my mother's coming to stay for a fortnight...



Hello, dear. I'm bringing some of the lads home from the darts team. Can you rustle up some supper for them—only five of us. And I'll need a clean shirt for tomorrow.

ARGH!

It's by discovering what love really means and being faithful to it that married Christians come closer to Christ themselves and show something of Christ's love to other Christians.

That's one reason why the Catholic Church insists that marriage is for life. It's only in the life-long fidelity of married love that the total faithfulness of Christ's love can be truly symbolised.



It should be obvious by now that the Catholic concept of marriage involves much more than simply holding the wedding in church. What makes a marriage Christian isn't a church blessing added on to a legal contract. Christian marriage is a personal relationship of life-giving love in which two people make the love of Christ present to each other and become a sign of the love of Christ to those around them.

This is a high ideal, a sacred ideal. And it's because of this that the Church places so much emphasis on preparation for marriage. The Church wants couples to understand what they're taking on. As far as the Church is concerned a wedding isn't a happy ending to a love story. It's a happy beginning to a life-long relationship of love in Christ.

(Excerpts from "How to Survive being married to a Catholic".)  
(On sale at VERITAS £3.69)