

news

Bring a Souvenir!

MANY OF YOU will be travelling during this summer. Maybe to Britain, or the Continent. Maybe around Ireland. Maybe to America or beyond.

And, of course, you will be going to Mass in all of these places. Experiencing new ways of celebrating, in different languages and cultures.

THE EDITOR has one simple request for you. Please, wherever you go, bring back a Bulletin, or a newsletter or whatever.....

They're sure to have good ideas elsewhere, ideas worth trying in Ballineaspig. So, please, wherever this summer takes you, bring back a souvenir!

Democracy for Ministers

LAST MONDAY'S Joint Meeting of Ministers was valuable. In it, the year was evaluated and brought to a fitting conclusion.

A small group was elected, to organise meetings for Sept. 1986 - June 1987. The group consists of Judith Desmond, Pat Lemasney, Suzanne McCarthy and Ann Canty. Ministers with ideas should get in touch with these people.

Another decision made was that there should generally be Joint meetings of Ministers monthly, with separate meetings once a term. And thus it shall be, henceforth...

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This Week's Celebrations

TUESDAY, 1st July is the Feast of our own St. Oliver Plunkett. Thursday is the turn of that famous doubter, Thomas the Apostle! And Friday is the First Friday of July.

A Network of Contacts

OVER THE PAST few weeks, Sister Brendan has been working hard to build up a group of people who would help build up our Parish Community in their road, park or street.

A GROUP of people who would care about their neighbours. People who would ensure that no-one would be denied the pastoral care that each Community member is due.

THIS NETWORK is still being formed, and Sister Brendan now expects to be in a position to call a meeting of all in September. So, contact people, watch this space for details!

Summer Recreation Scheme

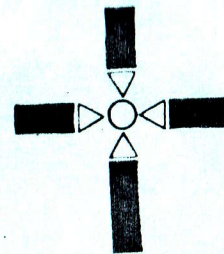
BEGINS tomorrow at Murphy's Farm, 10.00 A.M. - 4.00 P.M. Age 5 - 14. (late registration in the morning before the scheme)

Muskerry Local History Society

A CONDUCTED history walk is being held in the Powder Mills, Ballincollig, this Sunday at 3. Begins near GAA grounds.

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SO HOLD ON TO IT, FOR TIMES
OF MASSES, CONFESSIONS, PHONE
NUMBERS ETC. AND ENJOY YOUR HOLI!

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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.

REMEMBER LAST EASTER ? When you got your Easter 'Dues' letter ? Remember the questionnaire we asked you to fill in ? Well, at long last, we publish the results of that survey.....

1. % RETURN OF QUESTIONNAIRES

Ballineaspig Parish contains approximately 1522 houses. 'Easter Dues' were received from 1069 houses. Of these, 175 had completed the Questionnaire. A further 9 were dropped in the box in the Church. So, 184 completed questionnaires were received (i.e. 17% of 1069)

2. HOW THE FIRST QUESTION WAS ANSWERED

("Would you like to learn more about your faith ?")

158 answered 'YES'
11 answered 'NO'
7 were satisfied with their current situation.
8 made comments not directly relevant to the questionnaire.

3. HOW THE SECOND QUESTION WAS ANSWERED

("Would you like to learn more in these areas ?")

When the number of ticks given to each was added up, the following was the final score:-

Changes since Vatican II.....71
Role of the Laity.....67
Understanding the Readings at Mass....63
New Approaches to Church and Sacrament....83
Christian Morality in our Everyday Life....111

4. OUR RESPONSE

While we are naturally disappointed with the low 'poll', (only 17% completed questionnaires, indicating either satisfaction or, worse, apathy) we feel those who answered 'YES' deserve a response.

SO THIS AUTUMN we hope to present a course of adult education with the theme "MORALITY IN OUR EVERYDAY LIFE", the theme most favoured by those who completed questionnaires.

ALL PARISHIONERS will be welcome to join in this course, which will be held for 6 to 8 Tuesday evenings, beginning in October. It will be an opportunity for all to learn a Bible-based approach to morality. There'll be more news about the course after the holidays.....

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My Dear Friends,

AS YOU KNOW, Bulletin No.43 is our last until the end of August. As Editor, I'm naturally glad of the rest, but I must honestly admit that I've enjoyed editing and preparing the Parish Bulletin, since issue No.1 last September 1st.

IN PARTICULAR, I deeply appreciate the encouragement and appreciation shown to me by so many parishioners. I always welcome critical words too - they keep me on my toes! And I'm always glad to hear of new ideas, suggestions for improvement etc....so if you have some, don't be shy!

THE BULLETIN was a communal effort, and I am deeply grateful to all those who made it work. My sincere thanks go to the collectors and ex-Ministers, and willing volunteers, who helped distribute it.

AND MOST SPECIAL thanks to the four zealous teams who, Saturday after Saturday, coped with an often temperamental photocopier, with remarkable dedication:- Irene Connolly, and Gladys and Eileen Walsh of Bendemeer; Ann Brogan, Pat Collins and Colm Linehan of Wilton Road; Creona Barry, May Kirby and Mary MacEnri of Model Farm Rd; and Rosalie Moloney and Tom & Elsie Harris of Farranlea.

FINALLY, thanks be to God for keeping me on the straight and narrow. And my sincere apologies to you if anything I wrote hurt you in any way; I know you will forgive me.

I wish you all God's blessings,

ALL REVOIR,

Bernard Götter c.c.