

NOTICE BOARD

Ministers' Meetings

THIS MONDAY NIGHT at 8.00 P.M. we have meetings for both ministries. The Ministers of the Word meet in the C.P. Centre, while the Ministers of the Eucharist meet in the Crypt.

For Our Senior Citizens.....

THE PRE-CHRISTMAS MASS and Social is on Saturday next, 21st Dec. in the Crypt at 3.00 P.M.

The Junior Singing Group have kindly agreed to sing suitable songs for the occasion. And during the Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated. And, of course, a 'cuppa' will follow.

The 'Contact People' have a special role in this celebration. They are asked to extend an invitation to all the Senior Citizens and Housebound in their area, and to arrange transport where necessary. We look forward to seeing you all..

Don't Miss It!

THE CHRISTMAS FOLD is on sale today. Full of seasonal items, including a plenty for the kids in a bumper 'Christmas stocking! Still only 40 P. Available at doors after 7.30 p.m. & 11.00 Mon.

Priests Perform...

THE HOLY SHOW by the Cloyne priests is on at Connolly Hall on Sun. 14th December at 8.00 PM in aid of the Erinville Hospital. Tickets available at the door.

Christmas Gift Ideas...

"Mother Teresa" £ 1.50
"You Must be Joking, Lord" £1.83
"Prayers of a Working Mother"
"The Super Sunday Missal" £ 8.95
The "Good News" Bible £ 3.05
"Tale of Two Testaments" £1.98.
These, and many more, at the CHRISTIAN PURSUIT CENTRE.

Change in Mass Time

THE SUNDAY MASS which we celebrate in Bishopstown Community School - for the benefit of those without cars in the Estates on the Model Farm Road - has been changed to 10.00 A.M. Tell your friends!

Deeply Appreciated

YOUR PRIESTS are delighted with your response to our early Christmas Dues appeal. We guess that nearly 80 % of the envelopes are now in - and we would be glad to receive the others before Christmas. We thank you!

Every Home Should Get One!

NEXT SUNDAY is the third Sunday of December, and accordingly we will try to get a Bulletin to every home in the Parish. We are grateful to all those who will make this possible.

Sunday 28th December

ON THE SUNDAY following Christmas Day, we will publish a special Christmas Bulletin, packed with holiday fun. There will even be prizes to be won. Don't miss it!

BOOKS

BALLINEASPAIG NO. 59 PARISH BULLETIN

Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross.

SUNDAY MASSES:

7.30 (SAT.), 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 & 12.15.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

9.00 A.M., 10.00 A.M. & 7.30 P.M.

PASTORAL TEAM:

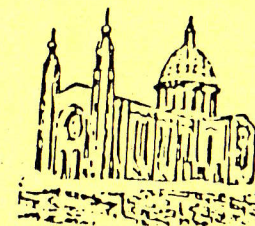
CANON DENIS O'CONNOR P.P. (Tel. 42972)

FATHER TADIG Ó MATHÚNA S.C. (Tel. 41572)

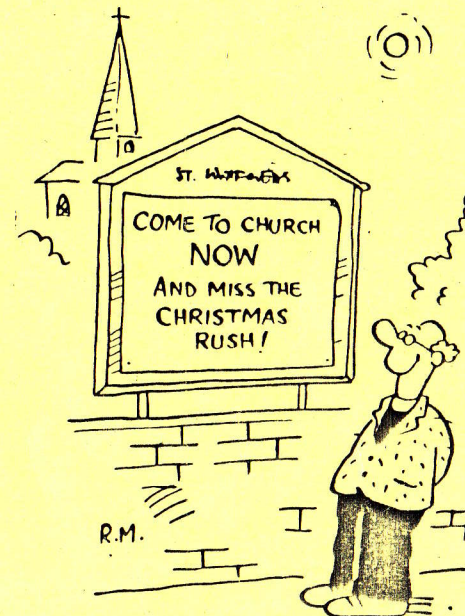
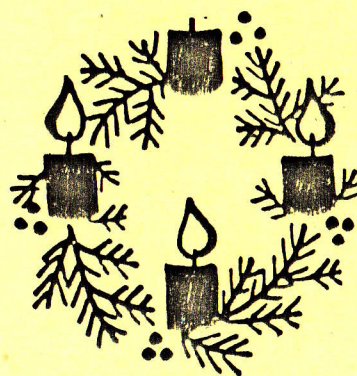
FATHER BERNARD COTTER C.C. - Bulletin Editor (Tel. 41814)

SISTER FRANCES and SISTER BRENDAN (Tel. 41376)

URGENT CALLS: RING 362906 ANYTIME.



Third Sunday of Advent



All notices to the Editor before Thursday, please!

PARISH TALENT COMPETITION

BY ALL ACCOUNTS, last Saturday was a most exciting day at Mount Mercy College, when our Parish Talent Competition was run off.

Sister Frances reports that up to one hundred and fifty young people took part. The high standard gave our adjudicators a hard job. But eventually, with the help of our parish patron (The Holy Spirit) they picked as winners the following:

PRIMARY SECTION

Solo Singing

Deborah Sweeney,
The Grove, Parkway Estate.

Solo Instrumental

Clare Fleming, Kenley Crescent
Phil Twohig, Model Farm Road.

Action Song

Spioraid Naoimh Brigíní

Group Singing

Laura Saunders, Deborah Sweeney,
Emma Young, Alison Ryland,
Cecilia Cashman.

Novelty Act

Catherine Heffernan,
Farranlea Park.

Dancing

Noreen Murphy, Bishopstown Ave.
Olive Healy, Farranlea Park.

TEENAGE SECTION

Solo Singing

Sinead Murphy, Woodlawn.

Solo Instrumental

Conor McCarthy, Laburnum Drive.

Group Singing

Donnacha Collins, John O'Shea,
Senan Quinlan, Ultan Doyle.



THE INN KEEPER

I cannot take those poor,
they do not pay.

I had to send that pair away;

For trade is trade
and money too, I say.

And yet that girl
was strangely fair.

She shivered
in the doorway there,

And once she raised
her eyes to mine

And smiled.

I would have knelt, I swear;

But some lout
made a call for wine

And broke the spell.

I turned them from my door;

And I did well.

Two merchants took
the great room overhead.

That is my policy;

I buy and sell

And keep my pity for the dead.

And yet that girl! that girl!

I turned her from my door,

And she looked back
with kindly eyes

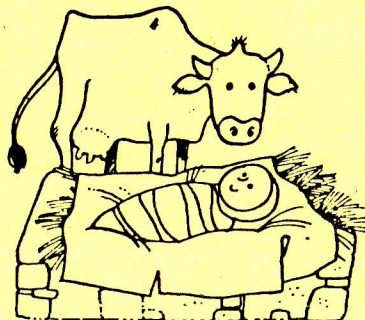
And fairer than before

And went away,

As if she walked with emperors

And was a queen and

all the world was hers.



Ballineaspig News

Became A Child Of God

WE WELCOME to our Parish EMER MARY SHANAHAN, the daughter of Donald and Mary Shanahan of 17 Kenley Drive. Emer was baptised a fortnight ago.

Well Done!

THE PRIESTS AND SISTERS extend heartiest congratulations to all those who made a name for themselves in the Parish Talent Competition.

Money Report

WE FEEL that it's important to keep you informed about money matters - after all, it's YOUR money! Here are the results of recent collections:-

1st November (All Saints)...£ 647

2nd November (All Souls)...£ 1071

9th November.....£ 1046

16th November.....£ 1044

23rd November.....£ 950

30th November.....£ 1036

7th December.....£ 993

8th December.....£ 760

St. Anne's Adoption Society -

Collection on 30th Nov.....£ 580

Fr. John K. O'Mahony, the Director of St. Anne's, sent a 'thank you' note, a sign of appreciation for our "generous response".

A Note From 'Hop-Along'

THE EDITOR regrets that his sprained ankle rules out any more home visitation between now and Christmas. And he furthermore promises to 'put more water in it the next time', as so many have advised him to do!!!

What are They Building?

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED the builder in action near the Front Door of the Church. Fencing off the two alcoves under the organ gallery.

They're building two 'RECONCILIATION ROOMS', and we hope to have them in operation before Christmas. And what are they? Simply, modern-style confessionals, in which you can go to Confession face-to-face with the priest, or in the traditional manner.

Most National School children are used to 'open confession' ie. face-to-face, and many of their parents have found this helpful, too. So, in future, this option will be available to all; we hope you will find it helps YOU.

Contact People

THE FINAL LIST has been divided into halves; the second half will be in next week's Bulletin.

Greenfields

(1-14) Mrs. S. Milnore

(15-35) Mrs. M. McMahon 341458

The Grove

(1-12) Mr. + Mrs. Paddy Golden

(13-26) Mrs. Mary O'Riordan

Parkway Drive

(1-14) Mrs. Benny O'Brien

(15-35) Mrs. Kathleen O'Sullivan

Woodlawn

(1-11) Mrs. May O'Connell 43514

(12-24) Mrs. Edith Lyall.

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Kenley Close

(1-16) Ms. Ruth Murray 43056

(26-41) Mrs. Betty Nagle 45600

Wilton Gardens

(31-60) Mrs. Nora Moloney 44778