

NOTICE BOARD



Practical Arrangements

FROM the 18th to the 30th Jan., during the Renewal Course for your Priests, the following arrangements will apply in the Parish of Ballineaspig:

Baptisms

Can be arranged by contacting Sister Frances at 41376.

Confessions and Sunday Masses

Will be held as usual.

Weekday Masses

Just one daily, at 10.00 A.M.

Certs, Names for 'Anniversary List'

Our Sacristan, Mr. Pat Organ, will be available in the Sacristy daily from 9.00 to 11.00.

Mass Cards

You can meet a priest in the Sacristy before or after Mass.

Etc.

All the usual services provided by your priests will be covered by the SMA Fathers at St. Joseph's Wilton - Phone 341362.

To whom we are sincerely grateful.

Recommended Course...

A COURSE for Newly-Engaged

Couples will be held in the School of Commerce commencing Wed. 28th January at 7.30 P.M.

It is organised by the Ovulation Method Advisory Service (OMAS) and fulfills the requirements of the Church for pre-marriage preparation. Please see the paster at the back of the Church for further details.

Leesdale, Parkway, Kenley...

THE SUNDAY MASS in Bishopstown Community School, provided for your convenience, continues at 10.00 A.M.

"We Never Close"...

THIS COULD WELL be the motto of the Christian Pursuit Centre, so conveniently located in the Churchyard. Plenty "goodies" are available there.

For instance, parents can find there a refuge for their young children during 11.00 and 12.15 Masses, when the Crèche opens its doors. Free!

And information by the ton is available there! On welfare entitlements, legal aid, emigration, consumer rights, services etc. We have lots of up-to-date information at your disposal.

As well as helps to adults who want to grow in faith. The "Faith Alive" course continues in the Universe, covering a different area of faith each Sunday. And we have many books, Bibles, Missals on sale, to help you understand your faith as an adult.

The Centre is open from Monday to Friday after 10.00 Mass and before 7.30. On Saturdays it's open after evening Mass. And on Sundays, it's open from after 10 Mass to 1.00 P.M. So drop in some day soon!

BALLINEASPAIG NO. 64 PARISH BULLETIN

Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross.

From 19th to the 30th January, inclusive,

THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH WILL BE ABSENT.

These are the arrangements we have made:

Priests with Responsibility for the Parish:

Fathers Jim O'Kane and Owen McKenna, both of St. Joseph's, Wilton. (Phone 341362)

Pastoral Sisters:

Sister Frances and Sister Brendan (41376)

Sunday Masses: (as normal)

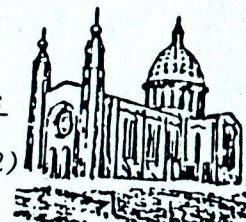
7.30 (Sat.), 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 & 12.15

Weekday Mass:

10.00 A.M. (only)

Urgent Calls:

Ring the SMA Fathers, Wilton, at 341362, anytime.



I asked for health that I might do great things;
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things ...
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things ...
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything that I hoped for almost despite myself;
my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among all men most richly blessed.

OUR PASTOR WRITES

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Father Tadhg O'Mahony, Father Bernard Cotter and myself are leaving the parish this weekend - rather reluctantly, I must admit. We will live at the Dominican Retreat House in Montenotte from Sunday 18th to Friday 30th January.

We are not thinking of joining the Dominicans at the moment - much as we admire their sanctity and lifestyle!! The idea is that we would be personally renewed and improved - the better to minister to you, whom we are privileged to serve.

It is the expressed wish of Bishop Murphy that we should attend as a Parish Team; this is the reason we're all going at the same time - even though different courses will, in fact, be held.

During our absence, the SMA Fathers at Wilton have, very kindly, offered to cover our duties in the Parish - for which we sincerely thank Fr. Jim O'Kane, Fr. Owen McKenna and their helpers. The Priests of the Lough will also be glad to help. And, of course, our Pastoral Sisters, Frances and Brendan, will be available during the two weeks to help you in every way.

Pray for us, as we will for you.

Denis O'Connor P.P.

That Famous Course...

You've heard so much about the fact that your priests are going on a course, it's about time you discovered what we'll be learning about.

The first interesting piece of information about the course is that it's based on the needs of the priests of Cork, as expressed in a questionnaire they all answered.

Priests were asked about the areas in which they felt most inadequate, and the following emerged as the areas in which they most felt a need to learn: Integrated Personal Renewal, Leadership Skills, Parish Sisters, Scripture, Preparing for the Sacraments with Parents, Women in the Church, Improving Sunday Mass (50% of priests were dissatisfied with this), the Homily and Partnership with Lay People.

In the latter four areas lay people from all over the dioceses have been asked to speak to us honestly, and to challenge us. So, all in all, it'll be a very full programme, as you can see!

It's good to realise that we're not off to Ennismore for a holiday! It looks, in fact, as if our days will be packed with work. Rising for Mass at 8.15, our study begins at 9.45 and continues until 9.00 P.M. In that time, we'll have plenty talks, sharing, small group work, feedback and questions.

But still with all that, we're looking forward to it - particularly to the new enthusiasm we're sure it will bring. We Trust you'll manage fine without us. And that you'll continue to pray for us.

Ballineaspig News

At Home With God forever

IRENE O'CONNELL, of "Woodlands", Farranlea Park, died suddenly last weekend. A quiet, caring and sincere person, with a lovely sense of humour, she was deeply mourned by her family, her Farranlea neighbours and friends. The Priests and Sisters were particularly sad to hear of her passing, as each had got to know her in the C. P. Centre, where she helped each Sunday morning. May she rest in peace.

TIMOTHY O'SULLIVAN, of Wilton Gardens, died in hospital, after a long illness. He was mourned by his wife Agnes, and son André. May he rest in peace.

Became a Child of God

AOIFE DEBRA HAYES, daughter of John and Catherine, of "Belvoir", Wilton Road, was baptised last weekend.

Severe Weather

OUR PARISH-WIDE network of 'Contact' People had an opportunity to look after their elderly neighbours during the awful weather of the past week.

It was consoling to know that the elderly of this parish need not fear the winter snows - they know that help is only a phonecall away.

Maybe the cold is behind us - or maybe not. Whatever the rest of winter brings, we trust our Contact people will continue to feel responsible for the vulnerable of their areas.

'The Bulletin' Lives On...

YOU MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT that the departure of the Editor on a course might have meant the demise of the Bulletin. O ye of little faith! We have plenty of talented lay people who can do a splendid job - and their work will be seen in next weekend's Bulletin. I thank them for agreeing to help out in this way.

A Reflection

IF CHILDREN live with criticism they learn to condemn.

If they live with hostility they learn to fight.

If they live with ridicule they learn to be shy.

If they live with shame they learn to feel guilty.

If they live with tolerance they learn to be patient.

If they live with encouragement they learn to have confidence.

If they live with praise they learn to appreciate.

If they live with fairness they learn what justice is.

If they live with security they learn what faith is.

If they live with approval they learn to like themselves.

If they live with acceptance and friendship they learn to find love and God in the world.