

BALLINEASPAIG NO. 78 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.

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An Easter Reflection

Some people think that if you have enough faith life will be plain sailing for you.
This of course is not so.

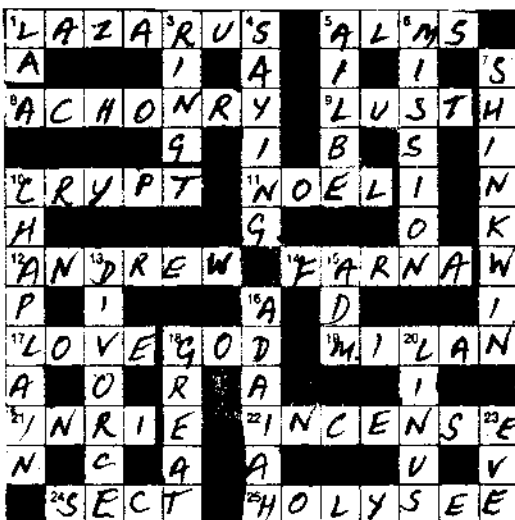
The fact that you can swim doesn't give you control over the sea.
It doesn't prevent you from getting knocked about.
In the same way faith doesn't shield us from the hard knocks of life or death.

What then does faith do?
It enables us to live in a topsy-turvy world without getting lost or giving in to despair.
It gives us bearings.

Just as swimmers trust that if they don't panic, and if they do a few simple things, then the power of the sea will uphold them: so believers entrust their lives to a power greater than themselves, a power greater than us all.
This power is the care of our heavenly Father, who brought his Son Jesus back from the dead.



alleluia



Heartiest Congratulations!

MERCHANTS OF MIDNIGHT OIL must have been delighted with last week's Crossword, judging by the amount of the same commodity that seems to have been consumed over the past week.

And the work has paid dividends. The Crossword which the Editor so impertinently called 'unsolvable' has indeed been solved. And not just once. In fact, FIFTEEN correct answers were received - from the following people:-

- (in no particular order)
- BRENDAN LIXEHAN, Wilton Road.
 T.J. HOLLAND, Sheares Avenue.
 AIDAN O'SHAUGHNESSY, Woodlawn.
 ARTHUR O'CALLAGHAN, Farranlea Gr.
 THE POOR CLARES, College Road.
 AODAN O DONNCHADHA, Bishopscourt.
 AINE O'BRIEN, Wilton Road.
 CATHERINE HORGAN, Bishopscourt.
 PHYLLIS GLAWIN, Magazine Road.
 SUZANNE MCCARTHY, Laburnum Drive.
 SISTER BRENDAN, St. Catherine's.
 MARGARET LAIDE, Wilton Gardens.
 SINÉAD MURPHY, Woodlawn.
 SISTER REDEMPTA, St. Catherine's.
 DONNCHA KERINS, Wilton Gardens.

SPECIAL MENTION must also be made of the twelve runners-up who made such a brave effort, and who came within a 'hare's breath' of victory:-

- MARIE LOUGHRY, Highfield Lawn.
 BARRY HEFFERNAN, Farranlea Park.
 PHIL POWER, Laburnum Lawn.
 M. and R. LEE, Merlyn Lawn.
 NOREEN LEHANE, Wilton Gardens.
 THE I.J. SISTERS, Model Farm Rd.
 MARTON HEFFERNAN, Farranlea Park.
 FRANK POWER, Laburnum Lawn.
 MARY FLEMING, Kenley Crescent.
 FINBARR MOLONEY, Farranlea Park.
 CARMEL MURPHY, Wilton Road.
 IRENE CONNOLLY, Bendemeer Park.

AND FINALLY, the prize-winners. It was a tense scene in the Sacristy, at 8.00 P.M. on Thursday, as the final checks were made. The level of security and double-checking was hardly matched by the National Lottery! The Parish Priest himself was on hand to see that all was in order. (Canon Denis had a special interest in the proceedings for two reasons:-
 1) A natural curiosity as to who would be in receipt of the £ 10 promised from Parish Funds
 2) He was almost a runner-up himself!)

It was our trusty Church Sacristan, Mr. Pat Organ, who made the draw. The winners of £ 5 were:-
 MISS SINÉAD MURPHY,
 "Glenanagar", Woodlawn, AND
 MRS. MARGARET LAIDE,
 53 Wilton Gardens.

CONGRATULATIONS



Ballineaspig News

At Peace With God

MARGARET GLEESON, formerly of "Donyu Subuk", Madol Farm Road, died on Friday after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Tom, and by her daughter Suzan. May she rest in eternal peace.

Reborn at Easter

AISLING CATHERINE McCARTHY, of 2 Lima Lane, Glushoen Road, was baptised as part of our Easter Vigil. She behaved herself perfectly for her appearance, and was the pride and joy of her parents Anthony and Catherine. The sponsors were Thomas Mahoney and Margaret O'Donovan.

In Gratitude

YOUR PRAYERS have sustained the health of our dear friend, Michael Waldren. We ask you to keep him in your thoughts.

An Inspiring Experience

YOUR PRIESTS AND SISTERS were very pleased with the Easter ceremonies in our Parish Church. For not only were the numbers attending high, but they remained constant right through to the Easter Vigil, the high-point of this Holy Season. And, what's more, the prayerful presence of so many created a lovely atmosphere of warmth and community in our Parish Church. And all this is due to YOU, the people of Ballineaspig. We thank you all, and we want you to know that you have inspired us by your faith and devotion.

We Made A Book...

RESIDENTS OF Laburnum Lawn, Park and Drive, and of The Ridgeway, may be a little confused just at the moment. Because, in error, they received Dues Envelopes carrying the name of Rev. Bernard Cotter C.C. This was indeed a mistake, and people living in that area can be re-assured that they have not been deserted by Canon Denis; he remains the priest of that area.

Bring Flowers of the Fairest...

MAY BEGINS on Friday next, the month traditionally associated with devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. Those who wish to express their devotion, are reminded that the Rosary is recited publicly before the 9.00 A.M. Mass each morning, from Monday to Saturday.

As you have probably heard, Pope John Paul II has declared a Marian Year, from Pentecost Sunday 1987 to Assumption Day, 1988.

Bishop Murphy has suggested that this is an appropriate opportunity to promote true (i.e. scriptural) devotion to Mary.

In this parish we plan to focus on the 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; it is also hoped to study the Pope's Encyclical in detail in preparation for that celebration. As to what format our Parish celebration should take, we are open to your suggestions.....

NOTICE BOARD

A CONTINUING FEAST

THOUGH EASTER SUNDAY IS BEHIND US, THE SEASON OF EASTER GOES ON. JUST AS LENT WAS A SEASON OF REPENTANCE, IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER, SO TOO THIS SEASON IS A CONTINUATION OF EASTER JOY. YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SEASON: MASSES ARE DAILY AT 9.00, 10.00 AND 7.30PM.

CHANGE TO SUMMER TIME

THE SUNDAY MASS AT BISHOPSTOWN COMMUNITY, WHICH WE CELEBRATE EVERY SUNDAY FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS OF LEESDALE, PARKWAY AND KENLEY, IS BEING CHANGED. AS AND FROM NEXT SUNDAY, FOR THE DURATION OF THE SUMMER MONTHS, IT WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 A.M.

A SPECIAL DAY

FRIDAY NEXT IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF MAY. MASSES AS USUAL. CONFESSIONS THURSDAY AT 8.

MONTHLY EVENT

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WILL HOLD THEIR MONTHLY COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY.

WE SEND BEST WISHES

HEARTFEST CONGRATULATIONS GO TO FATHER MARIE O'NEILL, A MEMBER OF THIS PARISH, WHO IS CELEBRATING THE SILVER JUBILEE OF HIS ORDINATION AS A PRIEST. AND WE WISH CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH TO HIS MOTHER, WHO LIVES ON WILTON ROAD. "AD MULTOS ANNIOS".

*PLEASE RETURN YOUR TROUPE FAST BOX AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS!

CLOSING DATE

THE LAST DATE FOR THE RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST IS SUNDAY NEXT, MAY 3. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, A BOX WILL BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR RAILS FOR THE NEXT WEEK. ADDITIONAL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY, OR IN THE C.P. CENTRE.

WORTHY CAUSE

ST ANNE'S ADOPTION SOCIETY ARE HOLDING A BENEFIT AUCTION AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL ON WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL AT 8PM. ITEMS SUCH AS OBJECTS D'ART, ANTIQUE FURNITURE AND MEMORABILIA ARE PROMISED.

FOR ALL YOU ATHLETES!

THE BISHOPSTOWN ATHLETIC CLUB IS RE-OPENING AT THE NEW PARISH HALL IN WILTON, ON THURSDAY 30TH APRIL, FROM 7.00 - 8.00 PM. NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME. BOYS AND GIRLS FROM 7 YEARS.

PILGRIMS UNITE!

THERE IS A CONTINUING INTEREST IN PILGRIMAGES TO ALL SORTS OF PLACES, AND WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY NOTICES CONCERNING THESE. ALL NOTICES REGARDING PILGRIMAGES ARE DISPLAYED ON ONE NOTICE-BOARD IN THE FRONT PORCH. EG.

- *TO FATIMA FROM KNOCK, 9TH - 15TH JULY, £ 365.
- *TO LOURDES WITH THE FRANCISCANS 22ND - 27TH SEPT, £ 300.
- *DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 26TH - 31ST MAY, £ 277
- 16TH - 18TH OCTOBER.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, SEE NOTICEBOARD AT FRONT PORCH.

All notices to the Editor before Thursday, please!