

NOTICE BOARD



The Bread of Life

YOU'RE WELCOME to share the joy of the seven-year-olds of St. Catherine's N.S., who will be receiving First Holy Communion on Saturday morning at 11.00 AM

'At SEA'

WE RECEIVED a very fair notice during the week from one of the sides campaigning in connection with the forthcoming referendum "The referendum on the Single European Act on May 26 is crucial for all of us. Irish citizens have an obligation to vote. This referendum will affect every family. Discuss the issue fully at home and have your questions ready when the campaigners come to the door."

Apology

TO ALL the sports fans who turned up at Pres grounds last Sun. - our funday clashed with another, and so was cancelled. But the video was a great success!

Well-known Bishop Visits

YOU ARE invited to a talk by Bishop Brendan Comiskey at St. Catherine's N.S. this Monday night at 8. His theme is "Parents as Partners - Education's Missing Link"

Don't Miss It!

ALL OUR MINISTERS have been notified individually of Monday's meeting of Ministers of the Eucharist, so a full attendance is expected. It would be great if 'retiring' members would come along too.

MANY PEOPLE have been upset at the news of the threatened closure of the North Infirmary, particularly since so many of its patients are among the less well-off. Signatures for the petition to keep the Hospital open will be taken after our Sunday Masses, here at Dennehy's Cross.

FARRANLEA FOLK - The organisers are calling it a deliberate error to keep you on your toes. The AGM of your Residents Assoc. is on Mon. 25th May, in the C.P. Centre....please note the date.

THIS YEAR'S Senior Citizens Outing is Tues. 26th May, to Garrettstown. I'm told early booking is advisable (Ph.46167)

"ON WINGS OF SONG" - The Leaside Singers perform at the S.M.A. Parish Centre on Sunday may 24th at 8 p.m.

PERU COLLECTION

SUNDAY, 24th MAY, 1987

BALLINEASPAIG NO. 81 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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URGENT CALLS: RING 362906 ANYTIME.



17th May, 1987.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - A day to renew your trust in Jesus!



"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE - NO ONE CAN COME TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME."

Jesus told his friends "In my Father's house there are many rooms. I am going to prepare a place for you." We've heard these words many times, especially at funerals. We should keep them always in our heart.

For Christians, life is a journey to the Father's house. Pope John XXIII said, when he was dying - "My bags are packed. I feel like a schoolboy going home for his holidays."



OUR PASTOR WRITES.....

MY DEAR PEOPLE of Ballineaspai; I HAVE something very important to write to you about - something I hope is interesting and challenging to you.

FOR THE PAST two years, a steering committee has been busy planning how we will all be more involved in the life of the parish. You have seen some of the fruits of their labour - the Adult Education series, the cantors at Sunday Mass, the Contact network, and lots of other smaller things too.

AND NOW, they tell me, it's time for us to have a more formal and representative body in the parish, to plan our future direction as a community together. A body which will enable YOU to have your voice heard in the planning of parish activities.

COME SEPTEMBER, we will be setting up a 'Parish Pastoral Council', elected by you, to formulate a vision for the future. Because we, your priests and sisters, want to journey with you into the future, as fellow-pilgrims on the path to the Kingdom.
Very sincerely,

Denis C. Connoy P.P.

P.S. There'll be more details in the Bulletin in the weeks ahead.
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Remember PERU

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR MISSION IN PERU:

250,000 Parishioners.
5,000 Primary School Children.
12 Irish Priests in 4 parishes.
16 Bons and Mercy Sisters.
50 Peruvian Sisters and Novices.
5 Students for the Priesthood.

LAST YEAR, THE PEOPLE OF CORK GAVE £91,752.12 TO THE MISSION. That marvellously generous sum

- PROVIDED badly-needed powdered milk for those afflicted with T.B.
- HELPED establish more Parish Centres.
- PAID for the running of the Mission.
- GAVE a start to small Home-Industries.
- SUPPLIED meals for those on the verge of starvation.

Bishop Murphy's Appeal

"Last year, during my visit to Peru, people came to me and asked me to thank you for all the help you have given them over such a long time - and making a special plea not to abandon them. I told them, in your name, that with your generosity, and your genuine Christian sense of justice and charity, you will continue to do what you have been doing for the past 22 years, UNTIL the day will come when they would be able to provide for their own spiritual and material needs."

Ballineaspai; News

Welcome to our Parish Family!

THREE BAPTISMS were celebrated last weekend, so we have three new (little) parishioners: STEPHANIE ANN O'LEARY, the daughter of Richard and Maura, 13 The Road, Kenley, COLM JOHN HEALY, son of Michael and Bernadette Healy, of "Breifne", Wilton Avenue, and SARAH ELIZABETH NAGLE, child of Miall and Betty Nagle, of 3 The Close, Kenley.

New Recruits

YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE, for the thirty two new 'Ministers-of-the-Eucharist-to-be', who began their four week training course last Tuesday night. It's important to realise that they are YOUR representatives, coming as they do from streets and parks all over the parish. They have been called from YOUR midst, from School Avenue and Leesdale, from Bishopscourt Road and Orchard Road - called to serve the Lord in this Parish Community.

Special Ministry

THERE HAS been a lot of interested reaction to the piece by Pat and Rita Shaw on our bookracks, in last Sunday's Bulletin. A pity we omitted their phone number - which is 41897. So if you have time on your hands, and are willing to help out, you really have no excuse not to get in touch!!

P.S. Why not treat yourself to a 'browse' through our book-racks, some day soon ? !

Our Contact Network Lives!

REMEMBER THE network of 'Contact People' we set up in our Parish - you saw their names in the Bulletin for many weeks before Christmas.

Well, we had a well-attended meeting of these same people on Thursday night last. And they have decided to make themselves known in their areas again, in case you've forgotten.

This time, when they call, they'll bring a sheet with their name, address and phone number, so you'll be able to get in touch in case of any need. Be sure to give your local 'Contact Person' a warm welcome when he or she calls to you!

Suffer Little Children

JESUS ALWAYS had a great welcome for little children, and those who operate our Crèche do their best to follow his example. You may not have heard about the great work they do. They're there every Sunday, in the C.P. Centre, during 11.00 and 12.15 Masses. And parents can leave their little ones there, and come to Mass undistracted! The 'minders' do a fine job, we're sure you'll agree (the service is FREE); maybe the facility would help YOU!

Challenge Ahead!

THE EDITOR has been delighted with the reaction to the Easter crossword - so much so that he is already fiendishly devising a Pentecost one - could it be even harder? As they say - 'Watch this space'!