

A Challenge For Adults

EVENING CLASSES begin shortly at Bishopstown Community School in various areas, including Languages, Arts & Crafts, Sports & Exercise, Business Courses, Self-Development, Leisure and Recreation. Information is available at the School; phone 544311 during office hours.

Enrolment details will be given in next Sunday's Bulletin.

For Returned Holidaymakers.

MANY PARISHIONERS were sad to have missed the funeral of our dear friend, Michael Waldron. A special edition of the Bulletin was published to mark his passing, and a number of these were set aside for parishioners on vacation. These are now available for you in the C.P. Centre.

The Choirs Tune Up...

MISS MARY O'DONOVAN hopes to have the Junior Singing Group ready to sing for Sunday week next, at 10.00 Mass. However, she appeals for volunteers. Girls between 9 and 19 are welcome to join. The weekly practice takes place in the Crypt at 9.30 A.M. each Sunday.

Síol Retreat

- Same idea as the American 'At Home' retreats, but now adapted to the Irish scene. A group of 10 sharing once weekly for one term.

It is based in the spirituality of St. Patrick and St. Ignatius: finding God in the bits 'n' pieces of every day, and listening to what God has to say to us through His Word.

Our first Síol Retreat in this parish begins on Wednesday night. It will be led by Noirin Jones and Sr. Frances, who have undergone special training.

Each Spring and each Autumn new groups of 10 will participate. Please pray for our Wednesday night efforts,

"Ag Críost an Síol

Ag Críost an Fómhair."

Ballineaspaig Bridge Club

DUE TO RE-CONSTRUCTION work at the G.A.A., the above club will not re-open until 14th September.



Coffee Morning

FOR TEA AND coffee drinkers, Tuesday morning is 'D-Day'.

Because that's the day when **MARY O' SHAUGHNESSY** and **MONA BURKE** return from their well-deserved summer break, to resume this great service. So....be there!



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IT'S SO HARD TO SAY GOODBYE !



IT WILL BE A SAD DAY when Father Tadhg Ó Mathúna, Sagart Cúnta, leaves Ballineaspaig Parish. For in his seven years with us, since he was appointed in place of Fr. Shinkwin, he has made his mark.

He will be remembered as a friend to all, a man with a warm smile and an open door to anyone who needed help.

Father Tadhg cared for the sick, and was the first to visit; he looked after the aged, and will be remembered for his work with the B.C.A. Social Services Committee, which organised outings etc. for our Senior Citizens.

It was he, too, who founded our Youth Club, and he was always concerned that our Young People receive Parish attention. He did trojan work as Mount Mercy's chaplain, and had a great gift of communicating with children, which he showed in St. Catherine's Primary School. And all the Altar Boys found in him a solid friend and guide.

His liturgies were full of life and vigour, and always sensitive to the lives of people. He was an able preacher, whose homilies were short, to the point and grounded in real-life experience. And the Gaelgeoirí of Baile 'n Easpaig found in him a dependable ally, always ready to sprinkle the 'beagán Gaeilge' into his Masses.

Seven years in a parish is a long time, and now it is rumoured that a change is on the cards, with the green hills of West Cork beckoning him. So it seems a suitable time to say 'thanks for a job well done' and, if the rumours are true, "go n-eirí an bóthair leat!"

Rest In Peace

SINCE the Bulletin was last published, some of our dear parishioners have gone to their eternal reward. We mourn their passing, and pray that they have found peace in God's house.

NELLIE MURPHY, of Wilton Gardens, died at the end of June, after a short illness. She had lived a good Christian life, both in England and at home; she was buried in her family burial place in Macroom, Co. Cork.

MICHAEL WALDRON, who was Church Sacristan for 23 years, and a friend to all, died peacefully in Marymount in July. The whole parish turned out to pay tribute at his funeral Mass, to mark the end of a remarkable life.

MICHAEL O'BRIEN, of Wilton Gardens, died unexpectedly in the last week of July. He was deeply mourned by his family and friends, and especially by his neighbours, for whom he did many deeds of kindness.

MONICA DILLON died on the 28th July. She had been confined to her home in Bishops court for a few years, where Fr. O Mathúna regularly brought her Holy Communion.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

DONAL SCANNELL died suddenly at his home on Wilton Road on 2nd August. Aged 78, he had given his whole life to the education of young people as an N.T., and to the spread of the Irish language. His bilingual funeral services were attended by Bishop John Buckley, and by the President of the I.N.T.O. He was buried in lovely Gougane Barra.

NORA JACKSON, of Wilton Road, died at the Regional Hospital on the morning of August 3rd. The previous night she had been prepared for her last journey by the Sacraments of the Church. She was mourned by Hugh, her loving husband, and her family.

DICK NOONAN, of Highfield Lawn, died suddenly on 15th August. A quiet man, with a great sense of humour, he was devoted to his family, and they to him. Many friends and business associates attended his funeral. May he rest in peace.

BAPTISED

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, eight new members have been added to our Parish Community. We welcome them, and heartily congratulate their parents. Those whose names have been written in the Book of Life are the following:

ROBERT JOSPEH O'SULLIVAN, son of Pat and Kathleen, 8 Kenley Heights, Model Farm Road.

KEVIN MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE, son of Thomas and Rita, of 33 Leesdale, Model Farm Road.

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FIONA JOAN O'MAHONY, daughter of Michael and Ruth, of 14 Kenley Close, Model Farm Road.

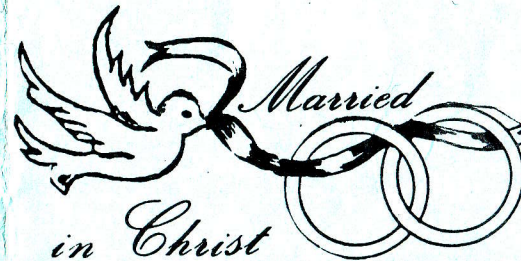
JENNIFER MARY O'SULLIVAN, daughter of Michael and Shayron, 4 Kenley Close, Model Farm Road.

NATASHA MARGARET ROSE MEALY, daughter of William and Bernadette, 5 Greenfields.

ELIZABETH BERNADETTE O'DONOVAN, daughter of John and Patricia, 45 Farranlea Grove.

RORY MICHAEL O'CONNOR, son of Roger and Grace, "Bafranisky", Wilton Avenue.

PATRICIA LOUISE LINEHAN, daughter of John and Maria, 33 Wilton Gardens. She was baptised by Bishop John Buckley, who happened to be visiting the parish.



EIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE from our Parish began their married life with the Sacrament of Marriage during this summer. We are happy for them, and pray that the Lord will stay with them always.

On 24th July, GERALDINE COFFEY, 51 Wilton Gardens, married Kevin Deasy, from Glasheen Road.

On 8th August, CAROLINE RYAN, 18 Farranlea Grove, married Tom Murphy, from Dillon's Cross.

On the same day, JOHN JONES, Wilton Road, married Siobhan Coakley, from Turner's X.

And on that day too, our choir-master and organist, PATRICK KILLEEN, Wilton Gardens, married Angela Crowley, from Ballincollig.

On 14th August, PETER DRISCOLL, 16 Farranlea Grove, married Orla O'Donoghue, from Curaheen.

On 22nd August, BRENDA O'SHEA, 4 Roger Casement Park, married Patrick Hayden, from Curaheen Rd.

And on the same day, MIRIAM CONNOLLY, Woodleigh Park, married Michael Dawson, from Rathbride, Co. Kildare.

On 29th August, JEAN ROCHE, College Road, married John McCarthy, from Ballinlough.

Anniversary

OUR 'YOUNG-AT-HEART' PARISHIONERS had reason to return thanks to God as well. For two couples celebrated very special wedding anniversaries:

DENIS AND NANCY HARRINGTON, of 32 Lima Lawn, celebrated 40 years together in August.

JOHN AND MARY SHEPPARD, of 57 Wilton Gardens celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving with their family, last Sunday.

We thank God for his kindness to both couples, and wish them well.