

NOTICE BOARD

Remember Lent '87 ?

THAT WAS WHEN THE Redemptorists gave us our last Mission. And do you remember all the work that was done in preparation for it ? Nearly 80 lay people spent a half-day's prayer in February in La Retraite, and before the Mission, they ensured that each house knew about the Mission.

Those very 80 lay people are invited to the Crypt on Tuesday night, as it will be they who run the Pastoral Council election all over the parish. So - an appeal to whom it may concern - PLEASE be there!

The Bishop Appeals...

NEXT SUNDAY is the annual collection towards the education of students for the Priesthood. The Maynooth fee for each of our thirty students comes to more than £ 3,500 each! +Michael asks you to be generous!

Used Clothes Urgently Needed

TOGETHER Vincent dePaul appeal for good quality used clothes. You can drop them in to the old Five Star Supermarket at the Southside Shopping Centre between 9 and 4.30, from Mon. to Friday.

WOMEN HURT BY ABORTION is a support group for girls and women in distress after abortion
CONTACT Kathleen at 332194
OR Jacinta at 894120.

Keep This Day Free!

OCTOBER 6th is the day marked down for the Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Tadhg Ó Mathúna. A presentation will be made prior to the Mass at 7.30 P.M. To make this possible, those who wish to contribute are asked to do so well before 6th October!

Our Man in Heaven

CORK'S PATRON is Finbarr, and his feast is on Friday next. And on the same day, our Church is 27 years old. And, had he lived, Michael Waldron would have been 89, on that very same day. R.I.P. (Just a few copies of the Special Bulletin in his honour still in the C.P.)

"Young at Heart" Take Note!

ACTIVE AGE WEEK runs from next Saturday (26th) to the following Sunday week. Highlights include a Seminar in Moore's Hotel on Saturday (THEME: "Our Approach to Active Retirement") and a Mass in Holy Trinity on Sunday 27th at 3 PM., to which transport can be arranged.

ST FINBARR'S BADMINTON CLUB is now open. New members welcome on Mon. or Wed. nights from 8 P.M.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Pray hard that our new Council will succeed.
2. After some thought, nominate someone suitable.
3. Return your NOMINATION PAPER before Sunday 27th September.



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Sunday's Message for You

From Sunday's First Reading:

"It is the Lord who speaks - the heavens are as high above the earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts..."



FATHER, guide us as you guide creation, according to your law of LOVE. (Opening Prayer of Sunday's Mass)

PASTORAL COUNCIL News

THE REALLY BIG NEWS is that this is the week when the Parish Pastoral Council gets underway. Tuesday night sees the meeting of those who are to act as "election agents" in the twelve areas of the Parish.

AND, within the following two days, every person over 18 in the parish will get a NOMINATION PAPER.

On the NOMINATION PAPER you're asked to write the name of the person you think would be suitable to represent your area on the Council.

(Within a fortnight then, you'll receive a BALLOT PAPER; and from all the nominees of your area, one will be elected)

We ask you to return your NOMINATION PAPER as soon as you can; all NOMINATION PAPERS must be returned by Sunday 27th Sept.

The person who delivers the NOMINATION PAPER to you will call back to collect it OR you may bring it to the C.P. Centre during these hours:-
Thurs. or Fri. 7.00 - 7.30 PM.
Fri. or Sat. 10.30 - 11.00
Sunday: After any Mass.

N.B. THE SHEET ACCOMPANYING THIS BULLETIN TELLS YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

For reference, we suggest you keep on hand the following PARISH INFORMATION: -

Your Parish Team

Canon Denis O'Connor P.P. 542972
Father John Newman C.C. 541572
Father Bernard Cotter C.C. 541814
Sister Frances 541376
Sister Brendan 541376

Sunday Masses in your Parish

Saturday Evening - 7.30 P.M.
Sunday morning - 9, 10, 11, 12.15
And for the people at the western end of the parish, there's Mass in the Community School at 9.30.

Weekday Masses in your Parish

Every day at 9, 10, and 7.30 PM.
Early-birds will find a 7.30 AM.
Mass at the Poor Clares, College Rd.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 12.00 to 1.00, and before and after 7.30 Mass.
In our new Reconciliation Rooms, you have a choice between going to Confession in the usual way, or of talking face-to-face with the priest. Worth a try?

Sacrament of Baptism

Wednesdays at 7.00 P.M., or Saturdays at 6.30 P.M. We ask that you notify us at least a week in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Three months notice is REQUIRED. Get in touch with any priest.

Care of the Sick

Holy Communion is brought regularly to the sick and housebound. In case of need, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. IF YOU NEED A PRIEST URGENTLY, PLEASE RING 362906.

Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

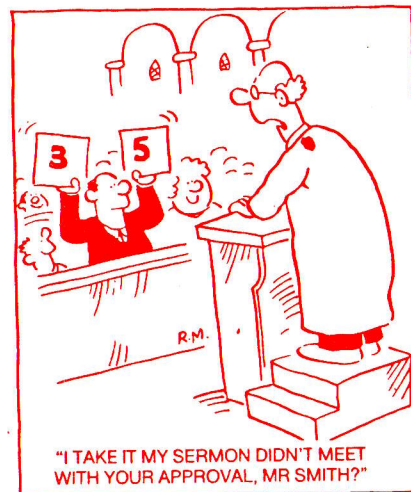
2 Peter 3:18

AUTUMN IS A GREAT TIME for enrolling for evening classes, with high hopes....And it's great to see so many people developing their talents.

AS LONG AS their faith doesn't get left behind. It's so sad to see people with degrees in everything, and a childish knowledge of their religion, undeveloped since National School Days.

WE PROPOSE our own Adult Education in this Parish. This year it takes the form of a six-week programme on "RELATIONSHIPS", beginning on Tuesday 13th October. News of enrolment will be published soon.

There's also talk of Bible Study classes, on a weekly basis, through the year. So be sure to watch out for news, in your PARISH BULLETIN!



"I TAKE IT MY SERMON DIDN'T MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL, MR SMITH?"



CELEBRATION

THE CHRISTIAN PURSUIT CENTRE was one year old last Monday! It was on the 14th September, 1986, the Feast of the Holy Cross, that the late Michael Waldron declared the Centre officially open.

It has turned out to be very useful. Its meeting room has become home to the St. Joseph's Young Priests Society, the Legion of Mary, the young people's DISCOVERY group and to Sister Frances' Ladies Group.

And where would we be without the well-equipped office? It's invaluable for the Bulletin as well as for countless other Parish Productions.

And then, of course, there's the Reception area, where newspapers and books on a Christian theme are on sale.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
DEAR C.P. CENTRE,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW that 'giving out' to God can be a way of praying? Listen to what theologian GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ has to say...
"In the Bible, lamentation is one way to pray. One way to believe in God is to say; 'I find it hard to understand you, because you are the God of life, and I am living in the world of death.'

Protest is one way to take seriously the Christian faith."

INTRODUCING A (hopefully) WEEKLY LOOK AT THE WORLD THE MEDIA PRESENT TO US, SEEN FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE:

MEDIA COMMENT

FRIGHTENING to see the recently published figures on suicide, wasn't it? With the Cork area featuring so badly. The question is WHY?

Could it be that God's role is under-stressed in family life? Is it that many families 'make do' with Sunday Mass, and the odd visit to Confession? Could it be that parents are afraid of bringing Christ into family life, for fear of ridicule, the 'put-down'...?

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IT'S INTERESTING to see moves afoot in the U.K. to curb "T.V. sex and violence". There's plenty of the same on Irish T.V. and on the "Big Screen". Are we afraid to speak out? Do we fear the well-orchestrated opposition from the 'liberals', who will impose their morality (or lack of it) on the rest of us?

WE IN BISHOPSTOWN have a fine reputation when it comes to caring for our senior citizens. But new ideas are always welcome. The 'CORK EXAMINER' feature on the Church of Ireland communities in Lapp's Court, so near to us, and in Mitchelstown etc. showed what Christian people can do to care for the once-active. Maybe there is a challenge there for us Catholics....



parish pastoral council

NAME: BALLINEASPAIG PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

OBJECTIVES: UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

TO CREATE A PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRED ON JESUS,
WHERE PEOPLE FIND A SENSE OF BELONGING AND SUPPORT;

TO DEVELOP THE PARISH AS A CARING COMMUNITY
OF SERVICE,

WHERE THE GIFTEDNESS AND MINISTRY
OF EACH INDIVIDUAL IS REALISED AND VALUED.

MEMBERSHIP: SEVENTEEN TO TWENTY MEMBERS.

ONE TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:-

- 1) FARRANLEA AREA (PARK, GROVE, ORCHARD, ROAD)
- 2) MODEL FARM ROAD (INCLUDING WOODLAWN AND CHERRYGROVE)
- 3) KENLEY (AVENUE, ROAD, DRIVE, CLOSE, CIRCLE, HEIGHTS AND CRESCENT)
- 4) PARKWAY (INCLUDING THE GROVE, GREENFIELDS, PARKLEA COURT, WOODFORD AND WYNDWOOD)
- 5) LEESDALE
- 6) BISHOPSCOURT (INCLUDING WILTON AV. AND MERLYN LAWN)
- 7) BISHOPSTOWN AVENUE (WITH HIGHFIELD AND WOODLEIGH)
- 8) LABURNUM (PARK, LAWN AND DRIVE; ALSO THE RIDGEWAY)
- 9) WILTON GARDENS
- 10) WILTON ROAD
- 11) COLLEGE ROAD AREA (INCLUDING ORCHARD ROAD, MAGAZINE ROAD, ST. FRANCIS' AND ST. CLARE'S AV. AND BENDEMEER PARK)
- 12) GLASHEEN ROAD AREA (INCLUDING LIAM LYNCH PARK, SHEARES PARK, CASEMENT PARK, SCHOOL AVENUE, AND LIMA LAWN)

PLUS THE FIVE PARISH TEAM MEMBERS.

PLUS THE POSSIBILITY OF CO-OPTING THREE MEMBERS

ELECTIONS: IN TWO STAGES

1) NOMINATION FORMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH PARISHIONER OVER 18. NOMINATIONS TO BE INVITED FROM THE AREA IN WHICH THE VOTER RESIDES. PARISH TEAM MEMBERS TO ASCERTAIN ASSENT OF NOMINEES.

2) THOSE WHO ACCEPT NOMINATION IN THEIR AREA TO GO ON THE BALLOT PAPER DISTRIBUTED TO EACH VOTER IN THE AREA. WHOEVER WINS THE MOST VOTES IN EACH AREA IS ELECTED. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF A DRAW, BOTH ARE ELECTED.

TERM OF

MEMBERSHIP: TWO YEARS, WITH A POSSIBILITY OF RE-ELECTION FOR A SECOND TERM., THUS HELPING ENSURE CONTINUITY. NO ONE COULD SERVE FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

MEETINGS:

FORTNIGHTLY FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS, AFTER WHICH TIME, WITH ITS SUB-COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED, THE FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS COULD BE DECIDED.

CONSTITUTION: THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL SHOULD, EARLY IN ITS FIRST YEAR, DRAW UP AND ADOPT A CONSTITUTION.

IT'S NOT JUST 'for the sake of it' that we mention the Holy Spirit. We really beg Him to guide our new venture! Will YOU pray too?

And we can't forget the people of Bishopstown Park and the Belfrey; they're in this area, too!

THAT'S what's going on this week. You'll notice that you don't have to ask your nominee if he or she will go forward - we'll do that for you!

THE ACTUAL ELECTION will be during the week beginning 4th Oct.

DO these folks look like YOUR neighbours ?!?!?

