

# Bulletin

NEXT SUNDAY is the third Sunday of October and accordingly the Bulletins will, with your help, be distributed to all the homes of the parish. Again, we hope that every home will have its Bulletin by Saturday evening next.

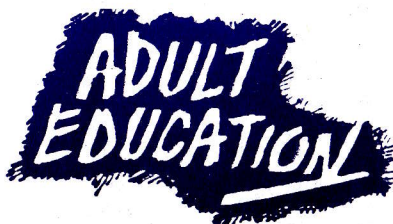
Mass for Industrial Peace.  
THE MASS for Industrial Peace will be offered on Sunday October 18th. at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay, at 4.00 PM. All are very welcome.

Restoration Fund.  
S.S. Peter & Paul's Church Restoration Fund Supper Dance in Jury' Hotel on Wednesday October 14th. Tickets £5.00 on sale in Sacristy, SS. Peter & Paul's and Mannix Shop in Patrick Street.

Wilton Budding Artists.  
ART CLASSES every Saturday at the Parish Centre, African Missions, Wilton.  
Age 4 - 9 yrs, 10.00 - 11.30 AM  
" 10 - 15 " 11.30 - 1.00 PM  
Special attention for Inter-Cert by experienced Teachers and Corrector.  
For details - Phone 361195 or 305513

## Coeliacs

COELIACS may receive gluten free Hosts at any Mass by going to the main Celebrant. He will in future carry a special pyx with these Hosts.



## A REMINDER

Some places still available for our six week course:

- TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER  
Relationships in Family Life  
Sister Mary Dineen,  
Diocesan Family Ministry.
- TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER  
Parents and Young Children  
Video, followed by discussion  
led by Sister Mary Dineen.
- TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER  
Relationships in the Neighbourhood  
Father Jackie Corkery, Fermoy,  
a lively and thought-provoking speaker.
- TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER  
Adult Family Relationships  
Dealing with grown-up offspring  
elderly relatives etc.  
Marjorie and Pat Kinsella
- TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER  
Lay - Clergy Relationships  
Educator Michael Barry  
has some suggestions.
- TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER  
Parents and Teenagers  
Help in difficult times from  
Cormac and Phil O'Connor.



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*Sunday's Message for You*

*Reflection*



Yet my soul drew back  
Guilty of dust and sin  
But quick-eyed Love  
Observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in  
Drew nearer to me  
Sweetly questioning  
If I lacked anything.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

## VOTE

The election for the Pastoral Council is going very well. Many votes are already in. Don't forget your vote. Votes will be counted on Thursday night - make sure your vote is in on time. You may drop it through the new letter box at the C.P. Centre.  
The names of those elected will be announced in next Sunday's Bulletin.  
The first meeting of the Council will take place on Monday October 19th at 8.00 PM in C.P. Centre.

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God give me the strength  
to change the things that  
need changing, the patience  
to accept those which cannot  
be changed, and the  
wisdom to know the difference.



# Special Event

## MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR FR. TADHG O'MATHUNA

A large congregation of over 750 attended the Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. O'Mathuna on Tuesday evening. All areas of the Parish participated in the well deserved tribute. The Liturgy had been magnificently arranged by the lay organising committee, Benny Collins Jerry Lyons; Helen O'Hea; Tom Sheehan. Pat Lemasney & Gerrie O'Carroll acted as Ministers of the Word. The Choir added their own tribute by their fine singing and their carefully chosen hymns which included many Irish Aairs.

In his homily Fr. O'Mathuna thanked all, who, during his seven years, had been so kind and generous to him. He paid tribute to his fellow clergy both past and present and stressed their many talents. He reminded us of the Bishop's high regard for Canon O'Connor. He commended Fr. Newman to the Parish who he knew would experience the same kind attention as he had received. Fr. O'Mathuna emphasised his debt to the sick who had been an inspiration to him.

The Prayers of the Faithful were read by Peggy Cronin; Finbarr Roynane; Liz.O'Donoghue; Colm Lehan; Helen O'Hea; Ita O'Connell and Gladys Walsh. They represented many aspects of the Parish, including the neighbours, the collectors, the elderly and the youth, the organising committee and the Gaeilgeoiri. The Parish representation was continued by the members of the Offertory Procession: Mrs. Waldron, Mr. Casey(Wilton Gardens) Mrs. Doyle(Highfield) Mrs. Lyons(Wilton Gardens); Phil Twohig(St. Catherines) and Margo Fox(Mount Mercy).

Jack Fitzgerald, Madge Hanley, Mary O'Shaughnessy and John Heaney assisted the priests as Ministers of the Eucharist. In the Sacristy, before the Mass a presentation of a substantial sum of money was made to Fr.O'Mathuna, with the good wishes of everybody. The beautifully prepared Mass and the presence of the very large congregation were witness to the affection of the people of Ballineaspig for Fr. Tadhg.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Kenley-Parkway Under 9's who were first in The League.

# Marian Year '87/'88 \*MEDIA COMMENT\*



## FAITH FOR TODAY'S WORLD

Studied in the Gospel, Mary "offers a calm vision and a reassuring word to modern man, torn as he often is between anguish and hope ... troubled in his mind and divided in his heart ... oppressed by loneliness while yearning for fellowship, a prey to boredom and disgust.

"She shows forth the victory of hope over anguish, of fellowship over solitude, of peace over anxiety, of joy and beauty over boredom and disgust, of eternal visions over earthly ones, of life over death."

After our Lord's Ascension his apostles had to face new problems and a changing world. They gathered together with Mary and prayed for the graces they needed and the power from high that Christ had promised them. Her companionship and example strengthened them.

IT WAS CLAIMED during the past week that 'the State is using prison as a short-term, easy punishment for a large section of young people.'

At a conference entitled 'Adolescents in Turmoil: To-Morrows Parents' it was suggested that FATHERS GROUPS should get involved and remove the problem from the political to the individual level.

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BISHOP COMISKEY of Ferns gave a plug to the Family at the week-end. He stressed that the power of the Family to survive

was enormous, but new challenges must be faced.

He praised the 'good old-fashioned virtue of civility.' Also, he stressed the danger of using labels such as 'right-wing', 'conservative', 'liberals' which were meant to convey the message: 'Ignore what follows!'

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Cults and Black Magic are featuring in the Media presently. Open family discussion is one way to be on the alert to a problem. Reading material is available on our Book Stall too. Talk to one of your priests if you're out of your depth.

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Finally, didn't our poor recession-hit Old Country look wonderful in the Nissan International Cycle Classic? Absolutely FAB!

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