

World Mission Day

THIS SUNDAY, 18th October, is Mission Sunday. You are asked to pray for missionaries. And to be generous in supporting the Mission Sunday Collection.

Winter Approacheth...

THIS SUNDAY, the 'November envelopes' will be available at our Parish Church.

To Whom It May Concern!

YOU ARE WELCOME to attend a talk on the BILLINGS method of Natural Family Planning at the Bons Maternity wing, Room 6. It's on each Thursday morning at 11.00 A.M. All are welcome.

For Followers of Controversy!

THE UNORTHODOX Bishop of Durham, David Jenkins, will talk at St. Finn Barre's Cathedral on Fri. 23rd Oct. at 8.00 P.M. (£ 2)

Support Our Handicapped Friends

L'ARCHE COMMUNITY are holding an 'Autumn Fayre' at Ballincollig Community Hall this Sunday 18th from 10 to 5.

Your Community Needs You!

B.C.A. Monthly Council Meeting is on Tuesday next at Wilton Park House at the usual time.

Students Please Note

GRINDS ARE AVAILABLE in oral Irish for Leaving Certs, given by a native Irish speaker. Phone 342471 for details.

MEDIA COMMENT

DID YOU FIND the views of Martin Sheen on the LATE LATE SHOW refreshing? I certainly did. Especially when he spoke of Christianity as a tough commitment. No room for compromise there, he said.

He talked of the POLITICS OF FOOD, condemning people to starve in the midst of plenty. And of the tragedy of homelessness, in the midst of wealth.

And he emphasised the positive value of LOVE - coping with our own humanity, as well as that of others.

IT HAS BEEN A WEEK of 'official openings', 'launchings', ETC. A reading from St. Luke at Mass during the week said this:

"ALAS for you Pharisees who like taking the seats of honour, and being greeted obsequiously..."

It begs the question: When did you last - when did you ever - see the carpenter or the mason or the brick-layer 'officially open' the building that he helped build by the sweat of his brow.

SO SAD to see the problem in the Parish of Rath (Baltimore) splashed all over the papers. What's needed most is prayer, plenty of prayer.....

GOOD TO SEE Helen O'Hea featuring prominently at the recent AOSTA seminar. Well-deserved recognition for her work for the elderly in this Parish and beyond.



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Excerpts from the Pope's Message for Mission Sunday



BELOVED BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

'You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart.'

I wish to remind all lay people that they belong to a Church which is, by its very nature, missionary.

The Church was born missionary and, for her, to evangelize is the law of life. Thus, all lay Christians, by virtue of Baptism, are called by the Lord to an effective apostolate.

Yes, the Church today has need of mature lay people, so that they may be disciples and witnesses of Christ, builders of the Christian community, transforming the world with Gospel values.

With my Apostolic Blessing.

Joannes Paulus pp II

★ PASTORAL COUNCIL News

IT MATCHED a General Election for excitement - at least! It seemed that enthusiasm swept the parish, like a forest fire, fanned on by the zeal of our hard-working 'election agents'.

THURSDAY night last was 'D-Night' for the whole operation. The counting was done with great accuracy, with each result checked and re-checked. And then, by about half past nine, all was clear - by the power of the Holy Spirit, a 'terrible beauty' was coming to birth!

FIRST, the statistics. 65% of the homes of our Parish returned at least one voting paper. The percentage varied from area to area, with Lima Lawn claiming a record 100%, giving the whole of Area 12 a massive 79% vote. The numbers for each area were:

- Area 1) - Farranlea - 63%
- Area 2) - Model Farm Road - 63%
- Area 3) - Kenley - 65%
- Area 4) - Parkway - 56%
- Area 5) - Leesdale - 66%
- Area 6) - Bishopscourt - 42%
- Area 7) - Bishopstown Ave. - 78%
- Area 8) - Laburnum - 75%
- Area 9) - Wilton Gardens - 64%
- Area 10) - Wilton Road - 57%
- Area 11) - College Road - 68%
- Area 12) - Glasheen Road - 79%

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AND, FINALLY, the news you've all been waiting for - the names of the twelve people you have elected to Ballinaspaig Parish Pastoral Council:-

- AREA 1 : ELSIE HARRIS,
The Orbard, Farranlea Park
- AREA 2 : MARY FITZGERALD,
'Sharid', Model Farm Road.
- AREA 3 : BETTY GOLDEN,
1, The Road, Kenley.
- AREA 4 : KATHLEEN O'SULLIVAN,
'Genazzano', Parkway Drive.
- AREA 5 : MARY O'SULLIVAN,
14 Leesdale.
- AREA 6 : PAMELA GILLIGAN,
6 Bishopscourt Hill.
- AREA 7 : PATRICK KEANE,
'Assisi', Bishopstown Ave. W.
- AREA 8 : MARY TOBIN,
'Carrigboy', Lohurum Park.
- AREA 9 : TIM BOWEN,
'Villa Maria', Wilton Gardens
- AREA 10: ROSARIE MURPHY,
'St. Joseph's', Wilton Road.
- AREA 11: DAN COUGHLAN,
'Glenanacan', Magazine Road.
- AREA 12: BENNY COLLINS,
21 Sheane's Park, Glasheen Rd

THE FIRST MEETING of the newly-elected Council will take place at the C.P. Centre at 8 PM on Monday night, 19th October. A full report will be published in next Sunday's Bulletin.

Lest We Forget...

THE ELECTION didn't just happen! Hard work went into it. For which the whole Parish must be grateful. On your behalf, we thank those 'election agents' who did so much. And, to all those who were willing to go forward - sincere thanks! ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD!



A New Broom...

FATHER JOHN NEWMAN is settling in well to his new job. He has taken over the area Fr. Tadgh used to visit, with one main exception.

From now on, Fr. John will be the man responsible for the Farranlea area, and Fr. Ber will take over the Wilton Ave./Bishopscourt/Merlyn Lawn area, as well as Woodlawn.

Little Things Mean a Lot!

THE REACTION to the new letter-box at the C.P. Centre has been amazing! 'One of the best things ye've done in years', said one parishioner. We're glad you like it!

We hope you'll find it useful for dropping in notices for the Bulletin (before Thurs. please!), crossword entries etc. Letters to the Editor, and other suggestions are always welcome!



Mission Prayer for All

Lord, keep me from indifference — praying and acting only for my own needs — while around me there are starved minds in need of the Gospel, empty hearts in need of love, famished bodies in need of care. Give me the grace to rise from my slumber. Fix deep in my heart such a love for You, Lord, that always and everywhere my life will bear witness to You, so that loving the world that You loved and died for, I may be your missionary in the ordinary circumstances of my life. And if, Lord, you have a special mission for me in life, I pray that I will always be ready to hear your call. Amen.

From the Editor

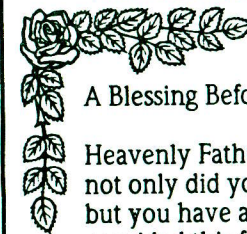
SLOWLY AND QUIETLY, the weekly Parish Bulletin has been expanding. When the Editor headed off to Peru last February, three lay parishioners took over - Irene Connolly, Rosalie Moloney and Eileen Walsh. And they have been faithfully preparing the Bulletin, once or twice monthly, ever since.

I'm looking for recruits to help in exactly that work. People with some idea how to put a publication together, which involves good writing, typing and sub-editing.

It's a hefty commitment. It can take up to four hours on a Thursday night to get a Bulletin into shape, and teamwork is essential. If YOU could lend a hand, even once a month, I would like to hear from you.

I thank you sincerely for all your encouragement.

Bernard Lough C.C.



A Blessing Before a Family Meal

Heavenly Father,
not only did you make us
but you have also
provided this food
to sustain us in life,
and we thank you.

Amen



Great Reaction

IT SEEMS that the provision of gluten-free hosts for coeliacs has worked very smoothly. We hope it will continue the same way; coeliacs can now receive at any Mass, Sunday or weekday, simply by approaching the celebrant of the Mass at Communion time.

An Important Parish Occasion

TUESDAY LAST saw the beginning of our second annual Adult Education course, this year on the theme of 'Relationships'. Those who came were treated to a thorough and down-to-earth presentation on Family Relationships, by Sr. Mary Dineen.

There are still a few places left, so there will be 'Late Enrolment' this Sunday at the C.P. Centre, and again before Tuesday's 8 PM. session.

Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW that the Church's 'Patroness of the Missions' never put her foot outside Europe? St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus spent her life as a nun in the Carmelite Monastery in Lisieux.

WHICH TELLS US a lot about the importance of the contemplative orders to the Church. We believe that their lives of prayer keep us all, priests and people, on the right track!

AND THAT'S one reason why we're so glad to have the Poor Clares in our Parish (on College Road). Praying for us all, and for all our Parish initiatives. To the Sisters there we say - "Thank you - friends!"