

NOTICE BOARD

Those We Have Loved...

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH during which we remember those who have 'gone before us in faith'. The Novena of Masses for the Faithful departed takes place as usual this year, from 2nd to the 10th November.

YOU ARE invited to let us have a list of your own relatives who have gone home to God. You can use the envelopes provided, returning them to the box inside the Altar Rails before the Novena begins.

YOUR LISTS can reflect the style and flair and imagination of creative people. We don't provide 'official notepaper' for those lists - we're not into regimentation!

LIKE LAST YEAR, the lists of your deceased relatives will be placed before the Altar for the duration of the Novena.

THE November Offerings are one way of supporting the priests of the parish.

Only the Best...

ALAN BEST, GAYWEAR and Pronuptia are just some of those involved in a 'Gala Fashion Show' in Jury's Hotel on Monday 9th Nov. at 8.00 P.M. And it's all in aid of the BONS FUND. Tickets £ 7.00 from Cassidy Fabrics, Alan Best, Gaywear or Phone 42807 Ext. 371.

Reminding You

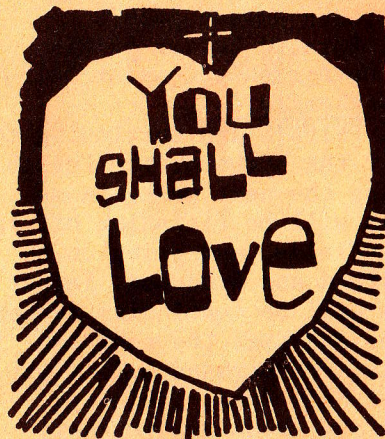
THE VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY rely on your support. Their collection is on next Sunday, 1st Nov.

Ahoy, Readers!

SUNDAY NEXT is 1st November, the Feast of All Saints. Which means special readings for the feast!

Sunday's Message for You

The Message of today's Mass could hardly be simpler...



JOHN 13:

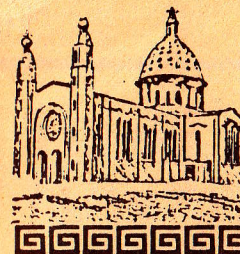
Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then said: "You should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example, that you may copy what I have done to you."

1 JOHN 2 : 9

"Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the dark."

TRADITIONAL SAYING:

'If you were arrested today for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you ?' !



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PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE: A happy occasion for Father Tadhg O Mathúna, as a presentation is made to him on behalf of the people of Ballineaspig Parish, prior to his Farewell Mass. PHOTO INCLUDES (left to right): PATRICK KILLEEN, (Choirmaster), SEAN CASEY, BENNY COLLINS, TOM SHEEHAN, JERRY LYONS, FATHER TADHG, HELEN O'HEA, CANON O'CONNOR P.P., DENIS DINNEEN, GERIE O'CARROLL, JOHN HEANEY, PAT BUCKLEY and PATRICK J. ORGAN (Church Sacristan)

PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

"THERE ARE ONLY two other places in the whole country - Castlebar and Athlone - that have Pastoral Councils elected as we have." So said Canon Denis O'Connor at the start of the very first meeting on Monday night last.

GIVEN THAT, it's not surprising that we find it hard to answer the question 'What will the new Council be doing?'.

SISTER FRANCES tried her best to give the group a vision. She quoted Bishop Murphy, who suggests 3 steps for any group like our own:-

1. To formulate a vision of where we want to go as a Parish Community.
 2. To assess the needs of the Parish.
 3. To make out a Pastoral Plan to address the needs and the vision of the future.
- Which sounds so simple, but really means hard work! ➔

PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

(CONTINUED)

There's plenty of evidence that those elected plan to work hard. The 100% attendance at the opening meeting was a good sign. And each member contributed to the discussion, with many different views aired.

TWO POSITIVE CALLS emerged from the Meeting of the Council. One was an appeal to parishioners to come to their Parish Church, even once a month.

Another was a call to us all to work at neighbourliness. The suggestion was that we all try to salute those we meet on the road - if they are walking, more than likely they are parishioners! And then, maybe our coming together in church won't be so artificial!

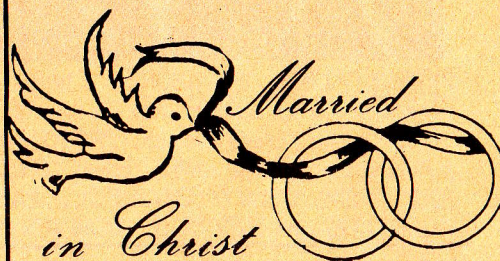
It was a good open meeting. We have begun a 'new day' in our Parish's history. It may well be that for many weeks we will be 'feeling our way'. But, with the help of God, all things are possible.... and He will guide our journey together!

P.S. SINCERE APOLOGIES to the people of Wilton Road and Kenley on the mix-ups on their Voting Papers. It's the Editor's fault that the Christian name of Rosarie Murphy was not included in the Wilton Road paper. He hopes you'll understand - things will be better in 1989 (our next Council election!)

Rest In Peace

HUGH JACKSON, 'Wiluma', Wilton Road, died recently, just two months after his beloved wife, Norah. In the Funeral Homily, Canon Denis O'Connor quoted the words of Jesus - 'Blessed are the gentle', saying that they fitted perfectly a man as gentle and considerate as Hugh Jackson.

PAT BEECHINOR, who died in Walsall, near Birmingham, had been born and raised at 'St. Philomena's', Bishopstown Road. His remains were brought home, and buried from the Church of the Holy Spirit. Father Bernard Cotter, a distant cousin, celebrated the Funeral Liturgy.



Congrats to our parishioners:
ELMA O'CONNELL, "Ardra", Wilton Road, who married Desmond Crowley of White's Cross at the beginning of the month, ALSO
GREG CANTY, Bishopstown Avenue West, who married Colette Mulholland of Curaheen Parish, last weekend.

And we send our best wishes to JAMES and EILEEN HYLAND, of 'Redcliffe', St. Francis' Avenue, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary lately.

MEDIA COMMENT

ONE OF THE WORST forms of violence in our society must be KIDNAPPING. It assaults one's personal right to freedom, as well as causing great anguish to relatives and friends.

We might remember John O'Grady in our prayers, as well as his wife and family. We might also spare a prayer for Terry Waite, that courageous Christian who has sacrificed his personal freedom for so long.

COVERAGE HAS been given in the media this week to the wisdom of 'belting up'. Surely it is a sensible precaution to use safety belts. Might it also be morally negligent NOT to do so?

COULD IT BE that we will soon see Altar Girls in the Church of the Holy Spirit? The word from Rome would seem to indicate that it is, indeed, a possibility. The Editor would love to hear readers' reactions to such a move!

HOW SAD that the rift in the Parish of Rath and the Islands goes on. We must continue to pray that the Spirit of the gentle Christ prevails, that humility replaces arrogance. We have enough divisions in the Church. We are all hurt and lessened by them.

HAPPILY, all is not discord among Christ's followers. A good example of ecumenism at work 'on the ground' was seen in Killeagh during the week. Deo Gratias!

For your information

The '5' s Have Arrived!

THREATENED SINCE JUNE, it appears that the '5' prefix to Bishops-town phone numbers has finally taken effect! So, to avoid those annoying recorded messages, ring as follows in future:-

Rev. Denis O'Connor P.P. 542972

Rev. John Newman 541572

Rev. Bernard Cotter 541814

St. Catherine's Convent 541376.

Relentlessly...

YOUR PRIESTS are continuing to visit the homes of the Parish. During the next week, Canon Denis will be finishing off in Greenfields, and going on to Woodford and Wyndwood. Father John will be continuing in Leesdale. And over the next two weeks, Fr. Bernard will visit Model Farm Road, including Woodlawn, Bishopstown Park, The Belfrey and Cherrygrove.

Well Done!

GENEROSITY CONTINUES to be a feature of this Parish. Here are the results of some recent special collections:-

FOR THE EDUCATION OF

SEMINARIANS.....£ 764

(£104 up on 1986)

MAYNOOTH NATIONAL

COLLECTION.....£ 1049

(a remarkable sum)

MISSION SUNDAY.....£ 1041

(a little less than last year, but still very generous, in view of the number of demands on your support)