

For Our Beloved Dead

THE NOVENA OF MASSES for those who have died begins on Monday, ALL SOULS DAY, and goes on to Tuesday 10th November. Masses on each weekday will be at 9.00 10.00 and 7.30 P.M. You are invited to pray with us each day.

A Reminder

PEOPLE often go to Confession for the Holy Souls in November, conscious of the need to do so to gain the special indulgence. Times for Confessions in our Parish Church are as follows:  
Wednesday 8.00 P.M.  
Thursday 8.00 P.M. (First Friday)  
Saturday 12.00 - 1.00, 7 - 7.30  
8.15 - 9.00.

Don't Forget

FRIDAY NEXT is the First Friday of November. Calls to the sick on the usual days. And the usual St. Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting is on the First Thursday of November, which is next Thursday.

Official Church Teaching

THE PARTY LINE on indulgences is as follows:

A plenary indulgence may be gained each day from November 1 to 8 by those who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence can also be gained by a visit to a Church on All Souls Day. These indulgences are only applicable to the faithful departed. The usual conditions apply I.E. the need to go to Confession, receive Communion and pray for the Pope's Intentions.

Help for Parents...

AN 8-week PARENTING COURSE is planned for Wednesday mornings at the C.P. Centre from 10.30 A.M. to 12.00 noon.

The Course aims at helping parents:

- acquire skills for effective responsible parenting
- develop a sense of responsibility in children
- cope with discipline problems
- improve communication
- enjoy their children more.

For details contact Mary Barrett at 545735 or Sister Frances at 541376.

Belt Up!

A NOTE FROM the famous Father Roch O.F.M.Cap tells us of a unique scheme to cut road deaths.

The National Road Safety Council will be checking to see an improvement in usage of seat belts in the Cork area, over a two week period.

And, according as the appeal being relayed by Father Roch has worked, the St. Francis Training Centre will benefit.

So, for your own sake, and for this worthwhile charity heed the advice and BELT UP!

A New Idea...

A NOTE FROM the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady brings news of novel way of giving service to God. The title of the scheme explains the content: "GIVE A YEAR TO GOD". After a year with the Sisters, one is totally free to leave.

Further details on the noticeboard by the Front Door.



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## THE SAGA OF THE ROOF.....!

YOU'LL REMEMBER all the trouble we had with the Church roof. For quite a while, the walls were a sorry sight, with streaks of water leaving a mark at various points.

REMEDIAL WORK began before Christmas last year, and went on right up to summer. And, eventually, they fixed it!

AND NOW, at last, we can present a detailed idea of what was wrong. The report from the Quantity Surveyors makes interesting reading.

IT INCLUDES official reports from the I.I.R.S. and B.N.F., both of which reached the same conclusion. And that is that the main problem was condensation.

Apparently the corrosion which occurred in many panels began at the underside in each case. 'Salt' deposits were found, consisting of copper carbonate. In many cases, perforation of the copper panels was discovered.

Both expert reports agreed on the way to solve the problem. Ventilation was the solution, they felt. They said vents should be inserted in every second panel on the lower portion of the roof.

This has yet to be done. What has been done is to remedy past problems, without preventing future ones.

The cost so far has been high. Labour and parts fitted during the first part of this year brought in a bill of £13,732. With VAT @ 10% and professional fees, the total bill was £15,581. Which took parish finances into the red this summer, for the first time in quite a while.

The bad news is that there may be more expense, if we are to work now to prevent future leaks. We will tackle that, with your help, when finances make that possible.

But not to worry! Generosity continues to be a strong point in Ballineaspig. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing commitment to the support of Parish Church. And we pray that God, in his time and in his way, will reward you!



The Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

Numbers 6:25





## Rest In Peace

PAT COLLINS, "Avoca", Wilton Rd., died rather unexpectedly after a very short illness. He will be missed by his brother, and sisters, and a great many friends. Among them is Father Willie Dynan - formerly of Blarney St., now ministering in Southwark Diocese - who came from London specially for the Mass and Funeral. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam cheansa.

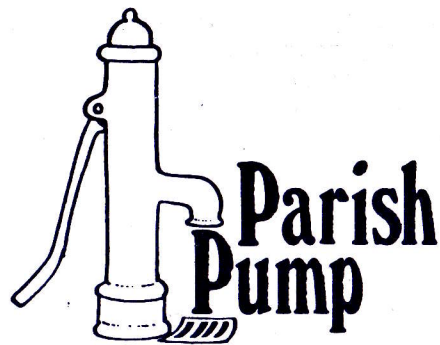
CATHERINE MC SWEENEY, late of Macroom, died at her daughter's home, 'Laurel Cottage', Model Farm Road. A woman of deep faith, she was housebound for the past few years, receiving Communion each First Friday from the priest, and each Sunday from a Minister of the Eucharist. Great credit is due to her daughter Sheila Twohig, and her family, for the loving care she received from them all. May she rest in peace.

LIAM RYAN, "Sunview", Laburnum Drive, died on Monday last. He had not been well for some time. During the Funeral Mass, Canon Denis's thoughts wandered back to his boyhood days near Bantry, where Liam had been a frequent visitor. Those were happy memories, he remarked, adding that the beautiful memories his wife Phyllis shared with his four sons were the really precious ones. "His gentle humour and good example made him loved and admired", Canon O'Connor concluded

YOUR PRAYERS ARE requested too, for the soul of Hannah Buckley, who lived in Curaheen Parish for the last few years. On your behalf, we extend sincere sympathy to our Bishop John, on the death of his mother.

## BAPTISED

SATURDAY LAST saw a very happy occasion celebrated by the McCarthys of 15 Kenley Close. Their twins Denis and Maria were born on 1st September. Baby Denis was baptised before an operation soon after he was born. And on Saturday he was fine and healthy for the baptism of his little sister Maria. Congrats to parents Finbarr and Christine on their doubly happy event!



FARRANLEA RESIDENTS won a notable victory during the past week. Their estate was judged worthy of 3rd prize in the Tidy Districts Competition. This entitles the area to environmental work to the value of £ 100, and a special plaque.



## LETTERS

Lima Lawn,  
Corcaigh.

Dear Fr. Cotter,  
While listening to Bishop Murphy's statement on Sunday last, it occurred to me that it was more than a coincidence that the Bishop should have gone public on 25th October, the feast of Blessed Thaddeus McCarthy.

Blessed Thaddeus, a former bishop of Cork and Cloyne, was confronted with a rather similar situation in his day. He had to make two journeys to Rome to have his authority confirmed. It was on his way home for the second time that this holy man died in a hospice in the Alps, worn out from worry and fatigue.

With a view to ending the present rift between our Bishop and Fr. O'Donovan, perhaps it would be a good idea to invoke Blessed Thaddeus, who suffered so much from misrepresentation and persecution in his day.

He is one of our own, and we should pray earnestly to him to bring about an early resolution of this sad affair.

Le gach dea-ghuidhe,  
Amhlaoibh Ó Murchu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR are always welcome, and we are delighted to print your observations and opinions. The Editor's address is 'The C.P. Centre', Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's X.

## \*MEDIA COMMENT\*

NOBODY DISPUTES the fact that, collectively, we were living beyond our means. A trimming of our National spending was inevitable. But three areas where the axe is falling give cause for concern.

The National Social Services Board and the Combat Poverty Agency both service the less well-off in our community. Largely a voiceless section, these are now at risk.

Even in a democracy like ours, injustices can occur. The Ombudsman and his small staff provide a bulwark against such wrongs. The chipping away at that office to achieve a tiny saving surely poses a danger to democracy?

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WHAT A SOCIETY we live in! In the week just past, the world's investors are in a panic, millions are homeless in Bangladesh, food convoys are hijacked in Ethiopia, armed criminals indulge in a fire-arms display in Ballyedmond - and a homeless man dies in the Cork Simon Community Shelter.

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JUSTICE MUST NOT only be done, it must be seen to be done. Which doesn't seem to be happening with the proposed new Broadcasting Act.

For far too long, the pirate stations have flouted the law. To legitimise them in the future would be as good as saying 'crime really does pay'.