

BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN is published weekly at the C.P. Centre Letters, suggestions, news or notices are always welcome - but before Thursday please!



SUNDAY 22nd November sees the annual collection for St. Anne's Adoption Society. Fr. John K. O'Mahony appeals for your help: "There are probably more children born at risk today than ever before. These children will face a bleak future without the support of the services we provide. Indeed, without our services, some would never have been born." A chilling thought indeed.

Ministers' Meetings

READERS meet in the C.P. Centre this Tuesday night at 8.00 P.M.

OUR COLLECTORS' annual meeting has been fixed for Monday 23rd Nov., at 8, in the Crypt.

A Change of Time...

TO MAKE THINGS easier for those who live at the western end of our Parish, the Community School Mass will be at 10.00 A.M. for the winter. On and from 22nd Nov.

Your Help, please!

DO YOU FIND YOURSELF free at sunset on a daily basis? If so, you could be able to help us! We need some-one to switch on the Church lights each evening during the winter-time. Could YOU be part of such a rota?

THE VOLUNTARY MISSIONARY MOVEMENT invite you to a Social Evening at Bishopstown GAA Club on Fri. 20th Nov., beginning at 8.00 PM.

Important Meeting

THERE'S AN Extraordinary meeting of Bishopstown Community Association this Monday night at 8.

Imagination Rules!

QUITE A NOVELTY IDEA from Cork Simon Community is their Baby Photograph Competition. Over O'Flynn's Butchers on Oliver Plunkett St., G. Healy will take your baby's photo, to enter the competition. Prizes include cameras, teddy bears and more!

And Finally

THE CORK Methodist Church have a 'Fair' at Ardfallen House (near Eglantine Garage), next Saturday, 21st Nov. A day for all the family is promised!

Sunday's Message for You



The Gospel of the Talents is a challenge to use and develop our gifts and to place them at the disposal of the community.

WHAT GOD DOES first and best and most is to trust his people to do what must be done, for the good

of the whole community. Be sure of this - the Lord God has confidence in YOU!

A QUESTION FOR YOU....

Is there any way you could see yourself contributing to the improvement of your Parish? Why not?



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STRONG WORDS FROM OUR BISHOPS

1. RECENT EVENTS have evoked among our people a new sense of revulsion and shame.
2. PEOPLE HAVE been appalled by the savagery surrounding the kidnapping of Mr. John O'Grady.
3. IT IS LONG since there has been such a sense of disgust throughout the Catholic community as Sunday's explosion in Enniskillen has aroused.
4. WE ASK THAT the whole population be united in repentance, sorrow and prayer at this terrible time.
5. THERE IS NO room for ambivalence. The choice of all Catholics is clear. It is a choice between good and evil.
6. IT IS SINFUL to join organisations committed to violence. It is sinful to support such organisations.
7. WE SYMPATHISE with the police forces north and south. We call on all our people to cooperate with the police in bringing the guilty to justice.
8. IT HAS BECOME CLEAR that dotted across this country there are safe houses. There are people who willingly help fugitives to escape. WE SAY VERY SOLEMNLY to these people that they share in the awful crime of murder. There is no longer any room for romantic illusion.
9. IN THE FACE of these recent crimes let us redouble our prayers; that the Lord will remove the veil from the eyes of those who will not see - and bring about in our hearts a true spirit of repentance.
10. MAY MARY QUEEN OF PEACE pray for us all.

EXTRACTS are published above from a statement issued by the Standing Committee of the Irish Bishops on 9 November, 1987, in the name of
+ Tomás Ó Fiaich,
Cardinal Archbishop of Armagh
+ Thomas Morris,
Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
+ Joseph Cassidy,
Archbishop of Tuam.

THE COMPLETE STATEMENT is displayed on Noticeboards in the Church of the Holy Spirit.

«PARISH FACES»



ELSIE HARRIS, 'Montserrat', The Orchard, represents the Farranlea area on the Pastoral Council.

Married to Tom, she has three daughters and one son. She was recently conferred with a Diploma in Cathetics in UCC. She has been a resident of the Farranlea Park area since 1950.



MARY FITZGERALD, "Shanid", Model Farm Road represents the Model Farm Road area on the Parish Council.

Married to Dr. Paddy, she has a grown family of four boys and two girls. She is a member of the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, where she is involved in marriage counselling.

OVER THE NEXT five weeks, we will be publishing the photos of the ten other Parish Pastoral Council members. So that you'll be able to get to know your local area representative.

For your information

Your Parish Team

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

Parish Team members meet each Monday morning to plan the week ahead, together.

The Priest On Duty

IF IT EVER happens that you need a priest urgently, please ring 'Superpage' at 362906. The priest on duty always carries a receiver (or 'bleep') around with him, so that he can be contacted at any time via 'Superpage'. You might find it useful to make note of this number for reference (362906)

Pastoral Visitation

YOUR PRIESTS try to give home visitation priority over all other business. This work will be continuing right up to Christmas and beyond!

During this week, Canon O'Connor will be calling to the people of Highfield Lawn. Fr. John will visit the rest of Leesdale, before moving on to Liam Lynch Park.

And, for his first time, Fr. Bernard will be visiting in Bishops court. During this week, he will be on Wilton Avenue, then on the Lawn, Avenue, Hill and Road, and finally, he will call to Merlyn Lawn.

Using Our Talents

IT WAS IRENAEUS who wrote that 'the glory of God is man fully alive.' Great efforts are being made to ensure parishioners grow and develop.

FOR INSTANCE, we are delighted to have Brother Albert's art classes in the Crypt of the Church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

With the help of this gifted Capuchin, who will soon be leaving St. Bonaventure's for Rochestown, many locals are growing in creativity.

ANOTHER EXCITING new development is the training of our Altar Boys in speech and dignity of movement. Well-known elocutionist, Ann Murphy of Woodlawn, has undertaken to help our young friends in these important areas.

Did You Know ?

DID YOU KNOW that there are no souls in Purgatory with 'no-one left to pray for them'. (Many of you included such an intention in your November list)

And why ? Because every Mass is offered for all the living and all the dead. There are no 'second-class citizens' in God's plan. Everyone benefits from each Mass. Alive or dead, the whole Church prays with and for us, in the Mass.

Short arm needs man to reach to heaven,
so ready is heaven to stoop to him.

Francis Thompson

A lay parishioner writes....

MEDIA COMMENT

ALL THE ADJECTIVES have been used in connection with the events of the past ten days: 'horrific', 'barbaric', 'criminal', 'outrageous'. How inadequate they all are. How one wants to hit back, to see the perpetrators of such crimes punished.

Yet, as Christians, we are asked to love our enemies. Hard, isn't it ? But that is the challenge. God loves them as he loves us.

BUT LET US have hope! No-where have we read words of bitterness from the O'Grady and Darragh families, just understandable concern about a sickening society.

WE READ of the concern by the O'Connor family for the families of the kidnappers who are suffering because of the inhuman acts of their sons or husbands or fathers.

WE READ of the love and concern of a dying girl for her injured father in Enniskillen: 'Are you alright, Daddy ?' and, as she died: 'Daddy, I love you very much'

SUCH ARE the things that must sustain us in the face of this on-going tragedy. We must put aside feelings of hate and anger and despair.

WE HAVE HAD the rhetoric, the official statements and the promises. But it is surely in men's hearts that the solution will be found - with God's help.