

## Marian Year '87/'88

LAST JUNE, Pope John Paul II began the Marian Year. Since then, parishes throughout the world are celebrating the occasion their own way.

Here at Dennehy's Cross, we plan to concentrate our prayer on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December.

We plan continuous exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Sunday 6th to Tuesday 8th December - THREE DAYS SOLEMN PRAYER for our parish.

### Like a 'Quarant Ore'

EXPOSITION WILL begin after 12.15 Mass next Sunday. There will be public rosaries, prayer Services, "Taize hours" and much more. (DETAILS NEXT SUNDAY). And there will be many opportunities for quiet prayer, sometimes with music, to help you.

The ceremonies will end with Solemn Mass and Benediction on Tuesday 8th at 7.30 PM.

### We need your help!

WE HOPE to have perpetual adoration each day, with two different volunteers for each 15 minute period.

Can you give time to God in this way? PLEASE volunteer at the G.P. Centre without delay!

### Bulletin Distributors!

THOSE WHO USUALLY distribute Bulletins on the third Sunday have a role too. ➤

Because, just for this occasion, there will be a special Bulletin for each home next weekend with all details explained. So we ask our distributors to do the needful, please!

## Notice Board

FRIDAY NEXT is the First Friday of December. Calls to the sick on the usual days.

Ministers of the Eucharist meet at 8.15 PM in the Crypt on Monday 7th December. Ministers of the Word meet at the same time on the same night in the C.P. Centre. A half-hour Service for both Ministers will take place in the Church from 9.30 to 10.00, with Exposition continuing.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd Dec. at 8.00 PM.

A FAMILY HOLY HOUR of Reparation & Adoration on Thursday next the eve of the First Friday at 8 PM at St. Finbarr's South, Dunbar Street. - Everybody welcome.

MONSTER BAZAAR - Sacred Heart Adoption Society - Connolly Hall Sunday 29th November 2.00 - 6.00 Family admission £.00.

SOUTH PRESENTATION CONVENT present 'Oklahoma' on Wed., Thur. & Frid. 2nd, 3rd & 4th December at Napo Nagle Hall, Douglas Street.

Elizabeth Rice, 4 Kenley Avenue, is available for grinds in Maths and Science.

# CONGRATULATIONS



# OUR 100th ISSUE

One hundred issues ago, our Editor, Fr. Cotter, began the Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin. In the first issue the following aims were stated:

*Welcome to our new-format parish bulletin. From now on we hope to produce a four-page bulletin weekly. This extended format will give plenty space for parish news, notices, short articles of interest, reflections etc. We intend to note from time to time new arrivals in the parish, baptisms etc. We also hope to include reports on the various clubs and societies operating in the parish.*

All of these aims have been fulfilled in the past two years. Thanks to the expertise of Fr. Cotter the Bulletin has developed both in format and content. In the many Bulletins brought home by our much travelled parishioners, there has been none better.

In recent months as part of the continuing development, he has trained some parishioners to assist in the production of the Bulletin

and introduced a column by a lay parishioner on Media matters and organised a rota of folders and distributors.

We are very grateful to Fr. Cotter for the enormous work he has put into the production of the hundred issues. Under his guiding hand may the Bulletin continue to be a source of inspiration, information and togetherness in our parish.

Assistant Editors.



## BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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## Rest In Peace

"I HAVE NO DOUBT in the world that SISTER SERAPHINA is today enjoying heaven." These words were spoken at the Funeral of the Poor Clare Sister who died last Sunday.

The celebrant reminded priests and people that those who live a life of prayer, like the Poor Clares, were "at the threshold of the Kingdom." And what better day to enter the Kingdom, he suggested, than on the Feast of Christ the King, the day Sister Seraphina died.

Father John Coffey, O.S.A., who led the celebration, was a brother of the deceased. Both were born and raised in Washington Street, Cork. On your behalf, we extend sympathy to the Poor Clare Community.

## BAPTISED

BY THE GRACE OF GOD two members have been added to our parish community. CAROLINE MARY COLLINS, daughter of Alan & Louise, 67 Wilton Gardens and DARIN MICHAEL O'CONNOR son of Michael & Norma, 24 Leedale.

Theebb and flow of Life THE POOR CLARE community, which mourned the loss of one member during the week, is soon to gain another.

For Sister Mary Francis is to be solemnly professed on Tuesday 8th December. A great cause of joy, surely!

## Parish News

### Marvellous Response

YOUR PRIESTS are delighted with the response to the Christmas Dues. They thank all those who are making our system work.

Just one reminder: if you write a cheque, please make it out to the priest of your area; his name is on the Dues Envelope. This helps cut down on the hassle!

### They did us Proud!

WELL DONE, 'Karisma' on your lovely singing at St. Francis' Church last Sunday. We're proud that it was our Parish Folk Choir who led the singing at last weekend's Service for Reconciliation.

### Parish Faces

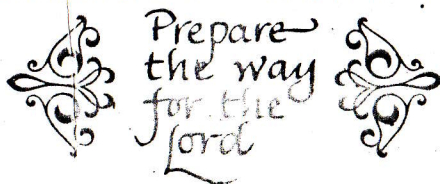
AMONG THE advantages of sending the Bulletin to a printer is our ability to reproduce photos.

If you have any black and white photos of interest, you might lend them to us!

### New Residents

A WARM WELCOME to Redmond and Kitty Holland, recently moved into Laburnum Drive.

*Sunday's Message for You*



## THE ADVENT WREATH

As Christians we use the Advent Wreath to anticipate the feast of light and life: the birth of our Saviour. The Advent Wreath in our church was made by Fr. Tadhg O'Mathúna. Perhaps you would like to have your own Wreath at home.



To make an Advent wreath, all you need to do is:- cut out a circle of cardboard about 8" in diameter, make a 2" hole in the centre and cover with silver cooking-foil. Attach plenty evergreens - palm, holly, ivy, through the cardboard with wire. Add colour with a few purple bows, and with four large blobs of Blu-Tac or Plasticine, stick four candles to the cardboard, placed equal distances apart.

Using the wreath as a centre-piece table decoration, and lighting a candle at Sunday Dinnertime, when the whole family is present, would seem to be the best way to use it. Everyone gets a turn, and says a prayer as the candle is lit. Eg. "Come, Lord Jesus, be our Light."

## \*MEDIA COMMENT\*

SURELY the most moving event in the media, especially T.V., was Remembrance Day Service in Enniskillen. Archbishop Robin Eames expressed the wish of so many that out of rubble would come hope and reconciliation and peace. This same theme was echoed at an Ecumenical Service in St. Francis' church. The of 'wholeness' was accentuated by the presence in the Sanctuary of a member of the Jewish community. We sometimes forget that the God of Israel and the Christian God are one and the same.

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THANK GOD, the Geneva accord between the two Super-Powers may be seen as the beginning of a return to a safer world. Hopefully, other nations may follow. We may yet end the century in peace.

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IS IT NOT STRANGE that a group of 'prominent Irish people' should actively lend their names (AND THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS!) to provide details about terminating pregnancies. Perhaps in time it will be revealing to discover their motivation in so doing?

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THERE MUST BE RELIEF all round that the Dail motion on the pupil-teacher ratio was defeated. A lot of talking remains to be done. It seems likely that the status quo will be maintained. Hopefully, justice will prevail.



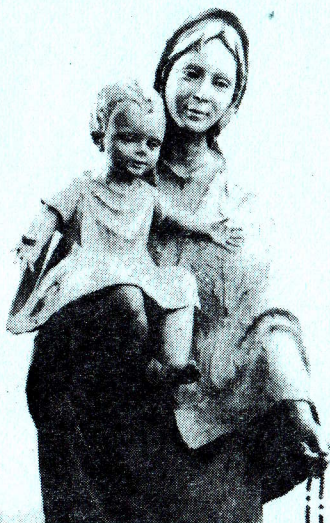
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# MARIAN YEAR CELEBRATIONS

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## SOLEMN TRIDUUM OF PRAYER

ENDING ON 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

(FEAST OF THE  
IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION)

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EXPOSITION OF  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
FROM  
12.15 MASS  
SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
TO  
7.30 P.M.  
SOLEMN MASS  
AND BENEDICTION  
TUESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER.

*"COME,  
LET US  
ADORE  
THE LORD!"*