

MARIAN YEAR CELEBRATIONS

WE INVITE YOU to join with your fellow parishioners in worshipping Jesus, really present among us in the Eucharist.

COME ALONG at any time; spend a minute, or an hour. Bring the whole family with you at least once - let everyone experience the occasion together.

EACH DAY, Exposition will be at the Main Altar, the one we use for Mass. You are invited to pray in the upper half of the Church, which will be warm and bright - we promise!

BEFORE MOST MASSES, there will be some quiet background music, to help you focus on the Lord, and pray and reflect. But don't worry, there'll be quiet times too!

SUNDAY, 6th December:

Exposition begins straight after Communion at 12.15 Mass.

3.00 SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

A time of prayer aimed at our young folk. Their mummies and daddies and grannies can come too!

5.00 HOLY HOUR

In the traditional format, with meditations and music and prayers. Beginning with 'Evening Prayer'.

6.30 - 7.30 TAIZE HOUR

Candles, darkness, incense, chants; a unique atmosphere to help you experience God.

Exposition ends at 7.30 P.M.

MONDAY, 7th December:

Exposition begins with the opening, at 8.15. Rosary as usual, before the 9.00 Mass.

10.30 - 11.00 CONFESSIONS

An opportunity to be reconciled for Advent.

12.00 ROSARY

5.00 EVENING PRAYER

6.30 ADVENT RECONCILIATION

A short service will be followed by Confessions up to Mass time. Exposition ends at 7.30 P.M.

TUESDAY, 8th December:

The pattern is the same as for Monday morning. Exposition continues between the Holyday Masses.

1.00 EXPOSITION RESUMES

5.00 EVENING PRAYER

7.00 MUSICAL INTERLUDE

7.30 SOLEMN CLOSING MASS

With incense, prayer and song, our Three Days Prayer will draw to a close. The Senior Choir will lead us in song, as priests and people together praise and thank our God.

EXPOSITION will resume briefly at Communion time, and the Triduum will close with Solemn Benediction.



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My Dear People of Ballineaspaig:

JUST A LITTLE NOTE to invite YOU to take part in our Parish celebrations.

AS YOU KNOW, this is Marian Year and, all over the world, people are taking time to reflect on Mary's role in God's plan.

ADVENT IS 'Mary's time' in a special way, a time when we 'watch and pray' with her, preparing for the Feast of Christmas.

WITH HER, we worship and praise and magnify the Lord - and what better way to do this than in honouring the Blessed Eucharist.

PAYING TRIBUTE to her son, we pay the greatest compliment to Mary, our Mother, and God's.

YOU ARE INVITED to come along to the Church at some time over the three days, Sunday to Tuesday. There'll be Exposition each day from morning to evening sometimes with silence, sometimes with background music.

AND THERE will be plenty of opportunities for Public Prayer, from Holy Hours to Children's Services to Taize Hours.

AND, please God, through it all, we'll come a little bit closer to the Lord, and to each other.

Aennis O'Donnell P.P.

PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

"We can't go to God on our own."

AT THE fourth meeting of the Pastoral Council, Sister Frances left no room for complacency. She reminded all that personal salvation cannot be our sole aim in life.

JESUS WAS a man for others, she said, and so must we be. The example Jesus left us was one of service. In Baptism we become part of His Church, and so are called on to serve, as He did.

WITH THIS IN MIND, the group discussed the areas of service that are already being catered for in the parish, and suggested many other areas which might be considered.

FR. JOHN assessed these suggestions, and pointed out that the function of the Council will be to match the needs to the undoubted resources which exist in the parish.

SO, WATCH OUT, dear parishioners! Your talents are being spotted, and will not be allowed to go waste. We are all called to be ministers. We all have something to give.

A Christian is the keyhole through which other folk see God.

Robert E. Gibson

PARISH FACES»



ROSARII MURPHY, of 'St. Joseph's' Wilton Road, represents that Road on the Council. A nurse tutor at the Regional Hosp.

she has an identical twin - so be careful who you congratulate!

"I look forward to the challenge ahead, and especially in bringing your vision for the parish to the Council."



MARY O'SULLIVAN, 14, Leesdale, hails from the Bantry area of West Cork. Married, with two daughters, she represents the Leesdale area on the Parish Pastoral Council.

Did You Know...

MANY DO NOT realise that the 'genuflection on two knees' before the Blessed Sacrament exposed is no more. All the Church asks is that a single genuflection be made, whether the Eucharist is exposed or in the tabernacle.

Of course, there's nothing to stop people from continuing this old tradition as an act of devotion. But it is no longer required.

THE WEEK'S MAIL brought a very interesting account of the life of the Poor Clares. Which, D.V. we 'serialise' (exclusively!) in the New Year.

FORE-WARNING for Crossword addicts...The Bulletin Team are planning a special 8-page Christmas Bulletin, jam-packed with all sorts of Christmas goodies! It'll be out on Sunday 27th December.

Anyone who would like to sponsor a prize, contact the Editor!

ASSISTANT EDITORS Irene Connolly Rosalie Moloney and Eileen Walsh made a great job of the 100th Bulletin last Sunday, didn't they? With such good talent about, is it any wonder that the Editor sees redundancy staring him in the face...!

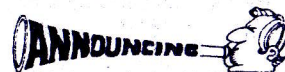
Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW that there really was a 'Santa Claus'? Historically, he was Saint Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, a city in Asia Minor, who died in 350.

He was known for his generosity. Once there was a poor man with three daughters of marriageable age, for whom he could not afford a dowry.

Rather than see them forced to prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three occasions, so that each daughter could marry.

Over the centuries, this legend has evolved into the custom of gift-giving around the Saint's feast-day, which is the 6th December.



Special Devotion

TUESDAY 8th Dec. is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at 7.30 P.M. on Monday, and on Tuesday at 9, 10, 11, 12.15 and 7.30 P.M. (Solemn Mass)

They Need Your Support

THE DECEMBER collection of the St. Vincent dePaul Society is on Sunday 13th December.

Pregnant and Worried?

CURA CARES. You have a friend to help you in confidence. Just phone (021) 277544 between 10.00 A.M. and 8.00 P.M. from Monday to Saturday.

Don't Forget!

MINISTERS MEETINGS take place Monday night, straight after 7.30 P.M. Mass. (Eucharistic Ministers in the Crypt, Readers in the C.P. Centre!)

Advent Talks

EVENINGS of prayer and reflection take place at Pope's Quay on 9th and 16th December. The Dominicans invite you...

Christmas Fiesta!

THE ANNUAL MEAL for Senior Citizens is on the 13th Dec., at 6 in the GAA Pavilion. The charge is £ 6.50. Ring Helen O'Hea at 546167 for further information and bookings.

Alliteration!

'CONQUER CANCER Ceili' is on at 'The Barrs Club' Pavilion on the 8th Dec. from 8 to 12.30

And Finally!

A ROSARY Candle-Light Walk for Peace starts from the Grand Parade on Tuesday night at 8.30

A lay parishioner writes...

MEDIA COMMENT

IN RESPONSE to Fr. Des Wilson's criticism of the proposed Extremity Bill, at least one editorial took him to task for 'interfering' in Irish affairs.

In Fr. Wilson's own words, "It's not for the government to manipulate the people; it is for the people to give direction to the Government as to what way they must go".

We would all agree with these sentiments. But the question might be asked: "Is the spectacle of in-fighting in the Dail, on RTE, in Council Chambers and elsewhere really governing?" Or is it simply playing politics for all it is worth - and to hell with the people?

When have YOU last had a chat with your T.D.?

DESPITE ALL THE WARNINGS, it seems that famine is returning to Ethiopia again. This time round, aid is forthcoming and transport is in place.

The problem seems to be one of priorities. Colonel Mengistu and his government seem to be more interested in ideology and putting down insurrection than in feeding their people.

AT HOME, a plea has been made to Irish Companies to curtail elaborate functions while so many are on the bread-line.

Church of Ireland Bishop Edward Darling suggested substituting GIVE AND LET LIVE for that other well-known phrase.