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CHRISTMAS

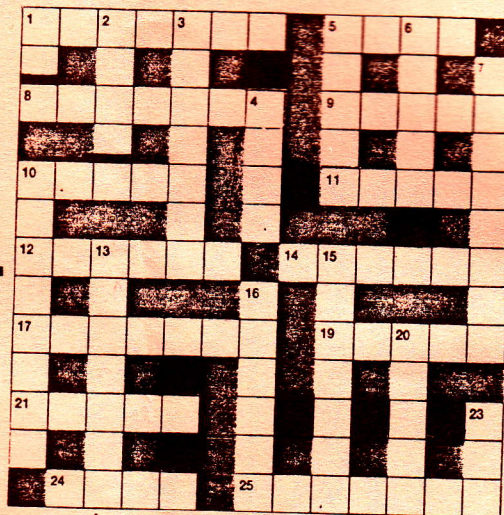


ADULT CROSSWORD

Across

1. Parish Pastoral Council: Area No. 4 (7)
5. It was so hard to say goodbye to this western parish (4)
8. She signs herself as an 'Assistant Editor' (7)
9. Jesus showed this culinary skill at the lakeside (5)
10. Patrick, Mary and Flor each directs one (5)
11. His colleagues said 'Ave atque Vale, _____' (5)
12. The Lord was often known to do this (6)
14. This foreign territory begins at Cloghroe (6)
17. Uriah the _____ was a victim of David's
amorous exploits - cf. 2 Sam 11: 2-27 (7)
19. Kilmore's McKiernan
'sits' here (5)
21. What the Church is
supposed to be
preserved from (5)
24. Second last in Dublin,
new in Kildare (4)
25. A patriot, commemorated
twice in our parish (7)

ADULT CROSSWORD ANSWERS to
the Editor at the C.P. Centre,
on or before 6th January.
Winners and solutions in
the Bulletin of 10th Jan.



Down

1. Every parish should have one! (1,1)
2. Her feast is a Holyday of Obligation
on our Diocesan Mission (4)
3. 'A good and faithful servant' 1898 - 1987 (7)
4. Where it all began (4)
5. Not just a virtuous stance;
a political description, too (5)
6. Our Holy Patron ranks _____ (5)
7. A neighbouring Parish Church, visible from our Parish (8)
10. One of our offsprings! (8)
13. A fancy word for Mass (7)
15. The first one of the Autumn Series was on 'Family' (7)
16. The Lord was in our midst as 'one who _____' (6)
20. Could be Forane or General (5)
23. Our new Curate's scriptural qualification (1,1,1,)

Since September 20th, a lay parishioner has been writing a weekly 'Media-Comment' column - having a look at all the media from a Christian perspective. Please God, this column will continue in 1988.

MEDIA-COMMENT

"REJOICE in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! "

LOOKING BACK, AS CHRISTIANS, AT THE MEDIA COVERAGE FOR 1987, WAS THERE A LOT TO REJOICE AT ?

INTERNATIONALLY, didn't the lust for power and for money bring us to the brink, repeatedly ? Wasn't God, by any name, declared irrelevant in Africa and in South and Central America, in the Lebanon and in the Middle East ?

Yet we must have hope. We must trust that the Mother Theresa's, the Terry Waites, the Bob Geldofs and all the countless workers and mediators will succeed in bringing in God's harvest in His own good time.

NATIONALLY, media coverage has been concerned with the necessity for economic belt-tightening. Everyone accepts that there was need for that. What might be questioned are some of the methods chosen and some of the debates that followed.

In our own city, badly hit by the health cuts, the reported coverage was strong on political vituperation, but short on genuine care of the sick.

DURING 1987, so often the media had to cover bombings, killings, muggings, violent robberies, kidnapping - ending with the ultimate sacrilege in a Christian country - the outrage in Enniskillen.

But we must never forget that out of the horror of Enniskillen came hope and reconciliation and Christian caring. It was a more powerful statement to the terrorists than any political statement could have been. And it was heard.

MEDIA COVERAGE contained more than its share of damage to the environment. We had oil leaks, toxic waste dumping, radio-active leaks; and spills and kills in our rivers.

Will we ever learn that we have a responsibility to God, to ourselves, and to generations to come, to keep our environment intact ? We mutilate it to our peril.

WHAT DID WE HAVE to celebrate ? Stephen Roche did us proud, and U2 continue to journey to stardom.

And maybe the year is ending a little saner and a little safer after the Gorbachev-Reagan summit.

AS WE CELEBRATE the Good News of the coming of Christ, let us hope that the news in 1988 will be happier. We could all do with a lift!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



MRS MAY KIRBY and her sister, MISS CREINA BARRY, have lived in or near the present parish of Ballineaspaig all their lives. They remember when the Model Farm Road was bordered by farms, when the last public streetlight was the gaslight at Orchard Road, and the view from Dennehy's Cross to Wilton was one of fields and hills. They shared some of their memories with reporters from the Bulletin.

In those days Jennings was of the most noted names in the area. One section of the Jennings property extended from the Western Star to Victoria Cross, nearly to Dennehy's Cross and College Road. There they had their lime kiln, traces of which are still visible, and their mineral spring. Each day horse-drawn floats carried barrels of water to their mineral water and vinegar factory at Brown Street. From the gate which was at the present entrance to Orchard Road, a passage way led to the factory and from there to the back entrance of the Jennings' home at Brookfield.

On the western side of the road was Jennings' farm, where they grew fruit, especially blackcurrants and raspberries for the Ogilvie and Moore jam factory in Parnell Place. Later residents have had reminders of those days in the raspberry canes and plum trees found in their gardens. The farm stretched from Victoria Cross to "Forestry Lane", the lane which runs between Farranlea Park and Mount Mercy Grounds, and from the Straight Road to the Model Farm



PHOTO: Fruit pickers on Jennings' Farm (from Cork Examiner Archives)

Road, then known as the Ballin-collig Road. Many of the cottages on the Model Farm Road were originally built for their farm labourers.

A lane and bridge led into the farm from the Straight Road - the bridge is still crossed today between the County Hall and the Tax Office - but the main farm entrance was Farranlea Road. It was then a private road, known to the locals as

Jennings' Lane, and was closed at night by iron gates. At the end of the road was Farranmac-teigue, the steward's house. A second gate here opened into a field which now contains the northern end of Farranlea Park. For a short time this field was used by a hockey club, formed for girls in the area by a Sacred Heart priest, Fr. Linnane.

From Dennehy's Cross to Cait Shea's Lane the south side of

Model Farm Road was lined by farms belonging to the Buckley and Ambrose families. The Bucleys had several farms, including a fruit farm growing plums and damsons and those at Laurel Bank, now Highfield, and Ivy Lodge. The latter was subsequently bought by the G.A.A. and later became Kenley.

The Dennehys' farm extended south on both sides of Wilton Road. On some of their land the Presentation College sports-grounds and the Regional Hospital have been built. Their farmyard was beside the public house, appropriately on the site of the present Farm Centre.

In those days Ballineaspaig was essentially a rural area. Hannah O'Shea had a small shop on the Model Farm Road. The next nearest was Lillis', now O'Donovan's, at the Gaol Cross (where sweets were 2d for $\frac{1}{4}$ lb) or McNamara's, run by a stone-cutter's wife at Bishopstown Cross. The only public transport was the tram on the Western Road. The terminus of the single-track tram was in Sunday's Well. As one hurried from Victoria Cross the tram could be seen in the distance. Fervent prayers were said that the tram would be detained by another tram at the loop in the track near the Sacred Heart Church, while one ran to the stop near the A.I.B. bank.

These are just a few memories of earlier days in our parish. We look forward to including more interesting reminiscences in future Bulletins.

*A*lphabetical

*B*iblical

*C*ompetition

A In him all nations of the earth were blessed.

B A place of enrolment.

C There was rejoicing here and embarrassment.

D He danced with all his might.

E He sold his birthright.

F A royal gift.

G He destroyed the Altar of Baal.

H "A head," she said.

I A holocaust.

J He served for seven years.

K Like a mustard seed.

L A reformed tax gatherer.

M A priest of the Most High God.

N He came by night.

O The useful one in Philemon.

P He was struck blind and then he saw.

Q She led Solomon astray.

R A splendid daughter-in-law.

S The burial-place of Joseph and Jacob.

T Paul left him in Crete.

U Birthplace of Abraham.

V A queen who disobeyed the King(Book of Esther).

W She gave what she could.

X A Roman counts the wise and foolish.

Y He is.

Z His lack of speech was no hindrance.



Please write your answers on a page and hand them into the G.P. Centre on or before 6th January.

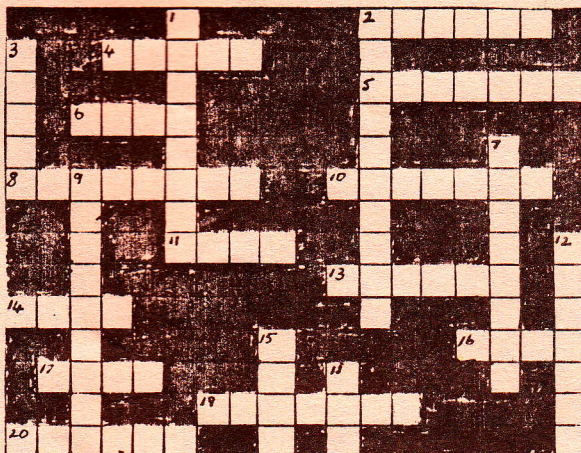
Across

2. Another name for sermon (6)
4. Noah escaped from it (5)
5. Brother of Martha and Mary (7)
6. Magazine of this diocese (4)
8. Joseph and Mary lived there (8)
10. At Confirmation we have one (7)
11. Jacob and Esau were _____ of Issac (4)
13. Head of a Diocese (6)
14. Elizabeth's son (4)
16. He was a doctor (4)
17. 40 days fast (4) -
19. Eternity is _____ (7)
20. We _____ to the words of Jesus (6)

Down

1. Jesus came to bring _____ (4,4)
2. Jesus left us the _____ (4,6)
3. It took _____ years to build Solomon's Temple (5)
7. The Pope's name is _____ (4,4)
9. A tax collector (small man) (9)
12. He wrote the second gospel (4)
18. First woman (3)

No. 1 : Under 10

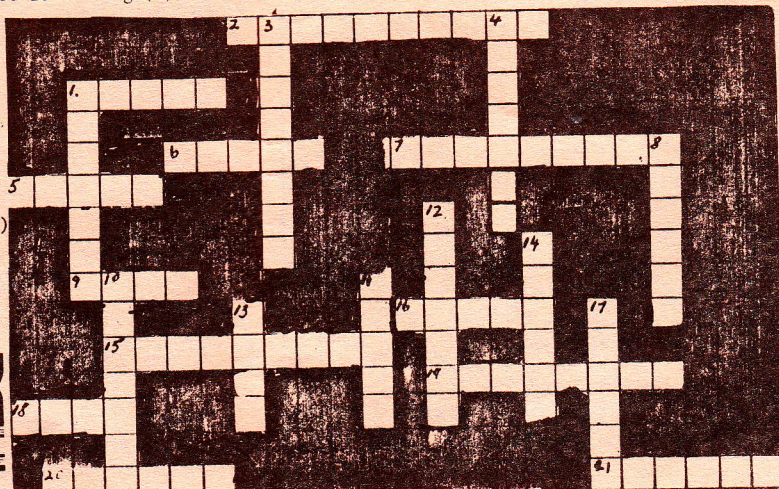


Across

1. '_____ to God in the Highest' (5)
2. Covenant ratified on _____ (5,5)
5. Like Jesus, we are called to _____ (5)
6. Brother of John (5)
7. John the Baptist's father (9)
9. 'Behold the _____ of God' said John (4)
15. Jesus taught us the _____ (3,6)
16. Joseph was a descendant of _____ (5)
18. Book of the Old Testament (4)
19. Mass = New _____ with God (8)
20. Prophets sent to the people of _____ (6)
21. He anointed King David as king (6)

Down

1. An archangel (7)
3. It's blessed on Holy Thurs. (5,3)
4. An Old Testament leader (7)
8. One of the books of the Bible (6)
10. We must love one _____ (7)
11. Abraham's wife (5)
12. Part of Lent (7)
13. A false god (4)
14. Apostle (7)
17. There are 150 of them (6)



PLEASE RETURN all
Crossword answers
to the C.P. Centre
by the 6th January.

No. 2 : Under 15



Tons of Prizes!

COMPETITION FANS will find plenty to amuse them in this special Christmas Edition of the Parish Bulletin.

And there are prizes, too! All you have to do to be eligible to win is to return your answer to the C.P. Centre on or before 6th January.

From the correct answers, the prizewinners will be drawn. And here's what you could win:
ADULT CROSSWORD

One hour's free tennis at the Tennis Village.

£ 10 cash prize

ALPHABETICAL BIBLICAL COMPETITION

One hour's free tennis at the Tennis Village.

£ 10 cash prize.

CHILDREN - No. 1 (Under 10's)

Cash prizes of £5, £3, £2.

CHILDREN - No. 2 (Under 15's)

Cash prizes of £5, £3, £2.

And there may be a few more mystery prizes thrown in! So be sure to have your entry in by the 'Twelfth Day of Christmas'.

Yours Sincerely

THIS BULLETIN is a joint effort by all the members of the Editorial Team. And all of us join in wishing you joy and peace this Christmas and always.

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Bernard Cotter C.C.
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Rosalie Moloney
Eileen Walsh

A Reflection



AMIDST THE PRIDE
OF ROMAN POWER
AND URGE TO COUNT
THE SUBJECT HEADS,
AMIDST THE WEALTH
AND CROWDED SCENE
WHERE GREED AND HATE
WERE CLEARLY FELT,
IN SILENT STABLE
CHRIST WAS BORN
TO SET US FREE.

AMIDST THE PRIDE
OF RANK AND STATION
AND URGE TO COUNT
THE WARHEADS GRIM,
AMIDST THE PAIN
OF POVERTY AND WANT
AND LONELINESS
AND GUILT AND SIN,
HE COMES AGAIN,
A BABE DIVINE
TO SET US FREE.

Anonymous: Ballineaspig, 1987.