

# Notice Board

BALLINEASPAIG PARISH Pastoral Council has its first meeting of 1988 on Monday 18th January, at 8pm.

THE B.C.A. Monthly Council meeting is on Tuesday night at 8, in Wilton Park House.

THE DIOCESAN DIRECTORY, which was sold out last Sunday, will again be on sale this Sunday.

A REMINDER that the Engaged Couples Course at the School of Comm. begins on Wednesday night. Prior booking is essential.

A GREAT VARIETY of Adult Evening Classes are again available at Bishopstown Community School. Enrolment Night is Wednesday next from 7 to 9. For further information, ring 544311 during office hours.



THE BULLETIN is again looking for helpers. People who would be free on Saturday afternoons are needed to help with the folding etc. (It only takes an hour or so!)

PEOPLE who regularly go to the same Mass each Sunday are asked to help with the giving out of the Bulletins at the Church Doors.

IF YOU would be prepared to lend a hand in either of these ways, please contact the Editor, or one of his Team.

## ADULT EDUCATION

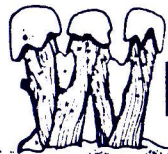
ADULT EDUCATION in the Faith is one of the pressing challenges in the Church today. Here are some ways in which you can deepen your knowledge of your religion:

1) An excellent new series is to start in the 'Universe' on Sunday 27th January. Called 'WORD ALIVE', the aim is to 'open the treasury of the scripture' to ordinary people, showing their relevance to how we live now.

The series will concentrate on the readings of Sunday Mass, with a major article, the findings of archaeological research, maps & photos.

2) Many books are now available to help lay people explore their faith at a deeper level. A visit to 'VERITAS' on Bridge St. reveals just how many such books are available.

But it's so hard to know which one will be most helpful and readable. To help you, we hope to publish a 'BOOK REVIEW' as a standard fortnightly feature, from next week on.



## WINTER

'CONTACT' PEOPLE will have extra work in January, if the weather gets cold. They, and indeed all of us, will be called upon to be specially sensitive to elderly or housebound neighbours.



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## FAMILY MINISTRY QUESTIONNAIRE

"A MOST important project" was how our Parish Priest described the questionnaire being circulated this weekend. And so it is. And it will not succeed without your help!

Everyone over 14 should have the opportunity of answering the questionnaire individually. To this end, extra copies are available at the C.P. Centre.

We have asked your local Bulletin distributor to call back for the completed form on Friday night next. Perhaps you might keep this in mind. If you prefer, you can drop yours back personally to the C.P. Centre.

If you are confused about the form, be sure to come along to your Parish Church next Sunday. Sister Mary Dineen, our Diocesan Director of Family Ministry, will be preaching at all the Masses. She should be able to clarify any questions you might have.

Finally, a word of thanks to all who make this venture possible. To the Family Ministry Team, who worked long and hard on the format of the questionnaire. To those who were so helpful with the distribution, at short notice. And, finally, we thank you....in anticipation!

## Focus On.....

### The Poor Clares

THEY DON'T eat meat. They get up at 5.15 each morning. They never leave the Monastery. They read no daily papers and watch no television.

They are the POOR CLARES. Their order has changed little in 500 years. And yet they are among the happiest people in the world!

They live simple, uncluttered lives of prayer. As their motto puts it: "Enclosed Poor Clares go out to the whole world."

We are delighted to have such people in our Parish; they are very much part of us. The Poor Clare Monastery, with its public chapel, is near the Bons Secours Hospital on College Road. The Sisters are delighted that so many drop in and say a prayer in their little oratory.

People are fascinated with their unique life-style. To give you a glimpse of the world of the Poor Clares, we will be publishing a short article each week for the next while.

Maybe by coming to know them a little better, we will appreciate more deeply their praying presence in our midst.





WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS to all those of our Parishioners who were married in 1987. Here we are delighted to announce some of those not already published:

DAVID McDONNELL, Bishopstown Avenue, who married Patricia Higgins, last January.

NOELLE CULLINANE, "San Pio", Laburnum Lawn, who married Jimmy Sadlier on Jan. 31st last.

MARY FRANCES HOGAN, "Sentosa", College Road, who married Donal Mullins in March.

CAROL MULCAHY, Highfield Lawn, who married Glenn Lacey, Halldene, at Dennehy's Cross.

NEIL BUCKLEY, Bishopscourt Road, who married Catherine O'Driscoll in Ballyclough, Co. Cork.

DECLAN O'DONOVAN, Kenley Close, who married Marie O'Driscoll at the S.M.A. Church, Wilton.

JACQUI HEGARTY, Bishopscourt Lawn, who married Tony O'Halloran from Shanakiel.

DENIS O'CONNOR, The Orchard, Farranlea Park, who married Linda McKenna, Ballymakeera.

ROSE DALTON, Woodford, who married Fergus O'Connor from the Glasheen area.

DR. DOMINIC LEHANE, Wilton Gardens, who married Kathleen O'Connell, in Ballinlough.

MAEVE O'CONNOR, "Vailima", Model Farm Road, who married Richard Fitzgerald, from Blackrock Rd.

JOHN RIORDAN, Bishopscourt Lawn who married Loreta Burke in the Church of the Real Presence.

RITA GOLDEN, Wilton Road, who married Gerald Dennehy from St. Joseph's, Mayfield.

FRANK LYNCH, Woodleigh Park, who married Catherine O'Connor in Ballincollig.

KIERAN RONAN, Liam Lynch Park, who married Mary Collins in November.

PATRICK CREED, Laburnum Lawn, who was married to Fiona Grogan by his uncle, Fr. Berard, OFM Cap.

FRANK DUGGAN, Laburnum Lawn, who married Marie O'Driscoll, in Clogheen.

JOHN MCINERNEY, Wilton Gardens, married Alison Ford in New Mexico, U.S.A.

SHEILA ANN QUINLAN, Woodleigh Park, who married John O'Leary in Portumna.

TRAOLACH LAYTON, Bishopstown Avenue West, who married Geraldine Murphy.

KAREN KEATING, Convent Lane, who married Jos Vissers, of Holland and Oman.

PATRICIA KELLEHER, Farranlea Park, who married Dermot Murphy in the Church of the Holy Spirit.

AND TO ALL the others who celebrated the Sacrament in 1987, whose names have already been published...warmest best wishes!

- FOR THE REMAINDER of the month of January, we will have a special guest with us.

Rev. Denis O'Leary, a Deacon, will be engaged in pastoral work in our parish. A native of Turner's Cross, he is to be ordained in June; he will be working in Iceland.

We are happy to have him with us, and we know you will receive him warmly!

- FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS of last year's Parish Social, we are hoping to have another fling this year! Watch this space!

- DECEMBER WAS a very sad month for our Parish. We had 13 funerals in our Parish Church, an extraordinarily high number. The last time there were so many was in August, 1975.

- THERE WAS a great response to our review of 1987 in a recent Bulletin. The numbers of those who were baptised and who died are interesting. Here is a breakdown of those numbers, for each of the Parish Council areas:

Area	Baptised	Died
1. Farranlea	3	4
2. Model Farm Road	0	12
3. Kenley	8	0
4. Parkway	2	0
5. Leesdale	6	0
6. Bishopscourt	4	1
7. Bishopstown Ave.	2	2
8. Laburnum	0	4
9. Wilton Gardens	3	6
10. Wilton Road	3	10
11. College Road	0	14
12. Glasheen Road	4	9

## \*MEDIA COMMENT\*

DO YOU EVER get tired of having your intelligence insulted, your ability to judge questioned?

Over the weekend we listened once more to Eamonn Dunphy having a go at 'the Church' - that is, you and me.

We watched (and paid for!) Tom Murphy and Dr. Moira Woods inform us how wrong a majority of Irish voters were in the recent Amendments.

It sounds like arrogance, claiming that a majority of those who took the trouble to vote were wrong, ill-informed, sheep-like, simply because the majority view does not conform to their personal view!

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CHARLES HAUGHEY says F.F. fiscal rectitude is working well, without causing undue hardship.

Dick Spring claims the less-well-off are worst hit by F.F. policies in Health and Welfare.

F.G. leaders appear to agree with F.F. Policies so far, MAY disagree on where we go from here, and seem to be equivocal on the price being paid.

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TO BE COMMENDED surely is an educational programme introduced by District Justice Mary Martin, for use in cases of alcohol-related crime. She will not restore licences to drive until the programme is completed.

A move in the right direction which might usefully be followed in other areas?

THE EDITOR WELCOMES COMMENTS ETC FOR PUBLICATION. (c/o C.P. Centre)