



### Our Very Own Retreat

LAST YEAR we had the Redemptorists with us; but this year we intend to 'do-it-ourselves!! The 'SPECIAL WEEK OF LENTEN PRAYER' which begins this Sunday will be conducted by the priests of the Parish.

The theme you'll find running through the week sounds something like this:

BEING CHRISTIAN MEANS

BEING PART OF A COMMUNITY.

We're fully committed to making this vision come alive in our Parish - the Pastoral Council elections were the first concrete expression of our vision.

Throughout the coming week, we'll be sharing with you on this theme at each daily Mass - 7.30 A.M., 9, 10 and 7.30 P.M.

Please, be part of our 'Week of Prayer'

### Keep the Sabbath

EACH SUNDAY EVENING during Lent, we'll have Evening Prayer in the Church at 5.00 P.M.

### Exciting Venture

IN AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE Wilton and Ballineaspig Parishes are jointly organising a special sort of retreat, later in Lent.

Called a "Week of Directed Prayer in the Parish", it helps people who are serious about praying to deepen their relationship with the Lord.

Anyone interested, please get in touch with any Parish Team member, soon.

### It's great to be alive!

CORK MENED HEARTS (An affiliation of people who've had heart surgery) meet on Tuesday 23rd Feb. at 8 P.M. in Moore's Hotel.

### "The Gospel of Mark"

FR. JOHN NEWMAN L.S.S. will be giving a course in Scripture in our Parish, beginning on Tuesday March 8th, and running on the following nights:

Thurs. March 10th, Tues. March 22nd, Thurs. April 7th and Thurs. April 21st.

Enrolments are invited at the C.P. Centre this Sunday. Fr. John stresses that the course will have a lecture format, and that participants will need to bring a pen and paper to take notes - and of course, a Bible!

There will be an opportunity for meetings between the sessions of the course for discussion etc. (Fee = £ 2)

### Television Mass

IN AN EXCITING MOVE, Cork Multi-Channel Ltd. have decided to broadcast Mass, once a month, from different city churches. In each case, Mass will be preceded by a short documentary on the Parish in question.

The first such Mass will be shown on Sunday 21st Feb., at 9.30 A.M., having been recorded the previous evening at the Cathedral. We commend this service to you, and congratulate Cork Multichannel on their initiative.

### For Parents of Toddlers...

PLEASE NOTE THAT enrolment will take place at St. Catherine's Primary School from 22nd to 26th February.

### A Great Night Out!

TICKETS FOR the Bishopstown PTAA Annual Supper Dance (26th Feb.) are available by phoning 543588 or 546193. Price £ 5.50



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## RECORD SALES!

A RECENT SURVEY of the Book Racks near the doors of our Church showed that a massive 1020 books were sold in the year 1987. This is a cause of great satisfaction for the four dedicated lay people who put such hard work into maintaining the Book Racks for all of us.

Since 1986, Stella Barry, Terry Layton, and Pat & Rita Shaw have been involved in this work. They invite 'browsers' to have a look at the racks at any time. "Pamphlets range from books for children to books for the retired, with a large selection in between", they say.

One cause for concern is that the service runs at a loss. This may be due to some people not realising that the books are not free, and to children being tempted by attractive covers. The group would appreciate if parents could instruct their children in this matter. Please note that the Church stamp is on all books.

The group involved needs more help. In particular, they would welcome young people, single or married, who could give advice when new stocks are being purchased (about 4 times a year).

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If YOU are willing to get involved, please contact Stella at 546052, Terry at 544046 or the Shaws at 541897. Or get in touch with a Parish Team Member.

## A GREAT RESPONSE

OVER THE PAST few weeks, the Parish Family Ministry team has been patiently going through and analysing the results of the Family Questionnaire.

What they have found will prove useful, not only to the Team, but to the whole Pastoral Council. The Family Team hope to tackle some of the issues and concerns that relate directly to their Ministry.

Many other issues will be dealt with by the sub-groups of the Parish Pastoral Council, which will be set up at the next Council Meeting.

That meeting will be held on Monday 29th February, and a comprehensive report will be carried in the Bulletin of the following Sunday. So, for further news of the questionnaire WATCH THIS SPACE!

P.S. On behalf of the Team, hearty thanks to all those who did so much to help with the distribution and collection of the Questionnaire!



## «PARISH FACES»



DAN COUGHLAN "Glenanaar", Magazine Road, represents the Orchard Road/ College Road Magazine Road area on the Pastoral Council. Married to Kitty, they have five children, aged from 8 to 24.



PAM GILLIGAN, 6 Bishops court Hill represents the Wilton Avenue/ Merlyn Lawn/ Bishops court area on the Parish Council. Married to Frank, they have four children.

**BAPTISED**

WE ARE DELIGHTED to welcome five new Parish Community members, recently baptised: DAVID FINBARR MCCARTHY, son of John and Geraldine, 11 Kenley Close DYLAN LONG O'HALLORAN, son of Paddy and Ann, 4 Kenley Circle, SHEILA CLARE NEWTON, daughter of Pat and Noelle, 14 Farranlea Grove, BARRY SEAN O'HERLIHY, son of Pater and Sheila, The Ridgeway, FIACHRA Ó DEASMHÚNAIGH, mac le Micheál agus Ide, "Rath Beag", Laburnum Drive. Cógairdeachas!

**News  
in  
Brief**Great Relief!

THERE WAS A GREAT wave of joy through our Parish, when it became known that our Pastor, Fr. O'Connor, was to be Dean of Cork. And the question everyone was asking was:

"Will he be left with us?"

The good news is that our new Dean will stay in Ballineaspig. The reason is that his new title is a purely personal title, not associated with any particular parish. If, in the past, the Dean usually lived in St. Patrick's, Lower Road, this was only a coincidence.

May the Lord give our popular Pastor many more good years with us!

Our Shrove Fling!

GREAT FUN was had by all who came to the TABLE QUIZ, held in the Crypt on Shrove Tuesday night.

Teams from eight areas of the parish battled bravely for the 'Area Shield': Bishops court, Wilton Road, Parkway, Model Farm Road, Kenley, Laburnum, Leesdale and Bishopstown Aveune.

It was the last-named area who triumphed, and team members Clare Bradley, Eamonn Young, and Tony and Marie Loughry each got a special souvenir of the night.

Second prize went to the so-called "W.L." team, and well-deserved prizes went to Tom Corcoran, Tina O'Sullivan, Mrs. Margaret Laide and Dermot Laide.

It was a most enjoyable experience, and we are grateful to Terry and Betty Layton for putting it on for us!

*Focus On.....**The Poor Clares*HOW CAN ENCLOSED POOR CLARES  
HELP THE POOR AND THE NEEDY?

THE POOR CLARE WAY of helping people is by praying for them. Just as some have to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, look after the sick and old etc. so some others have to do the praying. You can't have one without the other. We all need each other.

People often say about enclosed Nuns: "You should be doing something for people instead of locking yourselves in there, where you can't help anyone".

It takes faith to understand why the Poor Clares stay enclosed. It takes faith to see that God has always inspired different sorts of people to work for him in different sorts of ways.

It takes faith to understand that different religious orders have been founded through the centuries, with very different charisms.

Some think that the greatest suffering is to be without food or shelter or freedom. That is not true, the Poor Clares believe. The greatest suffering is to be without God. Without him, rich and poor alike are miserable. They are the ones who need help most, the kind of help which only prayer can give. They are the "Poor Clares' poor" - the weakest members of the human family.

NEXT WEEK: CAN PEOPLE CALL IN  
TO SEE THE NUNS?

## \*MEDIA COMMENT\*

ANYONE WHO HAS READ a daily or a Sunday paper lately can't have missed the full-page advertisements for 'Power for Living'. The ads claim this book will show us how to find courage and strength, through a closer relationship with God.

Since I presume it's based on Scripture, I'm sure it succeeds. But I would hope that, as Christians, we would already know the way towards having a personal relationship with a loving and forgiving God.

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TUESDAY NIGHT saw the formal enthronement Rt. Rev. Robert Warke, the new Church of Ireland Bishop of Cork. Congratulations and a warm welcome to him!

It was encouraging to hear Bishop Warke identify the progress made in the area of ecumenism. He called for the momentum to be sustained, 'particularly at local level'.

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THE NEW HOUSING BILL has been variously described as 'an abject betrayal' and a 'bitter disappointment'. The poor we will always have with us, perhaps?

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THE DRINK AND DRUGS controversy continues. Dr. Michael French-O'Carroll spoke out on the 'massive exploitation of young people' leading to younger and younger alcoholics. Have the publicans a case to answer?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR are always welcome. Be sure to include your name and address (not necessarily for publication!)