

# NOTICE BOARD

## Holyday of Obligation

THURSDAY NEXT is the day when we honour the Ascension of the Lord into heaven. Come and celebrate this special feast with us. Masses will be at 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15 and at 7.30 p.m. As usual, there will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

## Bishops' Commission

SPECIAL COLLECTION next Sunday for Bishops' Commission.

## Bulletin

NEXT SUNDAY is the third Sunday of May and accordingly the Bulletins will, with your help, be distributed to all the homes of the parish. Again we hope that every home will have its Bulletin by Saturday evening.

## Change of Time

COMMUNITY SCHOOL MASS has moved to 9.30 A.M. for the Summer.

## Ministers of Eucharist

A MEETING of the Ministers of the Eucharist will take place on Monday 16th May.

## A Reminder

A JOINT MEETING of Contact people and the Sub-Committee on Counselling/Bereavement will be held in the Crypt, on Wednesday 11th May at 8.P.M.

## Senior Citizens

ENJOY A DAY in Ballylickey with the Senior Citizens' outing. Bus leaves the Church at 1.30 on Thursday 26th May, cost £7. Contact Helen O'Hea 546617: Liz O'Donoghue 341399: Nora Fitzpatrick 546358.

## Special Souvenir

STILL A FEW copies of the "this-is-your-life" Bulletin available at the C.P.Centre. A souvenir of a special day and possibly of more practical benefit in the not - too - distant future, the Editor mysteriously adds....

## PENTECOST Sunday

TO CELEBRATE our Parish Feast-Day there will be a special Bulletin with loads of competitions.

## Are you aged 12 to 18?

COME TO the Crypt on Saturday 14th May at 7.30 pm and find out more about Foroige Youth Club.

## Car Boot Sale

ON SUNDAY May 8th from 2.00 - 5.00 pm A Car Boot Sale will be organised by Bishopstown Community School, Parents' Association. Bring your car with boot full of anything to sell. Pay £5 to park within the school grounds and keep proceeds yourself. Admission for buyers is FREE.

*God mounts his throne  
amid shouts of joy;  
the Lord amid trumpet  
blasts*



# BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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## MAY PROCESSION TO BE REVIVED



## WHEN ?

Pentecost Sunday at 2.30 pm.

## WHERE ?

Assemble at St. Catherine's and walk via Laburnum Lawn and Wilton Gardens to Church steps for Benediction(weather permitting)

## WHO ?

All parishioners are invited to participate in this public demonstration of devotion to Our Lady. We hope that the twelve areas of the parish will be represented. A special invitation to First Communicants, the newly confirmed, students of the parish schools, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts. A great opportunity for uniforms.

By special request to the Parish Team the May Procession, last held in 1984, will take place, Pentecost Sunday 22nd May, in our Parish. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate publicly the Marian Year. The devotion of the Parish to Mary is already evident in the Seamus Murphy statue.

Our Parish celebration on the Sunday will be a fitting prelude to the city celebration of the Eucharistic Procession on the following Sunday, May 29th.

*Marian Year '87/'88*



## Letters



My dear Fr. Bernard,

Congratulations and a big, big, God reward you a thousand fold for 'taking us' to Ballineaspig and to last Sunday's T.V. Mass. You are ready for St. Peter's! It was very well done and nothing 'overdone'.

We really know now where you are and the Church is beautiful. It was well worth all the work put into it in preparation. The Dean's homily got a great reception. "One man and his dog", very good.

From behind the scenes, keeping all in our prayers. Say one for us - a Hail Mary - this month of Mary, please.

Your grateful and appreciative,

Poor Clares,  
Poor Clare Monastery,  
College Road.



## FINANCIAL NOTES

Collection for May 1st. £852.

Good Shepherd collection £398.



"The Life of St. John of the Cross" by Richard P. Hardy. Published by Darton, Longman and Todd. Price £4.95 Sterling.

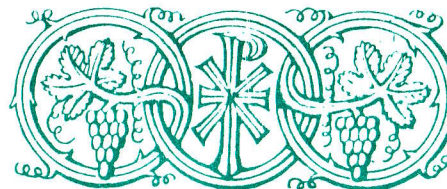
If the prospect of reading the life of an Ascetic seems daunting, it need not be, in this case. The author deliberately sets out to dispel the image of St. John as a dismal, dark personality who seemed bent upon escaping this world and entering the next". Rather he presents, in simple, narrative style, the story of a very human saint who had to come to terms with accommodating in the world around him, the ideals he had set for himself.

Prof. Hardy traces St. John's life from childhood through student days in Salamanca, when he had already joined the Carmelites, to his meeting with St. Teresa of Avila which led to the evolution of the Discalced order, a return to the stricter, more contemplative form of the original Carmelite foundation. This was a painful process beset with severe difficulties. The Saint's triumph over his Dark Night of the Soul is vividly portrayed and engages the reader's sympathy.

This outline of the development of a saint is set against the colourful background of sixteenth-century Spain and the author concludes with extracts from St. John's literary works including "The Spiritual Canticle", rich in images of this world.

G. Fahy.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE



DAN AND MARY CONWAY lived for many years at "Sunnyside" Model Farm Road. As they aged, they both became ill more often, until they were both housebound. With great faith and devotion, both received communion each first Friday, and from a special Minister each Sunday. When Dan died in February '86, May was sad but confident - "I bet he wouldn't swop with us now!" and, in his memory, she donated a pyx, the little gold container in which communion is brought to the sick. It seemed appropriate. His name was inscribed on the base and when May herself went to her reward her name was added to his. May they both rest in peace and may the Lord reward them both for their gift to us.

## BAPTISED

Congratulations to our newest parishioner MARK JOHN CUNNINGHAM, son of John and Mercedes, Bishopstown Avenue West, who was baptised on 30th April 1988.

## \*MEDIA COMMENT\*

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE might be the advice the discerning reader or viewer could give to the modern media.

How critically do we accept the 'news' as we receive it from the media? Do we accept as 'gospel' the news editor's view of current affairs? Or do we measure these views against our own and form a balanced judgement?

Perhaps we should look deeper for the moral values of these judgements?

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WE READ OF helicopter gunships 'punching' into enemy territory, jet fighters 'soaring' over enemy cities and towns. Their purpose? To kill, of course. But no amount of flowery language can make the act of killing any less obscene.

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BY THE WAY, did you have difficulty in discovering that the Attorney General and the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) were awarded costs in the Supreme Court in the unsuccessful appeal by the abortion referral clinics? THAT was NOT considered NEWS by the media!!

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