

Announcements

Sharing the Bread of Life

CHILDREN FROM St. Catherine's will be receiving their First Holy Communion next Saturday at 10.30 A.M. (No 10.00 Mass)

Change of Time

FROM NOW ON, the Holy Spirit Conference of the St. Vincent dePaul Society will meet at 8.00 on Monday nights in the Crypt.

Course for Parents

IN RESPONSE to the concerns you expressed in the Family Ministry Questionnaire, a course is now being planned for September. It will begin on Tuesday 20th Sept.

Cake Sale

Leesdale/Parkway/Kenley Youth Club are holding a cake sale after 11.00 and 12.15 Masses in the Crypt, this Sunday (15th May)

Note Phone Number

FOR THOSE Senior Citizens interested in the Outing on May 22nd, please ring Helen O'Hea at 546167

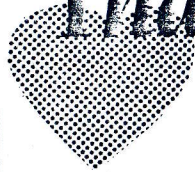
A Last Reminder

THE GALA CONCERT in aid of the Cardiac Unit of the Regional Hospital is on Sunday 15th May.

QUOTE

"THE FUTURE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH in the United States is safe. The Bishops and Priests there have done everything they possibly could to drive the laity out of the Church; they have refused to go." !!!
ANDREW GREELEY S.J.
Sociologist, and novelist.
(And also in Ireland...?)

Thank You



As the season for the EASTER DUES draws to a close, we thank all those who have contributed this time round.

We appreciate that your support is an indication of your commitment to your faith - and for this reason we are greatly encouraged by your generosity.
THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH.

Point to Ponder

HERE IS A PARABLE. A certain man had a friend. From time to time he used to invite the friend to his house. But, because the friend had no means of travelling, a priest used to drive him.

Now it happened one day that a lay person drove the friend instead. The man was indignant. "What right has this lay man to drive my friend," he said, "He is but a lay man."

And so that day he did not receive his friend, because he was driven by a lay man.

The parable was told during a discussion about lay ministers of the Eucharist.

(NEW LITURGY Magazine, Autumn '85)

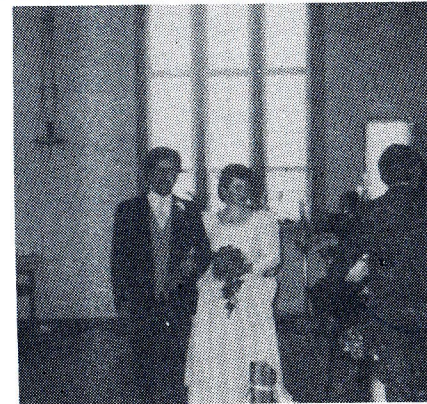


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WEDDING BELLS AT ST. CATHERINE'S!



FIRST WEDDING AT ST. CATHERINE'S: Edel Coffey, Highfield Lawn, and Denis Foley from Kenmare, who were married in St. Catherine's Convent Chapel on April 15th.

FOR YEARS, parishioners were giving out about the size of the Church of the Holy Spirit. And, sadly, many went outside the parish for that special day.

It was in the spring of '88 that the Parish Team hit on a way to encourage marriages within the Parish.

They asked for, and received permission to solemnise weddings at St. Catherine's. And now there is a growing demand for the facility, which is strictly limited to parishioners. Three months notice is all YOU need to give - and we'll be glad to help you!

A NEW BULLETIN IS BORN!

HOW DOES the Ballineaspaig Parish Bulletin come to be?

Preliminary plotting and planning takes place at a monthly meeting in Fr. Cotter's house. There, over coffee and biscuits, the eight-member group burns the midnight oil, deciding the direction the Bulletin will take.

Then, every Thursday night, one of the three editorial teams takes over the office at the C.P. Centre. They take the material which has accumulated during the week, and divide it into different categories - Parish News, local news, 'Media comment', weekly series (eg. Poor Clares), baptisms, marriages, deaths, letters, notices, photos, and anything else that might turn up.

This has to be assessed, edited and typed. We quickly learned that a column can only contain 180 words and that a line is 32 spaces across. Next, suitable headings must be made.

Each item is approximately positioned. Then comes the crunch. Will it all fit?

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Or, an unlikely problem, is there enough to fill all the spaces? Finally, all the items are pasted onto a master sheet. The Bulletin is now ready for the printer!

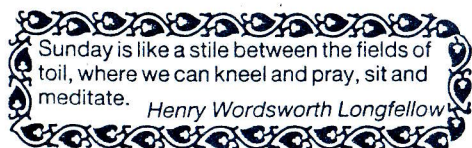
How long does it all take? Our most experienced team, which is Fr. Cotter on his own, estimates one hour per page (i.e. 4 hours for one Bulletin). But some of us who are new to the world of journalism would say five hours!

Like Sunday dinner, it takes hours to make, and minutes to consume!

IRENE CONNOLLY & ELSIE HARRIS

Other Bulletin Team members include Eileen Walsh, Rosalie Moloney, Tom Harris, Pat Lemasney, Geraldine Fahy & Fr. Bernard. Volunteers are always welcome!

The future will bring even more work to the Bulletin Team! From next Sunday until mid-June, we will be experimenting with a new, bigger Bulletin. Whether we continue it in September will depend on your verdict...A questionnaire in one of the June Bulletins will decide the issue for us. THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT!



AS MOST PARISHIONERS know, there is an annual 'turnover' of Ministers of the Eucharist, with some 'retiring' and others starting off, each year.

This year is no exception, as we bid 'farewell' to Ministers who have served the Community with great dedication and love:

PAT HEGARTY, Farranlea Park,
DERMOT MURPHY, Woodlawn,
SISTER COIRLE, St. Catherine's,
JOHN HEANEY, Leesdale,
EDDIE O'FLYNN, Bishopstown Ave.,
DAVE CONDON, Convent Lane,
DOLLIE KEOHANE, Wilton Gardens,
DENIS CRONIN, Ballincollig,
BARRY MCKERNAN, Woodford,
SISTER PATRICIA, St. Catherine's,
DOMINIC TWOMEY, Lima Lawn,
DES HOURIHAN, Bishopscourt Lawn,
MARY O'SHAUGHNESSY, Woodlawn,
MADGE HANLEY, Laburnum Lawn,
JACK FITZGERALD, Wilton Road,
MARY LONG, Leesdale,
MONA BURKE, Laburnum Drive,
TERESA KEILY, Kenley Close and
SISTER ANN MARIE, St. Joseph's.
We thank each of them for making themselves available in this way. As with all ex-Ministers, they are invited to continue to bring Communion to the Sick, and to help out at Mass in an emergency.

For the past four weeks, the twenty new Ministers have been 'in training': they will be commissioned on next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, please God.

INVITATION

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS: Pentecost Sunday is our Parish Feast-Day, and it's next Sunday, 22nd May.

So we invite YOU to join in the Eucharist in YOUR Parish Church on that special day.

No matter where you usually go to Mass, give your Parish Church preference on the Parish Feast! We all look forward to seeing you!
THE PARISH TEAM.

ODDs & ENDS

Furniture Needed

OUR LOCAL St. Vincent dePaul Branch are looking for a three-pieces suite, or fireside chairs, in reasonably good condition. Contact a priest of the parish.

An Unusual Request

FOR THE MAY Procession (on May 22nd at 2.30 from St. Catherine's) we need a car with a roof-rack, to carry the P.A. System. Please get in touch with Sr. Frances.

*Father
may we neither presume upon your love by
living carelessly,
nor doubt it by living in despair.*

*MEDIA COMMENT

TAKING A LEAD from last Sunday's readings (where the emphasis was on hope and love), I thought I'd concentrate on the better side of media coverage.

The negative side was there in plenty, but, with a bit of searching, I found joy and hope there too!

I FOUND A FEATURE on pupils from St. Brogan's Vocational School, Bandon, who were busy restoring an old school building, and beautifying a patch of waste ground. An example to their litter-spreading elders?

THERE WAS an inspiring quote from Pádraig Ó Loingsing, a Cobh teacher, at a tree-planting ceremony at his school:

"ANYONE who has ever grown a tree from an acorn;

WHO has watched the sprouting;
WHO has seen the slow growth quicken with the pace of the year;
WHO has seen the leaves take their distinctive shapes;

WHO has cared for it for a year or two, before it is planted out;
WILL NEVER BE INDIFFERENT AGAIN TO THE LANDSCAPE AROUND THEM."

I'D LIKE TO finish with what must be a perfect epitaph for a Christian. Published in the EXAMINER, an appreciation by a friend of the late John Daly of Pine St. contained the lines: "We are all proud of John. He lived life as a true Christian and his love knew no bounds."