



BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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For Your Diary

WELCOME TO A NEW season of Bulletins! Be sure to pick up a Bulletin at the Church of the Holy Spirit each Sunday - or ask a neighbour to bring you one!

Especially next Sunday's - a celebration of our Church's 28th Birthday. It'll contain a Trail around the Church, a bit of orienteering for all. Great fun for families - and a competition too!

Then on 2nd October we honour EMIGRANTS SUNDAY with a special edition, which we hope you'll post to those far away. It'll be our way of assuring them they're not forgotten.

PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

"WE'RE BEGINNING another year together", said Chairperson Rosarie Murphy as she launched the first meeting of the Council of the new term.

The sub-committee charged with the job of drawing up a Constitution for the Council (Members - Tim Bowen, Fr. Bernard, Mary Fitzgerald and Rosarie Murphy) submitted a draft constitution to the meeting, which was considered in some detail. With suitable amendments, it is hoped to have it adopted at the October meeting.

Two other sub-committee reports were made. The one from the Family Ministry team led to a very full discussion on the role of family ministry in the parish.

Then came the report from the ➤

MEDIA COMMENT

EVERYBODY LOVES A PARTY! And a party atmosphere certainly existed in Thurles on Monday night for the installation ceremony of the new Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, Dr. Dermot Clifford.

He comes across as an enthusiastic man, a hopeful man, a man concerned with the handicapped, a man conscious of the continuing problem of passing on the faith.

It is good to have such people about; let's pray God's blessing on him and on his work.

BISHOP DESMOND WILLIAMS, who chairs the Catholic Social Service Conference, claims that 'poverty is at the bottom of the political agenda'. The

CSSC maintains that poverty has become a way of life for many, leading to an alarming increase in crime which we dare not ignore.

Talk of the great economic recovery must sound very hollow to someone on the edge of poverty.

IT'S ONLY a matter of time before we have the opportunity to see 'THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST' on our cinema screens.

Cardinal Basil Hume says, 'don't go'. Canon Oestreicher of Coventry Cathedral says, 'It's a great work of art. It's poetry'. Martin Scorsese, who made the film, says, 'I wanted ... to make Jesus accessible to people today who haven't thought of God for a long time'.

You have the freedom to choose.



Communications sub-committee. So far, the group has arranged the erection of Noticeboards in the Church porches, with details of all Church Services.

Now the group is embarking on an ambitious project - producing a Parish Directory for Ballinaspaig. Described as a resource book for parishioners, it will bring together for easy reference all sorts of parish information.

Fr. Bernard sounded a cautionary note - its success depends on attracting advertisers. "It's our only hope of keeping the price accessible", he said. (There's more about that on the back page)

Finally the Council heard a suggestion that a Retirement Club be set up; the Counselling and Bereavement group will examine its feasibility. Meetings for the year were set for the 2nd Monday of each month.



"NINE YEARS A-GROWING" is the coffee morning after the 10.00 Mass on Tuesdays! And for seven years, Mona Burke and Mary O'Shaughnessy have been the charming hostesses.

Now Mona is hanging up her tea towels and calling it a day! We wish her well, and thank her. Mary Casey has agreed to step in to help, with Nancy Harrington and Sheila O'Sullivan on hand as subs. Long may it continue to bring people together!

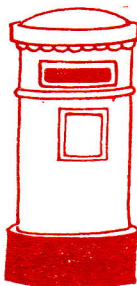
CONGRATULATIONS

Well Done All!

IT WAS LOVELY to hear of so many of our young parishioners graduating during the summer months - congratulations all round. One of our former Readers, Michael Walsh of Kenley Drive, was called to the bar. Well done!



KARISMA are looking for more singers and instrumentalists. Anyone interested in joining the group can come to the Crypt any Thursday Night at 9.00 p.m. and ask for Josephine Keating or Niamh Murphy.



LETTERS

23 Merlyn Lawn,
Bishopstown.

Dear Father Cotter,

I read last week's Bulletin and agree totally with Clare, Catriona and Joanne about female altar servers.

The Catholic Church is very sexist and as the world is awakening to the fact that women are quite well able to have high positions in business, medicine etc. is it too much to ask for altar GIRLS ???

Yours sincerely,
Rosaleen Lee.

St. Catherine's,

To the Editor,

Can I say 'well done' to our young ladies who put pen to paper last week. How alert they are to issues of their time - and active too!

But what, say I, of the silent majority? - those of us, more 'mature' females. What of the issues affecting us? Does an inclusive (exclusive) mentality not bother us?

Sr. Frances

Letters for publication are welcome on the above, or ANY topic! Letters should be brief, and signed. Please drop them in to the C.P. Centre.

On behalf of the St. Vincent dePaul Society, Tim Holland would like to thank those who donated so generously in this month's collection.

Rest In Peace

WILFRED CONNOLLY, Woodleigh Park, died suddenly at his daughter's home in Kildare while on holiday. His death was a cause of great sadness to Mercy, his wife, his family Irene, Miriam, Leonard (Farranlea Grove) and Wilfred, his brother Kevin (Wilton Road) and his sister Irene (Bendemeer Park). At the Funeral Mass Fr. Bernard described him as a good and gentle man, committed to his faith, and well ready to meet his Lord.

LOUISA HURLEY, one of our oldest parishioners, died last weekend at the age of 92. She had lived with her daughter Kate (Cosgrave), St. Clare's Avenue, for nineteen years. Mrs. Hurley had 12 children, four of whom predeceased her, 38 grandchildren and 60 great-grandchildren. Fr. Denis paid a tribute to her great faith at the Funeral. She was laid to rest in her native Drimoleague, in West Cork.



Volunteers Please

THE TRAINING OF new altar servers begins next week. Any boy between 8 and 12 years who is interested can ring Fr. John at 541572. It would be great if anyone no longer using altar clothes could hand them in at the Sacristy. Thank you!



From the Counselling and Bereavement Sub-Committee:

OUR TRAINING PROGRAMME for all members of the network of Contact People begins this year on Sept. 27th

Eight sessions will be held, on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December. Please note in your diary!

The opening talk will be given by Dr. Cillian Twomey, Consultant Geriatrician at the Regional and St. Finbarr's Hospitals. More later.

Ministers of the Word

A LETTER TO the Ministers of the Word giving some details of the year's schedule is at the altar rail this weekend. Please collect your copy at when you come to Mass.

Active Age Week

AOSTA plan many events for the elderly during Active Age Week, due to be held from 9th to 16th Oct. More details nearer the time. The local contact is Helen O'Hea (546167)

Sprechen Sie Deutsch ?

GERMAN CLASSES for Beginner, Intermediate and Senior levels are being held each Tuesday evening in Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh (Phone 543790)

Men Only....

THE ANNUAL enclosed retreat for men is on at La Retraite on Sat. & Sun., Sept. 24th/25th. (Phone 546756)

The Unisex Version...

WEEKEND RETREAT for men and women at Myross Wood from Fri. 30th Sept. to Sun. 2nd Oct. The Schull-Goleen bus leaves Parnell Place at 6.15 p.m., and stops in Leap at 8, where all will be met. Apply by mail to the Director, with £10 deposit. (Phone 028 - 33118)



Alive Alive - O!

WOODLEIGH PARK has, we hear, come alive! A great night out was enjoyed by all at Bunnyconnellan on Friday night. It's great to see a resident group, dormant for so long, coming to life again! Perhaps other areas could follow suit...

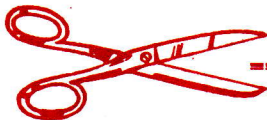
PARISH DIRECTORY FOR BALLINEASPAIG

ARE YOU a plumber ? A carpenter, maybe ? Involved in one of the professions ? Or have you a service to offer ?

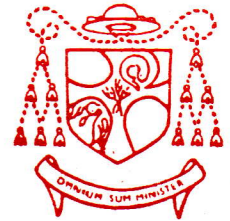
If so, then the "PARISH DIRECTORY" is an ideal opportunity for you! We aim to have a copy in every home in the parish. Where it will be a source of reference for parish information, all year long.

At the back will be a handy guide, called , "Directory of Trades, Services and Professions", with as many headings as are supplied. If you are a parishioner, or run a business in the parish, you are invited to enter your name.

Simply fill in the form below, now, enclose £ 10 and drop it into any of the priests' houses, today.



BISHOP APPEALS FOR HELP



"WE ARE DEPENDENT on the generosity of the people of Cork and Ross...and that generosity has not failed". So said Bishop Michael Murphy in his appeal for support for the ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS, due to be taken up on Sunday 25th Sept. (St. Finbarr's Day)

The need for support is more pressing than ever. Thank God, we have 28 students for the priesthood for our Dioceses.

The cost per student this year will be roughly £ 4,000. Even with the kind support of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society, there is still a huge bill to be met.

The Bishop understands that these are hard times for many, but he feels there are few causes more deserving than the formation of our future priests. He thanks all for their generosity in the past, and urges a generous response to the collection.



***BALLINEASPAIG PARISH DIRECTORY 1988 - 1989 Advertiser's Application Form**

NAME _____ Phone Number _____

ADDRESS IN
BALLINEASPAIG _____

Business Address
and Phone Number _____

Category of Business/Profession/Trade _____

Each entry in the Directory of Trades, Services and Professions will contain:- your name, address in the parish, phone number, and business address and number, under the category heading suggested. The cost for each entry is £ 10. Struggling business persons should get in touch. All forms should be returned this week at the latest.