



# BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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## A RAPIDLY EXPANDING PARISH !

ONCE WE THOUGHT our parish population would remain static. After all, we are surrounded by suburban parishes, which limits our expansion.

But recent months have shown that our Parish population can expand. There's talk of up to six separate building projects in our parish at the moment, three of which are proceeding:-

- \* 78 houses are being built at the city side of Inchagaggin Bridge, in a development being called "Rossbrook", with a possible further 22 houses.
- \* 8 bungalows are under construction on Glasheen Road, right next to Sheares Park.
- \* 13 houses are being built at Kenley, where more land is also available for building.
- \* The Corporation has given permission for 25 houses to built on GAA County Board land at Highfield Lawn
- \* Planning permission has been applied for, for 23 town houses at Orchard Road.
- \* And there's talk of more developments in the Lima Lawn/Glasheen area.

A rise in the parish population will bring fresh challenges, which we're looking forward to meeting!

## COMINGS AND GOINGS!



AINE O'BRIEN,  
Wilton Road, who  
has left the Pas-  
toral Council,  
after representing  
the 18 - 25's for  
the past year.



GER O'CALLAGHAN,  
Lima Lawn, who  
joins the Council  
in Aine's place.  
(See below for  
further details!)

## PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

OUR COUNCIL has now drawn up its own Constitution. All aspects of it have been studied and considered. Amendments were voted upon on Monday night and the Constitution was then adopted.

Plans are being finalised for the "PARISH DIRECTORY". At 50p per copy, and loaded with valuable parish information, it is expected to be a best seller.

At the Dean's suggestion, some of our Council members are getting together with other interested people to prepare special liturgies for Advent, Christmas and Lent.

There was lengthy discussion on the subject of Family Ministry. The relationship between this group and the Council was clarified.

We were pleased to welcome Gerardine O'Callaghan, who has been





co-opted onto the Council to replace Aine O'Brien, representing the under-twenty-five-year-olds. Our best wishes go to Aine, who has gone to Dublin to do further study and work with the handicapped.

Two final issues arose from the adoption of the Constitution (which will be published in the PARISH DIRECTORY). One was the formation of a sub-group to deal with finance, suggested in the Constitution. After some discussion, this was deferred for the time being.

The last matter was the election of officers. It was unanimously agreed that Rosarii and Elsie should continue for the term of the Council (ie. to Sept. 1989.) They were congratulated for their good work, as chairperson and secretary respectively.

## GOOD NEWS



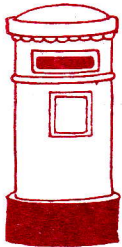
GREAT CREDIT is due to a group of Under 12's from Leesdale who raised £ 40 for the Sudan, with a song and dance show in the Crypt on Sat. 8th.

And then there were Jean-Marie, Niamh, Susy, Cliona and Catherine; they held a jumble sale at Slane Lodge, Bishopstown Avenue, and made £ 38, again for Sudan.

Emma, Nicole, Gloria, Sinead, Nicola, Annalisa and Pamela made £ 12.41 when they held a cake-sale.

We encourage all parishioners to support these small ventures that mean so much to the children and show such sincere charity.

Well done, girls!



## LETTERS


"Aldon",  
Wilton Road

Dear Editor,

I saw and enjoyed the film "The Last Temptation of Christ".

Whenever anyone shares with me their vision of Christ I feel enriched. This is how I felt when walking home from the film. This is how I suspect Mr. Scorsese felt when he first read the book.

I saw no blasphemy, except perhaps the counter-protesters outside the door whose aim seemed to be to upset the innocent protesters.

Father Liam O'Driscoll said on 'Multi-channel' that the film may have over-emphasised the human side of Christ. I found this emphasis on Christ as true man very helpful in my faith journey. 

➤ The ordeal and suffering of crucifixion has never, for me, been so well portrayed - not even in a Passionist's sermon.

I thought the Bishop was unfair in saying that enjoying the film implied proportionate lack of faith. It placed us in a no-win situation, like the onlookers at the Emperor's New Clothes.

I enjoyed Father Newman's recent homily based on "Babette's Feast". Would the Bulletin have given the wonderful medium of cinema and our festival any 'plug' at all if not forced to mention it due to the 'Last Temptation' controversy?

Yours sincerely,  
Paddy Ryan.

YOUR LETTERS are always welcome! Please keep them short, and always give your name and address. Drop the letter in to the C.P. Centre before Thursday tea-time.



## Rest In Peace

ESTHER HICKEY, Wilton Road, died at a nursing home in August after a long illness. A native of the same townland in West Cork as Bishop Murphy, she was a long-time resident of Wilton Road. She was known as a good woman, devoted to the Mass and her prayers. May she gain the reward of her labours.

KATHLEEN O'DONOVAN, Glasheen Cottage, died recently. For many years the First Friday was a special day for her; it was then that Father O'Mahony, and more recently Father Newman brought her Holy Communion. It was perhaps suitable, then, that her Funeral was on the First Friday of October. Our condolences go to her husband Christopher, and family - Mary, Kathleen and Frank.

PADDY BROWNE, "Genazzano", Bendemeer Park, died recently too. He was a well-known sight in the east-side of our parish, tirelessly walking his dog (even at the age of 89). Fr. Bernard, in his homily, remarked that at the Father's House in heaven, there would surely be dogs to be walked, too. Our deep sympathy goes to Josephine, his wife, a Bulletin co-worker; may God console her.

## \*MEDIA COMMENT\*

IAN PAISLEY'S brand of Christianity is surely as embarrassing to Protestants as it is infuriating to Catholics. But there is a lesson to be learnt from Mr. Paisley's outburst and the response of His Holiness.

"It is just a question of keeping calm", said Pope John Paul II.

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HE WAS A HERO at six. Packed into his short life, Jamie Morehan experienced a lot of suffering; he made medical history and was given the chance of a new life; he became a television personality (no matter that it was only for ten minutes!); he received a lot of love and he gave it too.

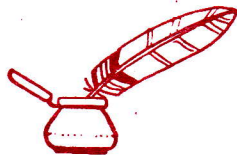
Jamie continued to give, even at the end. He donated his eyes so that a little girl might see.

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IT IS GOOD to see that our fellow-Christians, the Methodist community in Cork, are making a new start by building a church at Ardfallen. We wish the project Godspeed.



## From the Editor



ANNOUNCING new challenging ideas! In response to the Bulletin Survey of last June, the Bulletin Team plan a major series on the sacraments.

Maybe what you'll read won't be how you have always thought of the sacraments. Maybe you'll be annoyed at the way things are put, disturbed even.

In a way, we hope so. We want to stimulate you, challenge you to think....! We look forward to hearing

your comments on the series, which will be called "SIGNS OF LIFE", which is what sacraments are supposed to be!

The format will be that approx. one month will be devoted to each sacrament, with a general introduction over the next 2 Sundays. Then it's Ordination in November, Reconciliation in December, Marriage in January, The Sick in February, Baptism in March, Confirmation in April, and the Eucharist in May.

Maybe we'll answer a few questions for you. Maybe we'll raise a few more. One way or the other, we depend on your reactions - so, please let us have them!





# Out & About

HOME VISITATION continues apace. Fr. Denis, having completed Wilton Road, is working his way around Parkway. Fr. John has left Farranlea for Wilton Gardens. And Fr. Bernard has completed the College Road / Magazine Road area, and will proceed west the Model Farm Road!

## For Your Diary



THERE'S A GREAT BUZZ of activity from all the Pastoral Council Sub-groups just at the moment!

MARY TOBIN of the Adult Education group tells me they have great plans for Nov./Dec., with five nights planned already. Some details:-

4th Nov: Fr. John Keogh, a well-known preacher, talks on "A New Vision of the Church in the present day world for young and old"

5th Nov: Jennie McCarthy, our diocesan rep. on the Laity Commission, and one-time host of "SATURDAY LIVE" is well qualified to talk on "The Role of the Laity in the Parish"

9th Nov: Dr. Padraig Corkery, current Chaplain to U.C.C. will talk, and answer questions, on "Issues Facing Christians Today."

14th Dec: "CORK EXAMINER" 'Reflection' writer Fr. Christy O'Shaughnessy will help us reflect on "Preparing for a Christian Christmas".

18th Dec: The Final night will be a "Fun Night"! - with help on offer with flower arranging, Christmas decorations, Punch-making etc!

If all sounds interesting, doesn't it? So, keep those dates free in your Diary! (Each session is at 8, in our Church Crypt)



# What's On

### Keeping In Touch

FR. BERNARD has written a letter to each of the Ministers of the Eucharist. Please collect your copy at the Altar Rails this weekend.

### Making Friends

THE NEWS from Mary Fitzgerald of the Counselling sub-group of the Pastoral Council is that a "Friendship Club" is being set up for parishioners.

Those interested are welcome in the C.P. Centre on Mondays 3 - 5 p.m., beginning next Monday. Your suggestions and ideas will be welcome. Pamela Gilligan and Helen O'Hea look forward to seeing you there.

### Parenting Programme

SISTER FRANCES reports that the parish Parenting Programme begins this Wednesday morning in the C.P. Centre. Beginning at 10.30, it will run to 12.00 noon. Application forms are available at the C.P. Centre.

### "To The Ends Of The Earth"

OCTOBER IS Mission Month, and Sunday 23rd Oct. is Mission Sunday, with special readings, homily and prayers. And of course, a special collection! On 23rd Oct. you are asked to give a little extra at Mass, for the Missions.

### A Special Prayer

OCTOBER is also Rosary Month. Those who find it helpful to say the prayer publicly can come to the Church any weekday before 9.00 Mass; recitation begins about 8.40.

### Pray With The Poor Clares

PEOPLE WITH FREE TIME in the evenings should note that there's Exposition and prayers each evening at 5.30 (5.00 on Sundays), at the Poor Clare Chapel, College Road. Naturally, all are welcome!