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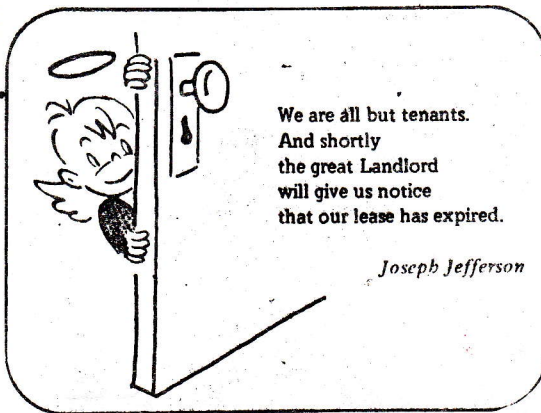
## BALLINEASPAIG PARISH DIRECTORY 1988-1989

"EVERY HOME should have one" - our parish motto with regard to the newly published Parish Directory. With over 1000 copies now in circulation, reaction overall seems favourable. Residents are delighted to see our parish giving the lead in the area!

If you have not yet bought your copy of the Directory, this weekend could be your last chance. Copies will go on sale after each Mass this weekend, on a 'first come first served' basis. Don't miss it!

### Happy New Year!

ADVENT BEGINS next Sunday, and with it a new Church year. Why so early? Because Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, and there are always four Sundays of Advent before it. Hence the early start!



*John Howard*

## PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

"LET US SIT QUIETLY for a moment and consider that Jesus is in our midst". These words from Fr. Bernard's opening prayer set the tone on Monday night.

Planning has already begun for our Lenten Mission 1989. The Oblates have agreed to lead the mission. The council heard that one of the retreat-givers would travel to Cork specifically to hear the views of members of the Parish Council. A date and time was fixed for this meeting.

It was decided to re-locate the Seamus Murphy sculpture of Mother and Child between the two doors in the main entrance to the church. Expert advice will be sought on whether the statue should be placed in a niche or on a plinth.

The Dean pointed out that the lighting both inside and outside of the church is ineffective, out of date and uneconomic. A better system has to be considered and tenders are being sought.

The visit to Raheny Pastoral Council in Dublin brought mixed reactions from our delegates. All were impressed by their strong spiritual dimension. They are however less structured than our Council. The verdict - there are things we can learn from them and quite a lot they can learn from us!

Dean Denis O'Connor suggested that a finance sub-committee be set up. This group would supply some assistance and expertise with church finances.

Finally a question was raised: Is it right to have Mass and Confession on at the same time on Sat. nights? There was disagreement on this point. What do YOU think?



## Rest In Peace

KITTY CUSSEN, late of the Honan Home, died at the age of 93. She lived for many years at 'St. Anthony's' (now Parochial House) Model Farm Road, while it was the residence of Bessis Dunne (Laburnum Ln.) She was a beloved 'Auntie' for niece Aida O'Sullivan, Bishopscourt Road, and Edwin Cussen, Wilton Ave. To whom we extend our sympathy.

## BAPTISED

We welcome three new members to our Parish Community:

BARRY ANTHONY KELLY, son of Tony and Anna, 2 The Drive, Kenley.

ADRIAN JAMES CONDON, son of James and Margaret, 58 Leesdale.

OLAN KEVIN KENNEALLY, son of Kevin and Barbara, "Cluin", Merlyn Lawn.



### Home Visitation

HAVING VISITED the people of Parkway, Fr. Denis will begin the Bishopstown Ave. area this week. Fr. Bernard is still visiting Model Farm Road; this week from the 'Rendezvous' west. Fr. John will shortly be completing Wilton Gardens.

### Presidential Election

IT'S GREAT TO see someone of the calibre of Maire Mulcahy going forward for the Presidency of U.C.C. Maire has always been a 'leading light' in parish life, making a major contribution to our previous Pastoral Group - we wish her well.

Another parishioner is running for the Governing Body - Donal Hurley of Wilton Avenue. Have we any other aspiring Governing Body members?



## Good Neighbours

"NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH" seems a great way to put the Christian ideal into practice; it's a way of minding our neighbours.

Farranlea have blazed a trail with it in our parish; the news from there is that it is going very well.

Now KENLEY are to join the scheme. Locals are invited to an information meeting to launch it, in Bishopstown GAA Club on Wednesday night at 8.30. (23rd Nov.)

Residents Association officers Peter Fitzgerald and Paddy Rooney ask that one from each household attends the meeting.

## ODDs & ENDS

### A-Kind-Of-Retreat

FOR THE first time ever, an Advent retreat is planned for our Ministers of the Eucharist. Fr. Bernard was delighted when over 30 of them made the commitment to attend.

It begins this Monday night at 8.15 pm in the Crypt, and continues over 4 Mondays. The format will be that of the "Advent Parish Programme" produced by Veritas.

Ministers should also note that they can pick up their new rota at the Church this Sunday.

### Have A Look!

WE HAVE two samples of possible interior lighting installed in the Church. Parishioners must decide which one we'll go for. Have a look some evening, and tell us!



EACH SUNDAY, your Parish Bulletin has a column on the Bible, to help you grow in knowledge of God's Word. Don't miss your weekly Sunday Bulletin!



### **Bible Study**

ABRAHAM, who lived between 2000 and 1500 B.C., was called the father of the Chosen People. He led the semi-nomadic life of a sheep-farmer, typical of the ancestors (Patriarchs) of the Jewish nation.

God made a Covenant, a solemn spoken agreement, with Abraham that he would give rise to a great nation, who would inherit a Land. (see the Book of Genesis, Chap. 15)

Abraham was a man of outstanding faith, prepared to sacrifice his son, Issac, at God's command. There are numerous references to him in the New testament. St. Paul draws attention to his faith in the Letter to the Romans 4 and Galatians 3. Faith in Christ makes us true descendants of Abraham.

## **URGENT**

WE INVITE competent electrical contractors to tender for a new lighting system for the Church to be installed before Christmas. Specifications may be had at the C.P. Centre from Wed. 23rd Nov. (mornings 9.30 - 12.30).

APOLOGIES! Due to pressure of space the following have been held over: "The Story of 1'Arche", the 'Farewell For Now' Reflection, and the Letters Column. Until next week...

## **\*MEDIA COMMENT\***

'MY PERCEPTION OF GOD', explained Jean, 'was through the Church'. Jean was speaking on Kevin O'Kelly's radio programme ADDENDUM and she was not exactly enamoured of priests!

She was poor and she had lived on the streets with her son for a year. Jean had come to know God through a nun and a young student for the priesthood ...'but, Thank God, he didn't become a priest!'

Her God was a God for the poor, the middle-class, the rich. All had to meet the challenge.

'Heaven' said Jean, 'isn't automatic for the poor'.

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'POPPIES ONLY GROW on recently disturbed ground and the graves at Enniskillen are fresh enough to yeild a bumper crop'. So said one of the comments in a Sunday newspaper.

The humble poppy is the latest symbol for disunity in a nation that is still suffering the growing pains of freedom. We have a long way to go!

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A YEAR AFTER Enniskillen, in remembering all who have died by violent means, perhaps lighting a ReHab Friendship Candle would be suitably symbolic?

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THE RICH GET RICHER while the poor get poorer.

Do you find it hard to reconcile the fact that our experts tell us the economy is 'shaping up' while more and more people are getting closer and closer to the poverty line?

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If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?  
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## NOTICE BOARD

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### Your Help Please

SUNDAY 27TH Nov. marks the annual church collection for St. Anne's Adoption Society. You might remember to bring a little extra to Mass that day.

### Honouring Christ Our King

SR. MARIE CELINE tells me that to honour Christ the King, there'll be exposition in the Poor Clares Chapel this Sunday from after 10 Mass to 5.00 P.M. She adds: "People might come and say a few prayers." Amen to that!

### Where's our Brightest Area?

WE'LL HAVE our second ever Parish Table Quiz soon - on Thurs. 1st Dec. Last time round, the Bishops-town Avenue team won - who'll it be this time? We expect at least one team from each of the 12 areas!

### A Reminder

A 100% attendance is expected at the November meeting of Contact People - on Tuesday night at 8 in the Crypt. Those unable to attend should contact a committee member.

### Christmas Dues

TWO REMINDERS: If you're paying by cheque, please make it payable to the priest of your area (his name is on the Dues Envelope) AND if you're delivering your dues personally to one of the curates, drop your envelope inside the inner door at 1 or 2 Woodlawn. Thanks!

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### Erratum

Please correct p.14 of your Parish Directory to read as follows:

### MASSES

SUNDAYS First Mass Saturday 7.30 pm.; Sunday 9.00, 10.00 11.00 & 12.15.  
HOLYDAYS: Eve of Holyday 7.30 pm.; Holydays 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m.  
WEEKDAYS etc: as is.

## SIGNS OF LIFE

### ORDINATION

EVERYBODY LOVES LISTS! How about a list of "the 9 most frequently heard questions on home visitation"? (in one priest's experience!)

1. "Have you a housekeeper?"
2. "You're from Kanturk/Midleton/Schull/Bantry/Bandon/Dunmanway/Kinsale/.....aren't you?"
3. "Do you get home often?"
4. (Once Summer Time begins) "Are you going away on holidays this year?"
5. (Until Winter Time begins) "Where did you go on holidays this year?"
6. (Nov. / Dec.) "You'll be busy now coming up to Christmas?"
7. (Feb./March) "You'll be busy coming up to Easter?"
8. (April) "You'll be busy with the Confirmations?"
9. (May) "You'll be busy with the First Communions?"

Interesting, isn't it? The questions, I think, show a genuine concern for priests' health and welfare - something priests really treasure.

But while priests are busy at Christmas, Easter etc., we're also busy at times when few see us working - visiting homes, schools, hospitals, celebrating baptisms, marriages, funerals, praying, going to meetings, counselling, diocesan involvements etc. etc.

It's a busy life. And a fulfilling life. Above all, a life which makes me very happy to be a priest.

*The section on ORDINATION was composed by Fr. Bernard. For the four Sundays of Advent, the focus will be on the Sacrament of RECONCILIATION.*