

# BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

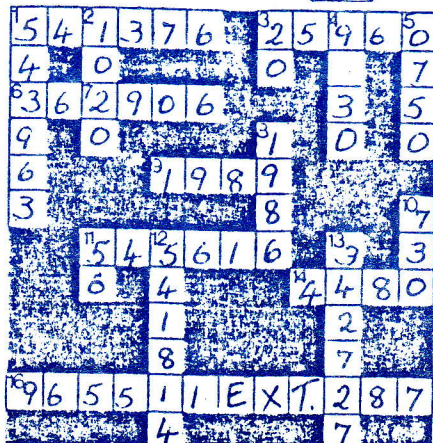
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## Number Crossword

1st. Betty & Terry Lawton,  
Bishopstown Ave., West.

Correct solutions also received  
from:

Sr. Brendan, St. Catherine's.  
Colm Linehan, Wilton Road.  
Sean O'Brien, Wilton Road.  
Arthur O'Callaghan, Farranlea  
Grove.

## A Hard One!

THE NUMBER CROSSWORD proved a bit  
too hard for many.

It was the question of how many  
have served on the Pastoral Council  
that caught most.

Remember 12 were elected, there  
were 5 parish team members, and 2  
co-opted, and one more co-opted to  
replace one who went away (= 20!).  
Even the Poor Clares got that  
wrong!

## Solution to Bible Quiz:-

1. Donkey 2. Ruth 3. Anointing
4. Yahwey 5. Sweetness 6. Simon
7. Isaac 8. Titus 9. Cain
10. Hagar 11. Armageddon
12. Matthias.

Seasonal Date: Christmas Day.



## Bible Quiz (continued)

No correct solution was  
received. The stumbling  
block was the need for  
"donkey" to give the  
'd' for Christmas Day.  
The following were  
nearly correct:

Sr. Brendan, Marion Heffernan,  
Margaret Laide, Betty & Terry  
Layton, Ann & Arthur O'Callaghan.

## Christmas Crossword

1st Sr. Margaret, St. Catherine's

Correct solutions also received  
from;

Sr. Brendan, St. Catherine's.  
Lily Casey, Bendemeer Park.  
Mary Fleming, Kenley Crescent.  
Mgt. Laide, Wilton Gardens.  
Betty & Terry Layton.  
Linehan Family, Wilton Road.  
Sean O'Brien, Wilton Road.



## A Faux Pas....

THE EDITOR is evidently not a dog  
lover. The first clue in the  
crossword mixed up a red setter  
with the Irish wolfhound.

Apologies to dog lovers, cross-  
word doers, and to Irish Bus!





## SIGNS OF LIFE

### MARRIAGE

FOR ALMOST 2000 years Western Society accepted that marriage was to one person forever. It was a covenant between two individuals as God had made a Covenant between himself and his people. The importance of marriage, family and children was clearly understood and most couples stayed together "For better or for worse". The Graces received on the Wedding Day helped the couples through the hard times and they could also rely on their extended families and neighbours for support when needed.

Nowadays, Divorce is put forward as a solution to a marriage when problems appear, with emphasis on fulfilment of the individual, right to freedom and happiness. Rights of partner or children in the marriage are seen as restrictions. People have higher expectations, more leisure time and they can be disappointed or bored in a marriage relationship.

The Church, however, continues to stress the importance of Marriage but realises that many good marriages foundered because the couple were ill prepared. To help overcome this problem, couples must give three months' notice to the priest of their intention to marry and must have attended a pre-marriage course.

Many marriages do run into problems but counselling sessions by the Catholic Marriage Advisory Service in the Family Centre at Paul Street have proved helpful to many couples down the years.

Noreen Linehan

## Rest In Peace

EILEEN CROWLEY, Wilton Gardens, died suddenly two days before Christmas. While Fr. John was in the house bringing Communion to her sister, Eileen collapsed and died. She was buried on St. Stephen's Day. May she rest in peace.

JIM O'SULLIVAN, Woodlawn, died after a long illness. He was known as a gentle character, who always spoke well of others. At the Funeral Mass on New Year's Eve Fr. Bernard spoke of his great patience with suffering. Our sympathy goes to his wife Maureen, and family Eleanor and Philip.

EILIS NI SHEAGHDHA, Wilton Gardens, died on New Year's Day, to the great sadness of her husband Thomas and her family. Her many neighbours and friends who paid their respects spoke of her as a real lady, gentle and kind. Fr. John highlighted her deep spiritual convictions at the Funeral Mass.

## BAPTISED

### A New Parishioner

BAPTISED ON the last day of the old year was -

ELLEN ELIZABETH RYAN, Wilton Road, daughter of Dr. Paddy and Catherine.

Other recent baptisms include: JOHN ALEXANDER WALSH, son of Gerard and Ann, newcomers to 20 Merlyn Ln. CIARA JANE EYNON, first daughter of Jeff and Kathleen (nee Carr, Bendemeer Park). They live in Romford, Essex.

ROSS JAMES LEACY, son of Glenn and Carol (nee Mulcahy, Highfield Lawn). They now live in Dundalk.







## Good Neighbours

WHAT'S SO special about 'Benvon', Bishops court Rd? "Nothing at all" the neighbours will tell you. It is in fact a TRAINING FOR LIVING home for six young men.

'Mrs. O' as she is fondly called, looks after them - although she insists she doesn't really do this. She guides them to look after themselves. She has been with them since the house was established by the Rosminian Fathers, Upton, in 1974. Two of the original residents are still there. Mrs. O and her partner, Maria, live in the house on alternate weeks. They are ably assisted by Bernice, a more recent recruit.

All the young men are in constant open employment and they come and go on their own. It is a great joy to all concerned that they have become so much part of the community. They are always invited to take part in local activities. The trophies and medals taking pride of place in the bedrooms are evidence of their sporting achievements.

Mrs. O speaks warmly of their co-operative and considerate nature, of their gentle graces. The employers of some have asked her, "Could you send me any more?"

There is no doubt that this is a family. Mrs. O, Maria and Bernice, like all 'mothers' are dedicated to caring, guiding, counselling, organizing...loving.

A family living nearby pays them the nicest compliment - "They are really lovely neighbours".

## MEDIA COMMENT

THE MEDIA reflects the state of the world. Looking back over 1988, it surely holds the mirror up to a very troubled world indeed. With a new openness in East-West relationships, we might overlook the fact the mankind still finds it almost impossible to live at peace.

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WHAT A far cry this world of ours is from the Eden that God created. On this wonderful planet we have fertile soil in abundance, great forests, water, sun and rain. We denude the earth, cut down the forests and pollute the water. We are prepared to fight to the death for some insignificant piece of our planet.

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CHRIST WAS born in a stable in a small village in an occupied land. Two thousand years later the area is still not at peace. Will we ever learn?

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WHAT MUST we learn? We can learn from the prophets who tell us that, whatever the schemes of men, it is ultimately what God ordains that will come about.

We can learn from the Christ-child that we, too, must be as children and humbly believe in a God who knows best for us.

We must learn that Christ has asked us to love the enemy, the terrorist, the child molester, the rapist, the attacker of old men and women.

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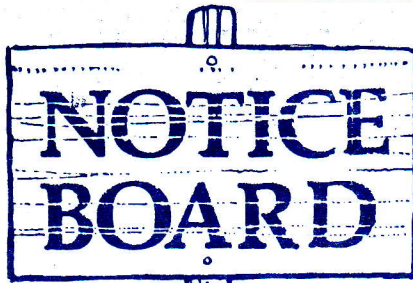
IT'S VERY hard, isn't it? But if the Media shows anything, it points out the futility of hitting back, of playing God.

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LET US hope that the Media, in 1989 will reflect a saner, happier world.  
HAPPY NEW YEAR !

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## Farewell



### Departure Approaches

A FINAL REMINDER that Sr. Frances will be leaving the parish within the week.

The Mass of thanks is on this Monday night at 7.30 pm. We hope all her many friends will be there. Both Karisma and the Senior Choir will help make it a meaningful liturgy.

### Church Collectors

MEETING ON Monday 16th January at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt.

### So Soon.....

BELIEVE IT or not, next Sunday is already the third Sunday of January. Once again, we'll be asking the help of our many distributors in dropping round the Bulletins to the homes of the parish. We are grateful to them.

### Premiere....

DOMINIC COFFEY of St. Clare's Ave. one of our Readers for many years, is also a well-known film maker. His most recent film is a documentary entitled "The Miracle of Lourdes".

A screening has been arranged for Wednesday night next at 8.00 in La Verna Hall (Grattan Street) followed by light refreshments.

Admission is free, and a full supporting programme of light-hearted award winning movies is promised. It should be a great night's viewing!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB resumes Monday, 9th at C.P. Centre. 2:30 - 4:30 pm.

### NEW SUPPORT GROUP

"BEGINNING EXPERIENCE" is for bereaved or separated people. It offers those who have lost a spouse a special experience - an opportunity to turn pain into an adventure in grace

- a time to heal
- a time to begin again

Sr. Mary Dineen is organising a "Beginning Experience" weekend in Ennismore from 27-29 January. It is for men or women who have worked through the initial, extremely tender period of grief.

If you're interested, contact Sr. Mary in the Family Centre, Paul St. (phone 273213) or one of the parish team.

### Marriage Preparation

COUPLES PREPARING for marriage today need all the help and support available. A pre-marriage course is on offer at the School of Commerce. It will be of particular help to Newly Engaged Couples and covers such topics as:

- House Purchase
- Human Reproduction
- Relationships
- Family Planning
- Budgeting & Money Management
- Marriage is for Life.

The next course commences on Wed. 11th January. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Bookings taken at O.M.A.S.32 Washington Street, 272213 - office hours.

