



# BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

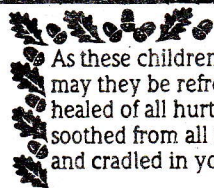
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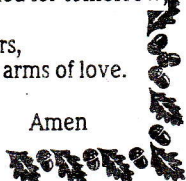
## A Little Bit Of Useless Information!

DID YOU KNOW That Mark was the most popular name given at Baptism in our parish in 1988 ? (There were 3 of them). The following names were chosen twice each:- John, Seán, Stephen, Francis, Louise, Emer.



As these children sleep, dear Lord,  
may they be refreshed for tomorrow,  
healed of all hurts,  
soothed from all fears,  
and cradled in your arms of love.

Amen



## MORE BAPTISMS THAN DEATHS IN 1988

STATISTICS CAN seem to be cold, lifeless things, but they have their uses. Here, for instance, is a table of the Baptisms and Deaths in the 12 Pastoral Council areas of the parish. These figures tell their own story.....

	Baptisms	Deaths
Farranlea	1	1
Model Farm Road	2	7
Kenley	7	0
Parkway	4	0
Leesdale	5	0
Bishopscourt	3	1
Bishopstown Ave.	1	3
Laburnum	3	4
Wilton Gardens	1	3
Wilton Road	2	2
Glasheen	3	7
College Road/ Magazine Road	4	7
	36	35

P.S. It's interesting to note that the number of Baptisms is about the same as 1987 (35), but the number of Deaths is greatly reduced. (1987 total = 62)

## Farewell Sister Frances

"YOU IN Ballineaspig are articulate and influential. You could move mountains without ever leaving home. Keep asking - why does emigration have to be?" So said Sr. Frances at the end of the Mass of Thanksgiving to mark her departure to work with emigrants in London.

The liturgy was rich with meaning. Old friends Fr. Eddie Kechan and Fr. Tadhg O'Mathúna joined with the priests of the parish for the celebration. Canon McSweeney sent his good wishes.

And people from all areas of the parish came to say 'farewell'. They heard the Senior Choir and Karisma share their gifts with the assembly. They heard appropriate readings by Ann Horgan and Suzanne McCarthy, who were in the first batch of Ministers trained by Sr. Frances.

And they heard our Parish Priest pay tribute to the Mercy Sisters. He reminded us that their breadth of vision had taken the Sisters out to the Crimea in the last century. And that the same vision was still responding to new needs - as in the case of Sister Frances.

Afterwards the Crypt was packed for a procession of presentations. Rosarii Murphy spoke for the Pastoral Council, which represents all the people of the parish. Ann Canty spoke for the Síol groups and some others.

Josephine Keating's presentation was on behalf of Karisma and Pat



Keane's on behalf of the Collectors. Billy O'Brien spoke for the people of Leesdale. The final presentation, a lovely bouquet of flowers, was by Jane Horgan on behalf of the Altar Boys (and future Altar Girls!) And all enjoyed tea and refreshments, prepared by Pastoral Council members.

All in all a great night, a fitting end, a worthy send-off. All Sr. Frances asks now is continuing prayers.

P.S. The Echo printed a lovely colour photo of the event on the front of last Tuesday's edition - a good souvenir (if you can get it!).



## *Rest in Peace*

MARY BUCKLEY, "Dunworley", Woodleigh Park, died unexpectedly on Fri. Jan. 6th. A native of Carrigania near Macroom, she came to live with her sisters in Woodleigh some ten years ago.

She suffered the loss of her sight in an accident over forty years ago, but bore her affliction with exemplary calm and resignation. Her gentle manner and lively interest in people endeared her to all who knew her. May she rest in peace.

## **BAPTISED**

WE WELCOME to our Community a new member - the first of 1989:

MICHAEL FANNY, first child of Pádraig and Mary, "Mt. Alverna", 2 Bishopstown Road. Congratulations!

Nothing is so strong as gentleness:  
nothing so gentle as real strength.

*Francis de Sales*

### For Reference

IF YOU NEED a priest urgently at any time, day or night, ring 362906, and ask for a priest from Dennehy's Cross Parish. It might be a good idea to write this number into your phone-book.

## **LETTERS**

28 Churchview Estate,  
Ballincollig.

Dear Editor,

Most parents want very much to pass on their faith to their children. For this reason, they bring their children to Sunday Mass, even at a very young age. Their intentions are noble and praiseworthy, but a little misguided, I feel.

Last Sunday at the 12.15 Mass, Dean O'Connor had great difficulty keeping track of his own sermon because of the "race" in the aisles between various kids. Added to this, there was a considerable level of "noise and chatter" all around the Church. I don't blame the children (neither did the Dean!) but I would like to make a suggestion:-

Why not have a Children's Mass on Sunday morning in the Crypt. The sermon and singing could easily be adapted for the purpose. The parents could accompany the kids and thus assure their "religious education".

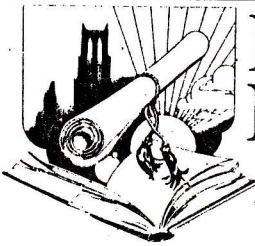
This would considerably relieve the situation at the other Masses, both for the priest and the congregation. The advantage of this solution over the crèche is the kids would be "getting Mass".

It's worth thinking about.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis Kelly

EDITOR: Any other views ?





## Parish NEWS

### New Look For The Poor Clares

VISITORS to the Poor Clares public chapel will see big changes. The grille which separates the nuns from the chapel has been updated. The new addition contains a beautifully worked representation of the chalice and host. Also, the new grille can be completely opened for both daily Masses (7.30 & 10)

### First Book in Print

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS to parishioner Tony McNamara, Bishops court Avenue, on his publication of a collection of poetry. Entitled "Mary", it came out in 1988. In his Introduction, Bishop Buckley expressed appreciation for its publication during Marian Year.

### Expanding Horizons

OUR PARISH continues to expand. Christmas saw the arrival of the very first family to the new development called "Rossbrook" (opposite the Tennis Village). We warmly welcome the Kehoe Family.

And two families moved in to the new part of Kenley Crescent at about the same time: the Healys from Kenley Road, and the Fogarty/Buckley family from Croaghta Park.

### Have A Good Rest!

OUR VERY OWN David McInerney, Cork's famous entertainer, has retired from Cork Harbour Commissioners. This big event follows closely on another - his becoming a grandfather for the first time. He coped, with typical wit: "It's not so bad being a grandfather", he remarked, "but I never thought I'd be going to bed with a granny!" We all wish both grandparents a happy retirement!

## \*MEDIA COMMENT\*

WHAT MAN PROPOSES ... We certainly saw the plans of so many people end in the horror of the airliner crash at Kegworth on Sunday night last. We saw, too, the heroism, the brave-ry, the courage that such a tragedy brings out in people.

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THE DEATH of Emperor Hirohito of Japan evoked mixed feelings. The atrocities committed in his name during World War II were paralleled by Hitler's massacre of the Jews, the purges of Stalin and, since, by the killings in Vietnam and Cambodia and elsewhere.

War is always obscene and brings out, in a particularly savage way, man's inhumanity to man.

SR. FRANCES is not the only trail-blazer in the Mercy order!! How good to see Tabor Lodge, previously Ballindeasig House, a holiday home for Mercy nuns, being converted for use as a treatment centre for chemically dependant people, those addicted to drugs, alcohol and more.

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CARING PARENTS will be pleased at the lead given by the Great Southern Hotel in Galway. Conscious of their responsibility in the matter of under-age drinking, they did not apply for a bar extension for the Kylemore Abbey Graduation Dance.

We may yet see an awakening of the collective social conscience in the whole area of alcohol and chemical abuse.



## NOTICE BOARD

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### Bi-lingual Mass

ON THE THIRD SUNDAY of each month - and thus on this Sunday - the 9.00 Mass at Dennehy's Cross is partly in Irish and English. Leaflets are provided, so why not come along? Fáilte roimh cách!

### Why Not Educate Yourself!

CARMEL MURPHY of Wilton Road has news of all the various Adult Ed. Courses at Bishopstown Community School. They include everything from photography to assertiveness, from vegetarian cooking to cake decoration. Enrolment is Wed. 18th from 7.00 - 9.00 P.M. For further information, please phone 544311.

### Prayer for Unity

FR. EDDIE KEOHAN tells me that the annual ecumenical prayer service is on Sunday 22nd at 3.30 pm. The venue is Trinity Presbyterian Church at the end of McCurtain Street, and Bishop Buckley will preside.

### An Interesting Night Out

ADRIAN SNELL, who communicates his Christian faith through song, will perform at Connolly Hall on Sat. 21st January at 8.00 pm. Contact Martha Hayes 341398. Cost £3.50.

### Re-Starting

BISHOPSTOWN I.C.A reopens on Thursday 19th January.

## SIGNS OF LIFE

### MARRIAGE

EXPERTS TELL us that marriages that fail most often have four characteristics:

- they involve teenagers
- neither is employed
- the couple live in a flat
- they marry because of pregnancy.

Priests do not want marriages to fail. That is why they insist on two things:-

#### 1) 3 Months Notice

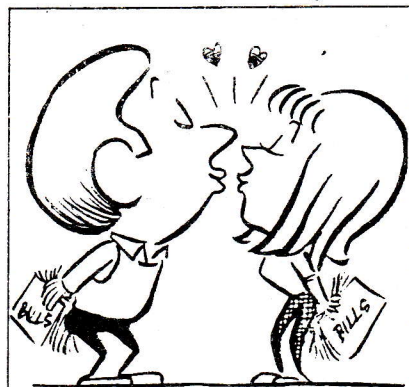
This is the absolute minimum notice for marriage in a Catholic Church. The notice should be given to one of the priests in the parish where each of the couple is living.

#### 2) Pre-Marriage Course

This, too, is a must. Two options: (a) CMAC organise various courses, but ask about 6 months notice in booking. Younger couples find this course helpful. Phone 275678.

(b) Engaged Encounter provide live-in weekends in Ennismore. Mature couples report favourably of them. Phone 883373.

And finally, a good book:- "A Wedding of Your Own" by Padraig McCarthy contains a readable introduction to the Sacrament, practical checklists, as well as the complete selection of readings for the day. Price £5.95 in Easons or Veritas, Bridge Street.



### **A Good Marriage**

A happy marriage exists when the couple is as deeply in love as it is in debt.