



# BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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## *Thank You*

I SHOULD like to say a sincere 'Thank You' to all involved in making last Monday night such a memorable occasion for me.

I should like to have been able to individually thank all who sent such kind messages of affection and contributions towards my new work in London. I appreciate your solidarity and thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to the various groups who organised presentations to me and a special thank you to my friends in the BCA - Monica Payne, Breda Scully, Ken Whyte for their presence and support.

I shall pray for you all and will never forget my 14 very happy years in Ballineaspaig.

Sr. Frances

### After the Farewells.....

MANY HAVE asked for Sr. Frances' new address, which is:

Sr. Frances Cummins,  
Mercy Convent,  
88 Hardinge Street,  
Commercial Road,  
London E1 OEB.

Tel No: 031-790-1459 )  
031-790-5214 ) 9.15 a.m.

Life's a voyage that's homeward bound.

Herman Melville

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS?

### JEAN DONOVAN CONFERENCE

THIS ANNUAL event brings many distinguished speakers to U.C.C. This year is no exception. Dr. Emilio Mignone, whose daughter was kidnapped and murdered by the military, will speak on the theme "Witness to the Truth - The Church in Dictatorship in Latin America".

Other speakers will be Prof. Theo Witvliet, University of Amsterdam on "Liberation Theology and Political Commitment", and Mr. Hugh O'Shaughnessy, Latin American correspondent, Observer, on the subject of "Church and Dictatorship in Chile and Haiti".

Dr. Gary MacEoin, journalist and author, speaks on Latin American Refugees and the U.S. and Sr. Pamela Hussey on "Christian Commitment in El Salvador".

The conference begins on Friday night at 8.00 and runs right through Saturday (27th and 28th Jan). Further details from Dept. of Adult Education, U.C.C.

## *A Reflection*

So I went forth and, finding the hand of God,  
Trode gladly into the night.  
And He led me toward the hills  
And the breaking of the day in the lone East.





## SIGNS OF LIFE

### MARRIAGE

#### Marriage (What it means to me)

OUR MARRIAGE is an expression of the strength of our love for each other. The strength of our love is our ability to say 'We will grow old together'. Our love is always. Our marriage is our trust, our understanding, our patience, our forgiveness, our kindness. We take each other for what we are and for what we will become. Our love has no limits.

In the unity of our marriage we must be able to grow as a couple but even more important we must be able to grow as individuals. I see this as one of the most important ingredients for a successful marriage. Our unity must strengthen our individuality.

Marriage is not an ownership. As your marriage grows, a great sense of security and trust also grows. You know in your heart

your partner would never want to hurt you. There is a mutual respect which gives you room to grow.

Let me be. Let me be what I am capable of becoming.

If one of the partners tends to be more dominating in the marriage than the other, then they should use their skills to help the other to learn the importance of one's self. There should always be a helping hand for each other, a helping hand that knows when to let go. Marriage is like a new life. You have to be like a child again and be prepared to learn new ways, new responsibility, new love. Nothing will ever be the same again. You have to leave your family and start your own home and your own family. Your number one is your partner. Your partner must come first in your life and his or her needs must be your first concern. Your love for one another will tell you this naturally. Always show an interest in what your partner is doing.

To grow in love you need someone to care. Marriage and love must grow to survive.

Gerald O'Connor



### Bible Study

Some points to consider:

- The New Testament consists of 4 Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, Letters of Paul, Peter, James, Jude and John, author of the visionary Book of Revelation.

- These writers quote most of the Old Testament Books.
- The Old Testament Books are collected under headings of Law, History, Wisdom, Prophets.
- Hebrew and Aramaic are the languages of the Old, Greek the language of the New Testament.
- The word "Testament" arriving through Greek and Latin, signifies "Covenant" or agreement of which there are two: the Old Covenant of God with the Israelites, and the New Covenant of Jesus.



## *Did You Know?*

YOU HAVE heard of Basic Christian Communities? Their star is still rising in South America. But have you heard of CFM (The Christian Family Movement)? If not you have a treat in store!

It too is a basic Christian community, six married couples and a spiritual director (priest, brother or nun) gathering together to share what it means to be a Catholic today.

They meet once a month in each other's homes, tea and biscuits only (no vying in culinary arts!) for vibrant and stimulating discussions about the faith

- where it pinches and crunches
- how it helps or hinders
- how the teaching works
- in the kitchen
- or in the bed
- or in the work place

Christianity live! and the group is not just all talk, it acts. Action is vital.

CFM is more even than this. Your group will soon become life-long friends. Your faith will take on a deeper meaning. You will grow wiser and happier together.

CFM is Catholicism with a happy face, ideal for elder couples wanting to belong and for young couples rearing children who want to meet others who are living out the faith.

We will help you to form a group, or would you prefer to just settle for the mediocre?

Two groups will soon be meeting in the parish. If you are interested, please contact Brendan and Noirin Linehan at 541669.

## *\*MEDIA COMMENT\**

"MORALS? CAN'T afford 'em, gov'nor." Simon Jenkins, in a 2-part series in the Sunday Times, quotes Mr. Doolittle's quip to sum up his case that a busy society hasn't the time to be moral and caring.

He suggests that the older generation are preoccupied with sexual morality which many young people see as an invasion of their privacy. At the same time, many young people are critical of their elders for the latter's immorality in the matter of wealth and the environment.

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THE BRUSSELS BONANZA (up to £200 million is expected to be made available to Ireland) would appear to be good news. But for whom? The Psychiatric Services, the Community Care Programme will certainly not benefit. Instead their budget is being reduced once more.

The voice of the poor, the mentally handicapped, the elderly, does not reach as far as Brussels.

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THE VARIOUS Christian Churches have expressed a wish to become involved in the new era of Cork local radio.

The Campaign to separate Church and State says it "does not trust the institutional church interests on the question of impartial religious broadcasting".

Do YOU have a view?

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IT NOW APPEARS that drugs are being tested to make soldiers more courageous, when needed, or helped to be more alert, or to sleep, when that is required.

Pretty warped thinking, isn't it? Man as fighting machine - but now controlled by drugs.

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## NOTICE BOARD

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GROW : Mutual Help Organization  
Meeting every Wednesday at 8.00pm  
at S.M.A. Hall, Wilton. All are  
welcome.

- Programme: helping people to  
cope with stress, anxiety,  
depression....

We are looking for "FRIENDS OF  
GROW" who would be a fund-raising  
committee for financing the ren-  
ovation of our centre. What about  
some of our retired parishioners?  
Anyone prepared to give time to  
this worthwhile project should  
contact Pat Hegarty at GROW office,  
11 Liberty Street, phone 277520.

### Contact People - Reminder

A TALK for Contacts and Parishioners  
on Tues. 24th in the Crypt at 8 pm.  
Tom Ryan, Welfare Officer, will  
speak about services available for  
all citizens. This should be of  
interest to all.

These cold winter frosts and  
wind have come. We ask all  
parishioners to be mindful of the  
sick and housebound.

### Adult Education

JEAN DONOVAN Conference on Friday/  
Saturday 27-28 January.  
Option for the Poor - The Churches  
and Dictatorship in Latin America.  
Conference, including lunch £25.  
Conference only £15.  
Conference only fulltime students £5.  
Venue: Lecture Room 1, Boole Library,  
Quadrangle, U.C.C.

### Microwave Cookery Course

LEARN TO make full use of your  
Microwave Oven at a Course start-  
ing in Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig,  
on Wed. 1st February at 7.45 p.m.  
For details phone 870229.

### Síol Retreat

A GROUP will be meeting on Wednesday  
nights in St. Catherine's Convent  
at 8.00 beginning 8th February.  
Those interested please contact  
Carmel O'Shea (545781) or Sister  
Margaret (541376) as soon as poss-  
ible as numbers are limited.

Information re Síol is in our  
Parish Directory, page 25.

### Legion of Mary

WE ARE looking for new members.  
Weekly meeting on Tuesday in the  
C.P. Centre at 7.15 p.m.

### Holy Show

THE CLOYNE 'Holy Show' will present  
a variety concert at the Opera  
House on Sunday 29th January at  
8.00 p.m. in aid of Psychiatric  
Services of Cork City and County.

## BAPTISED

We welcome a new member into our  
parish community -  
RIAN CHRISTINE O'REGAN, daughter  
of Michael and Regina Cronin,  
Model Farm Road.



*Rest in Peace*

ALICE McCarthy, Liam Lynch Park,  
died on 14th January after a brief  
illness. Our condolences to her  
daughters, Anne and Catherine,  
and families, who had cared for  
Alice since her husband died in  
November 1987.

WE NOTE with regret the death in  
Dungarvan of our former parishioner  
MR. LIAM O'SHEA, of "Maretimo",  
Model Farm Road. He was a gentle  
and kindly person, much loved.  
Our sympathy goes to his family.