



BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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PARISH MISSION 5th. - 12th. MARCH

Sunday 5th. at 7.00p.m.

Week days at 7.30p.m.

Homily at 7.30a.m. & 10.00a.m. Masses

Penance Service - Thursday 9th. at 7.30p.m.

Mass for Sick and Elderly at 3.00p.m. Saturday

Closing Session - Sunday 12th. at 5.00p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the success of our Mission. You may like to use the Mission Prayer on the leaflet which has been delivered to your home.

Make a special effort to to attend each day and encourage your family to come with you. The Oblate Fathers will have a warm welcome for you.

If you are coming by car you might invite a neighbour who has no transport.



Your Help, Please...

SHORTLY, we will be looking for a new "batch" of Ministers of the Eucharist. Ministers, as you know, serve for three years, and retire on Pentecost Sunday (which this year falls in mid-May)

You are invited to nominate possible new Ministers. There may be someone in your area, on your street, or even in your family who would seem suitable for this special ministry.

If there is, please get in touch with one of the Parish Team. Naturally, the team will make the final decision on the selection of new Ministers. We ask you to help us in the process.

I NOMINATE

WHO LIVES AT

Signed:

Forms must be returned to the C.P. Centre on or before Sunday, 5th March.

Sunday's Message for You

for this thy brother was dead
and is alive again



Like the prodigal father, we are to be daily on the lookout for the return of these persons whom we deservedly condemn for their sins and find incompatible. God "has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us. This makes us ambassadors for Christ, God as it were appealing through us."



Rest in Peace

HANNAH MURPHY, 57 Leesdale, died at home after a brief illness. Our sincere sympathy to her daughter Eleanor, and sons Gerard and Nicholas.

ANN MARIE MOYNIHAN, 104 Leesdale, 15 year old daughter of Denis and Margaret, died in St. Finbarr's Hospital after a lengthy illness. Our sincere sympathy to her parents, brother Humphrey, and family.

"Let the little ones come to me," says the Lord.



Congratulations to Charlie and Sheila O'Connor, Woodlawn on the birth of their first child RORY. He came into the world a little before time, and was baptised and confirmed in the Bons. We're delighted to report that he is making great progress.

A double celebration for the Coffeys of Wilton Gardens recently. Two daughters of the house had children christened by Fr. John Coffey, O.S.A. The newcomers are MAEVE MARGARET GALVIN, daughter of Garry and Patricia who live in Ennis, and CIAN BRYAN WILLIAM DEASY son of Kevin and Geraldine (The Lough).

We welcome to the parish all those recently baptised -
NIAMH MCCARTHY, daughter of Christy and Anne, 66 Leesdale.
EMILY Kennefick, daughter of Richard and Mary Jane, Laburnum.
DEBORAH HARRIET LYNCH daughter of John and Bernadette, 79 Leesdale.

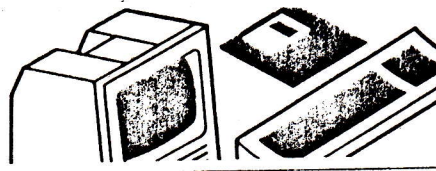
Our Sincere Sympathy

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY goes to Redmond Holland, Laburnum Drive, on the death of his sister Berna.



Bible Study

STORIES ABOUT DANIEL, an Israelite exiled in Babylon, show how he triumphs over ordeals through faith in God. He emerges unharmed from the lions' den, and the three compatriots from a fiery furnace. He interprets dreams for Nebuchadnezzar and explains the writing on the wall at Belshazzar's feast. Both these kings are humbled before God. Daniel's visions, explained by the angel Gabriel, are of the restoration of Jerusalem and the end of persecution. The aim of the Book of Daniel, written after the fall of Jerusalem, was to sustain Israelite hope and present a vision of the New Kingdom. This is APOCALYPTIC writing where a seer looks to the future establishment of God's kingdom.



A Last Request...

NO SIGN of an offer of a computer fan to help the Editor with his Easter Crossword. He is reliably informed (as they say) that a machine connected to a laser-beam printer would be the most suitable. Has any kind parishioner access to such?



MEDIA COMMENT

THE HUMBLE LOAF of bread has become a national issue as did the equally humble potato in the last century. The consequences are unlikely to be as serious, but people will surely suffer.

Is it the old story of greed and avarice? It seems ironic that, while some bakeries 'go to the wall', others can transport bread virtually from one end of the country to the other.

Do we have an economist in the community who can explain why all bakeries cannot produce a loaf of bread at roughly the same price? Or am I being naive?

AN BORD PLEANALA have granted permission to U.S. pharmaceutical giant, Merrell Dow, to build their factory in Killeagh. Many local people are most unhappy with the

decision.

The law has been compiled with and there is an assurance of well paid jobs. There are justified fears for the environment, despite the promises.

It is to be hoped that a just and amicable resolution to everyone's problems will be found.

THERE IS NOTHING new in killing (or threatening to kill) in the name of God or of religion. So why is the world so outraged about the Iranian clamour to kill one man, Salman Rushdie? Like so many others, we Irish have always been pretty good at it.

Sadly, some things never seem to change. Unfortunately, the Western hostages held in Lebanon would now seem to be at even greater risk.

It is a time for calm.

SIGNS OF LIFE

BAPTISM

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK about Baptism.

Q. Why does a priest sometimes refuse to baptize a child of non-practising Catholics? Isn't it discrimination against an innocent baby?

A. The Church will refuse to baptize if there is not a reasonable hope of the child being brought up in the faith. In Baptism a baby cannot make an act of faith. The parents and god-parents make it on his/her behalf. They have a serious responsibility to nurture this faith until in time the child can make his/her own commitment. Without faith the Sacrament has no meaning.

Q. Baptism used to be an intimate, personal occasion. Why does it seem to have been "thrown open to the public?"

A. The presence of a community, ie, relations, friends, neighbours, indicates that baptism is not a private matter. The child is being received into the whole Church of Christ.

Q. Why do parents delay so long these days before getting their babies baptized? If the baby dies will it not be consigned to Limbo?

A. There is nothing in the Bible to suggest the existence of Limbo. The idea of a baby being banished from hope of salvation does not tie in with a loving God. Baptism does not guarantee anything. A baby is loved by God long before we baptise it! In our modern age the "Limbo" theory is more poignant in the face of millions of abortions. We trust in God's mercy that nothing of His creation is lost.

Elsie Harris



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Change of Routine

IT IS IMPORTANT to note that during this week's Mission there will be no evening Mass. The Mission Session at 7.30p.m. each day will replace it.

Also, this Sunday and next, there'll be no Evening Prayer/Benediction. Again, the Mission Sessions will be held in its place.

Note These Times

MASSSES FOR THE week (Mon-Fri) are at 7.30a.m. 9.00 and 10.00 with a special homily at 7.30 and 10.00.

The evening session at 7.30p.m. will include a Scripture-based meditation and sermon.

The two priests, both Oblate Fathers from Inchicore in Dublin, will be available at times to be announced.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD PLEASE NOTE

there is an important meeting next Monday 6th March at 8.00p.m. in the C.P. Centre. It is hoped to begin revising the rota and your presence will simplify the task considerably. Thank you. Fr. John.

First Confession....

DO YOU REMEMBER your First Confession? What kind of experience was it for you? Did you realize that you were celebrating the love and forgiveness of God our Father?

These questions come to mind as we ask you to pray for the boys and girls of St. Catherines School. They will experience for the first time the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 11th March at 4.00p.m.

You are all welcome to partake in the celebration. You may avail of Confession, if you wish.

Parents, Please

REGISTRATION AT Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh, Scoil Cholumbain and Scoil Therese, is on this week, during school hours, at the schools.

Crisis in Marriage

"MARRIAGE IS under more pressure than the priesthood", said Prof Paddy Corish of Maynooth, at a recent conference of priests.

The Catholic Marriage Advisory Council (C.M.A.C.) offers a very positive means of facing the challenge.

For instance, in Cork alone in 1983, they counselled 861 couples, and brought 1,180 through pre-Marriage Courses.

The CMAC Collection is on Sunday 12th March; because of their good work, they deserve your support!

P.E.A.C.E. Week

CARDINAL TOMAS O FIAICH will preach at the PEACE Mass at St. Francis' Church. this Sunday afternoon at 3.30 p.m. Why not attend ?

Other events for the week include a Rosary, Sermon and Benediction for Peace in Wilton on Tuesday night at 7.30 P.M., and a Peace Vigil in the Assumption Convent, Blackpool on Friday night from 8 to midnight.

Parish Cards

WE WERE DELIGHTED with the response to our two new cards.

Many names of sick people were given in last weekend, and all were remembered at our Sunday Masses.

The first few cards have been sent out to sick parishioners. If you hear of the illness of a neighbour or friend, let us know.

Don't let it to "someone else"; wouldn't it be better that we were told twice than never at all!

"WELCOME CARDS" are available at the C.P. Centre daily, for newcomers to the parish. You may collect them between 9.30 and 12.30 daily.