

BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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'Moladh leis an Athair Síorrai
a chruthaigh sinn;
Moladh leis an Aon-Mhac
a cheannaigh sinn;
Moladh leis an Spiorad Naomh
a bheannaigh sinn.
Moladh go deo leis an dTríonóid,
aon Dia amháin. Amen.

OPENING OF PARISH LIBRARY

THIS SUNDAY, 21st May, is a historic day for Ballineaspaig, with the opening of our Parish Library. Located at the C.P. Centre, all the books in it were bought through the kind donations of parishioners. All are invited to the blessing ceremony, to be performed by Fr. Denis straight after 11 o'clock Mass.

Then, from Monday 22nd, the library will be open for business. And, what's more, membership will be FREE to all parishioners!

OPENING HOURS:

Monday to Friday - 10.30 to 11.30
Wednesday - After 7.30 P.M. Mass.
Saturday - After 7.30 P.M. Mass
(Closing both evenings at 8.30)

PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

"BEING A MEMBER of the Council made me really feel part of the Parish - an experience I never felt before, even though I grew up here."

These were Rosarii Murphy's words at the close of the Twentieth meeting of Pastoral, the last in its 2-year term.

She thanked the council members for their commitment to meetings, and for all the hard work done by the eight sub-committees. She added:

"To those of you going forward for re-election - I hope you will be sitting here in October!"

Other matters came up too: The last word on the Chapel of Ease in the Inchagaggin area comes from the Bishop. Boundaries are being examined and decisions will be made when all developments have been assessed.

The Seamus Murphy statue will soon be transferred to the church porch. Plans are also being made to improve and enlarge the notices showing times of Masses at the gates.

Looking ahead, next year's Retreat will be a "Novena to the Holy Spirit" and will take place just before Pentecost.

There will be 13 electoral areas for September's election, instead of the current twelve. The whole

Give to the world the best you have and
the best will come back to you.

Anon.



area east of Wilton Road is being re-divided into 3 constituencies (currently 2).

And finally, our immediate task is to find "election agents" for the new Pastoral Council in October. These agents will be required to call to a number of houses with nomination and voting papers and attend three short meetings in September. We would be delighted to get volunteers!

All that remains for this Council is our Day of Reflection in June. We have tried to serve our fellow-parishioners well. We hope we have justified your trust in us.

OUR CORRESPONDENT over the last two years has been Elsie Harris, who is not seeking re-election. The Bulletin thanks her for keeping us so well informed!



Rest in Peace

TRAGIC DEATH OF PARISHIONER

James Hurley, who lived at "Denville", just east of Dennehy's Cross, died in a freak accident at the Apple Computer factory in Knocknaheeny. He was 35.

The Church was packed both for his Removal and Funeral, and many tears were shed. He is deeply mourned by his wife, Lucy, his two children, his mother, brother and sisters. May the Lord give him rest, and comfort his family.

MARY DUNLEA, Liam Lynch Park, died unexpectedly at the weekend. She was praised at her Funeral Mass for her integrity and cheerfulness. She leaves two sons, a daughter and family.

JULIA GRAINGER, Roger Casement Pk, died at her daughter's home in Mayfield after a long illness. Our sympathies go to her husband

Richard, ten children, family and friends. Fr. John, at the Requiem Mass, commended her good humour and common sense.



A WARM WELCOME to our newest parishioners, recently baptised: AENGUS AILITHIR DIAN O'CORRAIN, son of Donncha and Fidelma, Bishops court Lawn.

SARAH ELIZABETH MEANEY, daughter of Bernie and Delia, Cherry Grove. NIALL BROGAN KEOGH, son of John and Norianne, Cherry Grove.



Bible Study

THE BOOK OF Ecclesiastes contains probably the most pessimistic writing of the entire Bible. Its author, the sage, is preoccupied with the futility and meaninglessness of life seen from the human point of view. The root of this pessimistic outlook is the lack of any prospect of a future life. God is to be feared and his commandments to be kept in fear of his judgement.

In the section of the Bible known as Wisdom writings, the importance of Ecclesiastes is that it demonstrates how the resources of human life are not sufficient for lasting happiness. It is a step forward to an awareness of the need for a future life.

"Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For all his toil under the sun, what does man gain by it?" 1:2-3

SIGNS OF LIFE

THE EUCHARIST

SOME REFLECTIONS FROM FIRST COMMUNICANTS IN ST. CATHERINE'S N.S.

What Do We Do When We Go To Mass?

"Talk to Jesus" - DEIRDRE

"Make friends with God
our Father" - LOUISE

"Talk and pray to God" - AUDREY

"We listen to the readings" - AVRIL

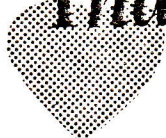
What Does Making Your First Holy Communion Mean?

"I want to make friends
with Jesus" - LORRAINE

"Taking the Bread of Life" - CLARE

"It means eating the Bread of Life
for the first time" - LYNN

Thank You



AT THIS STAGE, the priests of the parish are nearly finished their 'round' of the parish - so that each house should have received at least one visit since September. Fr. Denis, Fr. John and Fr. Bernard are grateful for the warm welcome they received as they went around.

And all three priests say a sincere 'thank you' for your generosity with your Parish Dues over the year. It is great to be able to visit without having to collect them!

BULLETIN TEAM MEMBERS are very much aware that they work in a vacuum. That's why they look for your reactions occasionally, through surveys like the one enclosed in this week's Bulletin. Please help by returning the Survey - why not fill it in NOW! (If there's more than one opinion in your house, please pick up extra copies of the Survey in the C.P. Centre this Sunday!)

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MEDIA COMMENT

WOULD YOU LIKE to sit next to God and eat custard when you get to Heaven? One of Mike Murphy's guests on his Tuesday evening's radio programme, an artist who uses Pretty Polly tights for her 'creations', claims many people try to be good for this very reason!

Perhaps many of us spend our lives trying to be good - but for all the wrong reasons?

IT'S BEEN a busy week, hasn't it? President Gorbachev visited China and probably witnessed the first stirrings of Glasnost and Perestroika there.

President Ortega flew home to Nicaragua after what might be seen as a low-key visit. Hopefully his European tour will succeed in bringing succour to his beleaguered country.

In nearby Panama we see democracy suffer at the hands of General Manuel Noriega. Do we value our democracy, our freedom to speak?

Happier days are ahead, hopefully, in Argentina.

ONCE MORE the collapse of the Banca Ambrosiana is back in the news. The deaths of the two leading figures in the scandal, Roberto Calvi and Michele Sidona, are covered. Archbishop Paul Marcinkus still captures the headlines. Our pilgrim church has come a long way.

PATRICK RYAN, that sometime priest, is still in the news. He is currently Fr. Paddy Ryan, M.E.P. contender.

It is surely to be hoped that the Irish voting public are not so gullible as to fall for such cynical abuse of the Roman collar.

NOTICE BOARD

The Body of Christ

THURSDAY next is the feast of Corpus Christi, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at the Parish Church are at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, at 9, 10, 11, 12.15 on Thursday morning, and again at 7.30 on Thursday evening.

• Procession Sunday

SUNDAY 28th May is a very special day for Cork. It is the day we publicly demonstrate our faith in the Holy Eucharist, with the Cork Procession.

There are changes afoot this year that will make things better for Southsiders! Because, instead of going by Patrick St., the procession will turn down Princes St., on to Oliver Plunkett St, past the Fountain and up the Parade. So we will see the Canopy up close.

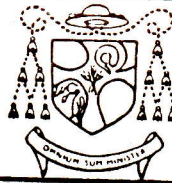
Our Ballineaspig contingent will assemble in the Churchyard at 2.45 and proceed via College Rd. etc. Householders who own bunting or papal or national flags should display these - to honour the Lord and draw attention to the great event in our city.

Collectors Needed

THURSDAY 25th (Corpus Christi) is the Flag Day for the Travelling Children at St. Catherine's School. The proceeds will go towards a holiday for the children on Sherkin Island.

Collectors are badly needed - for the City Centre, Wilton, Ballyvolane and Douglas Shopping Centres. If you could even give one hour at any venue, ring Betty Layton at 544046 or Sister Margaret at 541376.

NEXT WEEK: The 'Gene O'Keeffe Accident Fund' has reached a happy conclusion - read the full story in next week's Bulletin.



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To the People of Cork;

The Annual Peru Collection is on Sunday 28th May. As you know, I visited the Mission at the end of last year. The highlight of that visit was our first Ordination there. That Ordination was the culmination of the hard work, prayers and sacrifices of many people.

It was a sign of hope for the future; the work of many Priests and Sisters over a period of 24 years is now surely bearing fruit.

But there is sadness there also - the sadness of extreme poverty. Two factors contribute to this: the continuing increase in population in our Parishes, now almost 400,000, and the crippling inflation rate of about 2000 % (sic)

The money contributed by the people of Cork & Ross goes mainly to providing basic foodstuffs for hungry people. Last year's Peru collection realised almost £110,000.

On behalf of our people in Peru, I wish to thank you most sincerely for your extremely generous support of the Mission. Without that support, it would not be possible to continue.

Michael

+ Michael,
Bishop of Cork & Ross.

BISHOP MURPHY has asked all parishes to take up "Special Collections" separately in future. (Up to this, we had simply asked all to 'give a little extra' at the Offertory Collection)

In accordance with the Bishop's wishes, our Finance Committee has decided that Special Collections will be taken up at the Church door, from now on. The Peru Collection on 28th May will thus be taken up in this way.

Bulletin survey

THE EDITORIAL TEAM would like to know what you think of your Parish Bulletin. Your answers to the following questions would be appreciated. Please be honest - there's no need to sign!

1. PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:
I READ THE BULLETIN EVERY WEEK () ONCE A MONTH () SELDOM/NEVER ()
2. IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE THERE () WHO READ THE BULLETIN ()
HOW MANY OF THOSE WHO READ IT ARE AGED:
UNDER 15 _____ 15 - 25 _____ 25 - 40 _____ 40 - 65 _____ OVER 65 _____
3. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE PARISH BULLETIN IN GENERAL ?
EXCELLENT () VERY GOOD () GOOD () FAIR () POOR ()
STATE BRIEFLY WHY:
4. DO YOU FEEL THERE IS ANYTHING MISSING FROM THE BULLETIN ? YES () No ()
If 'YES', PLEASE EXPLAIN -

5. HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

	<u>VERY GOOD</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>
ALTERNATIVE SLANTS	()	()	()	()
BIBLE STUDY	()	()	()	()
LETTERS COLUMN	()	()	()	()
MEDIA COMMENT	()	()	()	()
NOTICE BOARD	()	()	()	()
PARISH NEWS COVERAGE	()	()	()	()
"SIGNS OF LIFE" (SERIES ON SACRAMENTS)	()	()	()	()
GENERAL LAYOUT	()	()	()	()

6. HAVE YOU ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ?

(YOU MAY CONTINUE OVER THE PAGE...)

Thank you for your time and co-operation. We would love you to bring the completed form to Mass this Sunday, and drop it in the box at the door. But do return it anyway - by Sunday 28th May at the latest, please. You can always drop it in the C.P. Centre letterbox. Thanks!

You may sign here, if you wish.....