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Definition of an Expert

An expert is an ordinary person
a hundred miles from home.

PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

THE NEWS is that there is no news! The Pastoral Council has come to the end of its 2-year term!

To wind up, a half-day reflection was held at St. Catherine's Convent last weekend, and afterwards Council members enjoyed a social evening together.

September will see the warm up to new elections (mid-September to mid-October). It is not too early to consider who will represent your area in the new Pastoral Council!



WE CONGRATULATE our parishioners who were married in recent months:

BERNADETTE JONES, Wilton Road, married Noel Karney, Mallow.

TIM O'CONNOR, Farranlea Park, married Catherine Williams, Inniscarra.

ROBERT HAY, Wilton Road married Pauline White, Rochestown.

ROSEANNE KEATING, Convent Lane, married Gerard Gallagher, Salthill.

IMELDA O'HANLON, Wilton Avenue, married Dermot Gearty, Bishopstown.

MARK REARDON, Farranlea Grove, married Margaret Hennessy, Dublin.

DEIRDRE LINEHAN, Wilton Road, married Frank Beechinor-Collins, Currabinny.

CLAIRE BOURKE, Bishops court Road, married Martin Lane, Douglas.

PAMELA DALY, Lima Lawn, married Frank Smith, Earlwood.

TONY MUPRHY, Greenfields, married Claire Kelleher, Dungarvan.

DEIRDRE MULCAHY, Farranlea Grove, married Eugene O'Connell, Togher.

YVONNE GRAY, Bishops court Lawn, married Gerard Moran, Ballincollig.

MARY WALSH, Laburnum Lawn, married Jaune Svenson, Sweden.

MARY MOLONEY, Orchard Road, married Capt. Dan Harvey, Collins Barracks.

MARTINA O'CONNOR, Bishops court Ave. married Laurence Murphy, Douglas St.

ANN O'TOOLE, Liam Lynch Park, married Pat Crowley, Curraheen.

CONSTANCE O'TOOLE, Liam Lynch Park, married Gerard Cotter, Cloghroe.

MAEVE COFFEY, Wilton Road, married Joe Mulcahy, Mayfield.

SARAH HEWESTSON, Farranlea Park, married BRIAN McNALLY, Farranlea Grove.

FRANK NEVIN, Lima Lawn, married Catherine Hyde, Mayfield.



Bulletin survey

OUR SINCERE THANKS to all those who took the trouble to return the Survey. Here is a brief overview of what YOU had to say!

1. Most who replied read the Bulletin weekly, with just a few reading it monthly. One lady was the exception -
"I read it every day in case I miss something I should know."
2. Most who replied said EVERYONE in the house read the Bulletin. In less than 5% of replies, some did not. This is how readership is divided, by age-group:
Under 15 = 6.6%; 15-25 = 13.7%; 25-40 = 20.4%; 40-65 = 30.1%; Over 65 = 29.1%
(i.e. nearly 60% of our readership is over 40, probably like our parish profile!)
3. "HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE PARISH BULLETIN IN GENERAL ?", we asked. Your replies:-
Excellent (38%); Very Good (45%); Good (8%); Fair (4%); Poor (2%);
One person rated it *"dangerous in the hands of those who don't fully know what they are doing."* (?)
4. "WHAT'S MISSING FROM THE BULLETIN ?", we asked. You said:-
"more local news", "notice of special collections", "a few photos", a youth page, even once a month", "pamphlet reviews", "a 'Thought For The Week'", "more for teenagers", "an advice service".
5. Next we asked you to rate various individual items in the Bulletin. (The following shows what percentage of readers 'ticked' the various boxes, if they 'ticked' any)

	<u>Very Good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>
Alternative Slants	(25%)	(32%)	(13%)	(6%)
Bible Study	(30%)	(41%)	(12%)	(4%)
Letters Column	(30%)	(30%)	(25%)	(7%)
Media Comment	(42%)	(27%)	(11%)	(17%)
Notice Board	(54%)	(27%)	(8%)	(0%)
Parish News Coverage	(63%)	(18%)	(7%)	(2%)
"Signs of Life" (series on Sacraments)	(37%)	(27%)	(14%)	(5%)
General Layout	(51%)	(33%)	(7%)	(2%)

The Editor's Analysis of the Survey:

- 1) News rates highest! More people rated 'PARISH NEWS' and 'NOTICE BOARD' either 'Very Good' or 'Good' than any other. Both are consistent favourites.
- 2) Educational features were also popular - Bible Study and Signs of Life, in that order.
- 3) 'LETTERS' were less popular - have we too few or too many ?
- 4) Comment features seem least popular (Media comment and Alternative Slants, in that order). There seems to be continuing resistance to topical comment in the Bulletin. Many seem to feel it's inappropriate. The Editor feels that's debatable.

What Will The Bulletin Team Do ?

THE BULLETIN TEAM will be meeting within the next week, and will be thinking about:

- 1) how to gather more news, and photos.
- 2) a spot for our young people ?
- 3) the best format for future education features.
- 4) the future role of 'Comment' features.

"In the meantime, thank you for your help."

- Fr. Bernard.



Rest in Peace

MYRA O'LEARY, "Rosedale", College Road, died recently at the Bons. Her many acts of Christian kindness were well-known in the whole east side of the parish. One parishioner called her death "the end of an era". She will be missed - as an honest woman, a good 'Contact' person, a great neighbour.

Our Sincere Sympathy

WE EXTEND sympathy to Fr. Jim Mannix, P.P. Sacred Heart Church, on the sudden death of his brother in Sligo. We know the many 'Sacred Heart fans' in this parish will be glad we have done so.



WE WELCOME three new members into our community:

KIERA MARIA MURPHY, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Murphy, Leemount, Farranlea Park.

JULIE CHRISTINE MARY O'HALLORAN, daughter of Finbarr and Linda, Glenesk, Farranlea Park.

For Your Diary

BILLY O'BRIEN, of the Leesdale - Parkway Drive Residents' Association, tells me of their upcoming open-air Mass. The date is Saturday 1st July at 6.30 p.m. Naturally all local residents are invited. But Billy also adds that neighbouring residents would be most welcome too. Which seems a nice thought on the part of the organisers...

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MEDIA COMMENT

COMMUNISM ... R.I.P. declared the headline in the OPINION column of The Sunday Times. After the crack-down in China, it forecast the end for communism in all but a few countries like Cuba and Albania.

Wishful thinking? Or will people-power win in the end? People may be duped, coerced, intimidated, tortured and killed. But there will always be the Gandis and the Martin Luther Kings who have a brave fearfulness that gathers about them people who are prepared to resist the tyrant and the demagogue - and sometimes win.

TEMPTED AS I was to refrain from commenting on this week's General Election (has anyone remembered that we had a Euro Election too?) I cannot.

Can anyone explain to me how an election costing millions in staging costs and in media hype can be morally justified when nobody really wanted it and the plea from our leadership has been repeatedly 'no money, no money, no money'?



URGENT

A NEW name and number for all urgent calls. The name is "Supercall" and the number is 274888. So if ever you need a priest urgently, day or night, ring 274888. So cut out and keep the number for reference.

Our ordinary phone numbers are:
Fr. Denis O'Connor, P.P. - 542972
Fr. John Newman, C.C. - 541572
Fr. Bernard Cotter, C.C. - 541814

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* PETER'S PENCE, the collection in aid of the Vatican, will be taken up (at Church doors on Sunday 25th June. (next Sunday)) ~~at doors~~

Weekday Masses

PLEASE NOTE that the programme of weekday Masses to the end of June is:-

9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m.

The evening Mass will be suspended in July and August. (Except Sat.)

Neighbours of the Hospital

WE HAVE RECEIVED a strong plea from our colleagues in the Regional Hospital! "Tell your parishioners", they say, "that they are not welcome to our Saturday evening vigil Mass".

Strong language. We understand why. The Mass is for patients, staff and relatives of the seriously ill. These people deserve priority. But locals deny them even a seat!

It isn't fair. People of Laburnum Park, Bishopstown Ave., Wilton Avenue and Bishopscourt, please take note. And make sure your teenage children keep out too - they loiter around the hospital corridors instead of going to Mass.

That Mass is not for you. Please come to your Parish Church on Saturday nights at 7.30 p.m. That's where the welcome is for you!

Are There More Bulletins ?

YES! The last in the current season will be at the Church next Sunday. But throughout July and August a special edition will be available - for tourists and visitors! After all, since we ask YOU to 'Bring back a Bulletin' wherever you roam, it's only fair that visitors here should have the same opportunity!!!

GERALDINE FAHY of Farranlea Grove has been the author of the 'Bible Study' series. We thank her for all the hard work she put in to the weekly column. Geraldine writes:



WHY DID I undertake this series? Quite simply, curiosity! This curiosity stemmed from my own lack of familiarity with the Bible and an interest in discovering the Jewish background from which Christianity arose.

Taking on the task of contributing to a weekly series imposed the discipline I find essential for any learning process. While I only skimmed the surface of a huge area of study, it has given me great satisfaction. The rewards include a heightened awareness of the readings at Mass and a consciousness of any reference to the Bible elsewhere, (e.g., in the media).

My familiarity with both Old and New Testaments has increased and I have become aware of particular passages which are a source of comfort in life. "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Matt. 4:4

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Geraldine Fahy taught in England and in Tipperary and now in Carrigaline Community School.

She is grateful to Fr. John for all his help, and adds:

"The Bible Study Series was my way of becoming involved in the Parish."

The question now is - who will do her job in the next series of Bulletins ? Who will lead us on next year's 'Odyssey'? Any takers?

Bulletins for non parishioners at C.C.C.