



BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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From the Editor

My dear readers,

Another Bulletin year has ended, my fourth as Editor! Doesn't time fly? The whole team has worked very hard over the year - and we had great fun, too!

It was not a year without controversy. Remember original sin! And the lashing our poor Nuncio got in 'Alternative Slants'. Even 'de paper' has begun tuning in to us. And 'Father' Ryan, too!

We had exciting developments this year too - two ventures into adult education - the weekly 'SIGNS OF LIFE', and our Parish Library. And not one but two columnists - Media comment and Bible Study. As for Bulletin year '89/'90 - "you ain't seen nothin' yet!"

Before we finish, a warm 'thank you' to all who made it happen over the past year. The Parish Directory lists 118 people involved in the Bulletin. I thank them - each one is a vital link in the chain.

And I thank all those parishioners who have kept us going, with support and prayers, encouragement and constructive criticism. Every single bit of feedback is greatly appreciated - thank you for caring!

Sincerely,

Fr. Bernard

HOLIDAYS

A TIME TO LOOK

at our families and appreciate their love shown throughout the year

A TIME TO DISCOVER

the beauty of nature

A TIME TO GIVE

ourselves to others from whom we gain our happiness

A TIME TO LISTEN

to the music of our hearts

A TIME TO OPEN

the gospel and find with Christ the joys and challenges of life

A TIME TO PRAY

and celebrate with Christ the treasure of life which is given us.



A MAN WHO HAS NOT
AN HOUR A DAY FOR
HIMSELF, IS NOT A
MAN.



Rest in Peace

SISTER VINCENT, the 84-year-old Diamond Jubilarian at St. Catherine's Convent, died last weekend.

Born Catherine Mullin of Clonmoylan, Power's Cross, up in Galway, she was professed in St. Maries of the Isle in 1927. Since then she worked in St. Finbarr's Hospital and in Ballindeasig, spending the last 22 years in St. Catherine's.

At her Funeral Mass, her nephew Fr. Michael Reynolds, C.S.Sp. paid tribute to the care she received from all in St. Catherine's. "You gave her a little bit of heaven here on earth," he said, adding that after her death she would hardly notice the difference.

A lovely tribute to a great community. On your behalf the priests offer sincere sympathy to all the Sisters; their presence in our midst is greatly appreciated.



Priests Always Welcome

AS YOU KNOW, we are always short staffed over the summer months, particularly at the weekends. So, if you have a priest staying with you, perhaps you would "share" him with the parish. He would be welcome to 10.00 Mass any day, but particularly on Sundays.

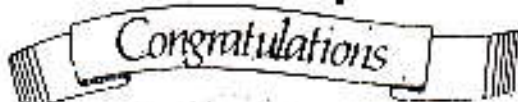


Wedding

WE CONGRATULATE our parishioners who were married recently:-
CAROLE JONES, Bishopstown Park to Desmond Corbett, Cathedral Parish.
ELAINE McAULIFFE, Bishopscourt Lawn to Gerard Murphy, South Douglas Rd.
BRENDAN REDMOND, Laburnum Lawn to Miriam O'Connell, Clane.
LIAM O'BRIEN, Bendemeer Park to Marie Murphy, Ballyhooly.
MARION SCRIVEN, Kenley Drive to Fred Baldwin, Guernsey.
BRONA TWOMEY, Orchard Road to Samuel Kingston, Clonakilty.
ELEANOR MURPHY, 57 Leesdale to Gerard Murphy, Gurranebraher.



We welcome into our community UNA MARIA REA, second daughter of Willie and Maria, Kenley Close, who was baptised recently.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following parishioners on the recent birth of their grandchildren
Pat and Eileen Lemasney, Laburnum Park,
Pat and Mary O'Connell, Woodlawn,
Tom and Breeda Rastery, Bishopscourt Road.

MEDIA COMMENT

THE UTTER IMPOSSIBILITY of pleasing all of the people all of the time was highlighted in the Bulletin Survey.

This column featured in all categories from 'very good' to 'poor'. It attracted comments like 'especially interesting' and 'drop Media Comment or give it more space' and 'scrap Media Comment'. It was suggested that 'The Bulletin is not an appropriate place for the type of political comment in 'Media Comment' and it was dismissed with one word: huh!

MY BRIEF in attempting this column was to look at the world the MEDIA presents to us and to COMMENT on it from a Christian perspective. This is what I have attempted to do.

THE ISSUES covered range across the whole spectrum of society, covering poverty, injustice, abortion, alcohol abuse, emigration and unemployment.

How difficult it is to touch on these subjects without making a political comment.

IF JESUS CHRIST had confined his ministry to praying in the synagogues and refrained from all political or social comment, would Christianity ever have gotten off the ground? On the other hand, Christ would not have been crucified.

I AM HEARTENED by those who found themselves challenged by my comments. I turn the other cheek to those who were critical. Perhaps a little more open-mindedness is called for?

HAVE A SAFE and happy summer. With God's help we will take up 'Media Comment' in September.

BULLETINS, BULLETINS AND MORE

BULLETINS

Part 2

THIS WEEK we examine the European issues. Thanks to your co-operation we have Bulletins from Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland. They range from the single duplicate sheet to the thirty two page bimonthly. The production and layout was mostly uninspired. But some impressed with their spiritual content e.g. from the parish of Chateaurnard a thought provoking commentary on the Magnificat. A few enlivened their contents with cartoons.



"And dear God please protect our colour T.V., the Video and my computer game --- and also Mammy and Daddy."

(Bulletin of Wilten - Ost, Innsbruck, Austria)



HOLIDAYS
AT LAST

(Bulletin Hemsbach, Germany)



NOTICE BOARD

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No Evening Mass

ON AND FROM Monday 3rd July, there will be no 7.30 p.m. Mass on weekdays. This is due to our priests being on holidays. The Mass will resume in September.

Two exceptions. The Saturday evening Mass will continue at 7.30 as usual. And there will be 7.30 p.m. Mass on First Fridays (i.e. on 7th July and 4th August).

Library Goes On....

EVEN with no 7.30 evening Mass on Wednesdays, the Library will still open, for your convenience, from 8 to 8.30 p.m.

Leedsalers....

THE OPEN-AIR Mass for Parkway and Leedsdale is on Saturday 1st July at 6.30 p.m.

While there will be no Community School Mass that weekend, it will be resumed for July, if numbers justify it. It will be discontinued in August.

Gaeilgeori.....

THE "Aifreann Gaelach" continues on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9.00 a.m.

Any Toys Out There?

THE CRECHE (a free service) continues at the C.P. Centre during 11 and 12.15 Masses.

Dedicated minders, Margo Fox and Susan Aherne appeal for toys for the Creche - please drop them in to the C.P. on Sunday mornings.

"But," they add, "please, no teddys, we have enough!"

Well Deserved Rest!

THE TUESDAY morning teamakers, Mary O'Shaughnessy and Mary Casey, have hung up their tea towels for the Summer! We thank them, and look forward to further post-10.00 Mass tea in September!

St. Vincent de Paul

THE USUAL monthly collection in aid of the Society will take place at the gates of the Church on Sunday 2nd July.

Your Support Please, Gardeners!

THE LADIES of the Altar Society continue to beautify our Church - right through the Summer. They appreciate help - especially flowers! If you have any, drop them in to the Church Tuesday or Friday afternoons.

Travelling Abroad?

IRISH PEOPLE who go to continental Europe for holidays sometimes wish the Latin Mass was back! Because they find it so hard to follow the Mass in foreign languages.

We have an idea that may help! In the Sacristy we have Missalettes (with each Sunday's readings in ENGLISH) for each Sunday of the Summer - why not call in before you to and pick up the appropriate leaflets for the Sundays you'll be abroad.

There's usually plenty to spare, with a decline in numbers over the Summer months. Charlie will be there to help you before and after Mass time any day.

Bulletin News

THE TEAM intend to take a complete break for all of July and August, resuming on Sunday 10th September.

However, we're bringing out a Special Bulletin for Tourists and Visitors. It will be at Church doors from Monday 3rd July to the end of August.

They travel lightly whom God's grace carries.

Thomas à Kempis