



# BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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## THE SEAMUS MURPHY STATUE

YOU WILL HAVE observed that the beautiful sculpture of Mother and Child has been re-located at the main door of the church. We feel sure you will agree that its former position on the wall near the C.P. Centre scarcely did it justice.

It can be seen to much greater advantage in its new place. Indeed, it has come to our ears that there were some who hadn't noticed its existence until now!



## Adult Education

### A Hard-Hitting Message from the Adult Education Committee

ARE YOU INTERESTED in an adult education course with a difference? This year we hope to explore the "Partnership in Parish" programme. This is a course to help us to understand what the parish can do for us and what we can do for the parish. Do we just leave it all to the clergy?....the parish council?....the holy Joe's? Do you feel welcome? - or do you feel excluded? Is the parish set up to serve the people, or are people there merely to serve church structures?

The Commitment - two hours each Tuesday night for 8 weeks beginning 24th October.

The Format - an opportunity to listen; to question; to contribute (if you feel stimulated!); to meet fellow parishioners..... and a cuppa.

The programme hinges on the fact that you are as important to the parish as the parish priest. You are also called to be a disciple. Will you let an opportunity to participate pass you by once more?

Enrolment takes place in early October.



1989 is Election Year! Not just in the Dail and Seanad, but here in Ballineaspiga too!

Our Parish Pastoral Council has run its 2-year term, so now elections must be held, beginning very soon! So begin thinking - who is the best person to represent your area on the Council? (Remember, not all those currently on the Council are seeking re-election).

Elections will be getting under way this month. We will be enlisting the help of Election Agents from each area. They will be asked to call to a specific group of houses up to five times explaining the election process, bringing nomination papers and, later, voting papers. They will also be asked to attend three short meetings (15 - 20 minutes).

All this will take place between September 18th and October. Many parishioners have already volunteered to do this (or have been talked into it!). Detailed information will appear on next Sunday's bulletin which goes to the homes.

Meanwhile, the reminder to all these volunteer (?) helpers is - the first meeting is at 8.00 p.m. on Monday September 18.



# Thank You

WE ARE DELIGHTED with all the Bulletins from abroad which so many of you have brought back this summer - always an item of great interest to the editorial team here. Contributions came from as far as Australia!

Among the intriguing items handed in to us was a 1976 bulletin from our own church. If anyone else has old newsletters we would love to see them.

## Back To School



OUR good wishes to all our academics, big and small, on their return to the grindstone.

To them, and to their teachers, we urge - "Hang in there. It will be worth it all in the end."





# BULLETIN



YOUR Bulletin team are back in business. We threw ourselves in at the deep end last Monday night with our first MARATHON meeting of the season. The plotting and the planning went on into the small hours of Tuesday morning, so we hope our efforts for 1989/90 will please you, our readers.

And...

## ANNOUNCING

AN IMPORTANT FEATURE of the new Bulletin season will be a QUESTION BOX. If you have any questions you would like answered, address them to "Question Box" and bring them to the C.P. Centre. They may be put through the letter box or placed in a box which you will find on the counter. Your questions may be anonymous of course.

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*Sunday's Message for You*  
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IF A man or woman is daunted by the high demands of Christ let them remember that they are not left to fulfil them alone. He who called them to the steep road will walk with them every step of the way and be there at the end to meet them.

## \*MEDIA COMMENT\*

WELCOME BACK. The long, hot summer is over and it's back to business for this commentator.

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HOW WOULD YOU summarise the Media highlights of those summer months? What remains in your memory?

Slaughter and destruction in the Lebanon? Further flooding and hunger in the Sudan and Bangladesh? More tit for tat killings in Northern Ireland? Continuing strife in South America? A worrying increase in the number of tragic plane crashes?

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IT STRIKES ME that in all of this misery there must be more than the occasional story of heroism. But how rarely we hear of such stories. Not news?

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HOW GOOD are you on statistics? Try this one. Fifty billion dollars are spent every three weeks on weapons production. This sum could provide health care for a year for everyone on the planet.

Isn't it ironic, too, that while the affluent of our planet (you and me) suffer through over-indulgence in food and drink, so many others suffer from mal-nutrition and insanitary living conditions?

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BUT - let there be hope!

Democracy has won out in Poland despite all the odds. It is a victory for Solidarity. Even more, it is a victory for the 'small man' with decent, moral, Christian standards who is prepared to 'hang in there'.

Praise God for courage and for hope.

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**NOTICE BOARD**

Bulletins to the Homes

SUNDAY NEXT is the third Sunday of September. We ask our ever reliable Bulletin distributors to help out as usual.

Blood Transfusion Service

A CLINIC will be held at Wilton Parish Centre on Tuesday next 12th September from 3.00 to 5.00, and from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

The Fold

THE SEPTEMBER issue is on sale in the C.P. Centre. Articles on the Sacraments, Church Sermons, etc.

Parish Library

MORE HELPERS NEEDED for the coming season, especially anyone for Sunday mornings - 15 to 20 minutes after the 10.00 and 11.00 Masses. Any young people interested? Drop names into the C.P. Centre. PLEASE return overdue books.

Sfol Retreat

IF YOU ARE interested in sharing the Sfol Retreat experience, a group will be coming together once weekly from Wednesday, 13th September, in St. Catherine's Convent.

Please contact Carmel O'Shea 545781, or Sr. Margaret 541376,

Beginning Experience

RESIDENTIAL weekend for bereaved/separated/divorced (for at least 12 months) on 13th to 15th October, 1989.

Application forms from Family Ministry Office, 34 Paul St. Cork. Tel. 273213.

Engaged Couples

A COURSE for Engaged Couples commences at the School of Commerce on Wednesday, 27th September; at 7.30 p.m. Fee £15 per couple.

Prior booking at the school essential on Tuesday, 12th September, at 7 p.m.

This course is aimed particularly to help couples plan their future well in advance of their wedding date. It includes Housing Loans, Money Management, Relationships, Natural Family Planning, Human Reproduction, The Vocation of Marriage.

Telephone enquiries: 272213, Tuesday to Friday, office hours.

Adult Evening Classes

BISHOPSTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL has asked us to remind you that enrolment for all classes will be held at the school on Wednesday 13th September between 7 and 9 p.m. and during office hours from the 14th to 19th. For information phone 544311.

Dos an Gaeilgeoiri...

BEIDH AN AIFREANN i nGaeilge agus Bearla an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog.

Beginning Experience

TEN-WEEK support for the bereaved/separated/divorced commences on Wednesday, 18th October, 1989, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Application forms from Family Ministry Office, 34 Paul Street, Cork. Tel 273213.