



BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

"We have moved from rules and laws to people since the Vatican Council", said Fr John when he told our new Council members about the vision underlying Pastoral Councils.

His address was part of the first meeting of the Council held Monday night last. He stressed that the key word is partnership that's what our Council is about.

Fr Denis had a word for those who've asked *"What's the Council doing?"* Direct results of the last Council he detailed included:

The Friendship Club
Parish Socials
Parish Directory
Finance Committee
Our Contact Network
Emigrants Advice Centre
T.V. Mass
Library ... and much more



A WARM WELCOME to the Sisters of the Infant Jesus (Drishane) who are making a home at St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road. Sisters Carmel, Agnes and Brendan have come to live there over the past week; many more Sisters will soon be joining them.

The Council can co-opt people to make up for "under-represented categories". Suggestions as to what these categories might be in the current Council included young people, males, young marrieds and Sisters.

Practical decisions made:

1. To hold a 'prayer afternoon' for Council members before Christmas.
2. To ask for parishioners' suggestions through the Bulletin.
3. To meet fortnightly to Christmas (except October Bank Holiday)

NEXT MEETING: (at which Chairperson and Secretary will be elected) 13th NOVEMBER

Adult Education

Final reminder of the challenging course taking place in the Parish this Autumn. The 'Partnership in Parish' Programme helps us to understand what the Parish can do for us and what we can do for the Parish.

It begins on Tuesday, 24th October at 8.00p.m. Drop in your name and address to the C.P. Centre before next Tuesday, 24th.

Will you let an opportunity to participate pass you by once more?



Pray For The Dead



KITTY DUFFICY, Roger Casement Park, died recently after a short illness. Our sincere sympathy to her husband Jimmy and daughter Mary.

LIAM MULCAHY, Wilton Road, had been unwell for over a year. He was the man who guided the development of Vocational Education throughout County Cork, serving as C.E.O. for many years - an executive of clear and incisive thought. His dedication to the Lord was sincere and unwavering.

JEREMIAH O'DONOVAN, Wilton Gardens died in the Bon Secours Hospital after recent ill health. His gentle, quiet presence is missed around the Gardens and around the Church. Very sincere sympathy to Nell and Kevin, his sister Mary O'Keefe, and family.

IN SYMPATHY

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to:
Lucy Ryan, Magazine Road, on the death of her late husband's brother;
Pat Organ, our former Sacristan, on the loss of his late wife's parents - his mother-in-law during the Summer, and father-in-law recently;
William and Frances O'Sullivan, Kenley Drive, on the death of both their mothers over the past week.

YOUTH NEWS

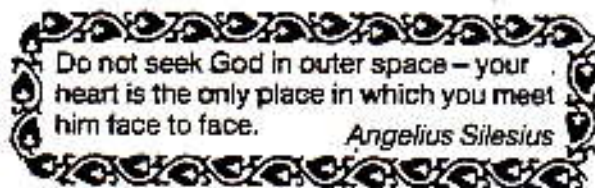
A MONTH AGO we challenged the young people of Ballineaspig Parish to respond to our invitation to participate in a Youth Column each month.

We are delighted to report that we have one volunteer, so far. We very much look forward to receiving his 'copy' on time for next month's Youth Column.

If there are aspects of our Parish which you are unhappy about, or indeed, you are happy about, this column will provide you with an opportunity to express your views and, hopefully, improve the participation of youth in the Parish.

PLEASE get involved. It is your Bulletin as much as ours. We look forward to your contributions. You must have views on so many things: your Parish, your religion, morality, truth and justice and poverty and so much more. Let's hear from you.

Names, please, to the Bulletin Editor at the C.P. Centre or to any of the Bulletin Team.



Mission
Sunday

— PERU THROUGH THE EYES OF A PARISHIONER

A RECENT VISIT to Trujillo left me with a wealth of heart-warming impressions and an abiding sense of how the human spirit triumphs over adversity.

Hope and cheerfulness prevail, both on the part of the Peruvian people and the marvellous team of Cork missionaries who minister to their many needs. The district, aptly named La Esperanza (Hope), contains a vibrant community which participates directly in many activities. In the Sagrada Familia parish where we stayed, we saw a variety of groups in action: people gathering to study Scripture, youth groups, a church choir - and there seemed to be no shortage of volunteers prepared to train and take Catechism classes for First Communicants and others.

While the missionaries are instrumental in setting up these spiritual activities, they are equally concerned with developing the material well-being of their parishioners. The aim is to foster self-sufficiency in people of a nation which has suffered much oppression and exploitation. A practical example is the duck-breeding co-operative funded by Trocaire and set up by Fr. Con Twohig. It not only provides income for several families but encourages neighbourliness and trust.

Another venture is Fr. Finbarr Crowley's food kitchen established with money raised by Carrigaline Community School. This kitchen, providing regular nourishment for some 500 families, is run by several women. A most moving and humbling experience was the welcome we received while visiting it.

The Peruvians told us how much it means to have far-away friends who care enough to help them in their daily struggle for survival - a little in the First World goes a long way in the Third. If we take our annual diocesan collection for granted, the Peruvians do not.

A final thought for Mission Sunday: Peru is by now so familiar to Cork people, it is like an outlying parish. The reality is quite different. To reach it entails a vast journey across several seas and large stretches of continent and, the arid desert which greets one's arrival, is in stark contrast to this green island. Our missionaries are indeed far from home but sustained by Hope, they are achieving great things.

*Geraldine Fahy
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QUESTION: When is the Holy Ghost (Church) going to install the same facility for those who are deaf as exists in Ballinacollig New Church and St. Vincents?

ANSWER: This question has come up before. It would be great to improve the quality of the liturgy for those with impaired hearing.

The Finance Committee are looking into the matter and we hope to hear more on the subject in due course.



**NOTICE
BOARD**

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES

THE TIME for remembering our dead is fast approaching - our Novena runs from November 2nd to 10th. So, compose your list, collect an envelope and be sure to let us have it back before the start of November



For Parents

AMONG SR. FRANCES' most successful ventures were the Parenting Courses she ran in the C.P. Centre on Wednesday mornings. We are now in a position to hold another course.

Sister Damien, a Drishane Sister who has worked with families in many lands, is staying in our parish for a short while.

She has agreed to facilitate such a Course, in the C.P. Centre on Wednesday mornings.

Anyone interested should get in touch with any of the priests.

Our Numbers:-

Fr. Denis O'Connor 542972

Fr. Bernard Cotter 541814

Fr. John Newman 541572



HAVE YOU 30 MINUTES TO SPARE?

Will you help staff the Parish Library once a month - after 10.00a.m. Mass on Sunday or after 7.30p.m. Mass on Wednesday? Your Parish Library urgently needs you. Please hand your name into the C.P. Centre.

Time For



YOUR HELP, PLEASE

THEY HAD a fancy title, but did a very important job. We called them "Ministers of Illumination" and what they did all last winter was to switch on the lights in the Church at sunset.

We need more such Ministers this winter. If you would be free to help, please drop in your name to the C.P. Centre, or contact any one of the priests.



IGNORE CHAIN LETTERS!

A few parishioners have been troubled lately with letters promising fame and fortune - or misery and misfortune - depending on whether they co-operate with the letter or not.

People who send on such letters are very poor friends! The best means of disposing of such letters is to consign them to your rubbish bin, or burn them in the grate!

Or, if your're really worried (and some people can be extremely upset) send them on to your local priests. We will be glad to dispose of them for you.



Just a Reminder...

FR. BERNARD asks all Ministers of the Eucharist to return the form attached to the letter each got last weekend. Most have done so, but there are a few still to come!