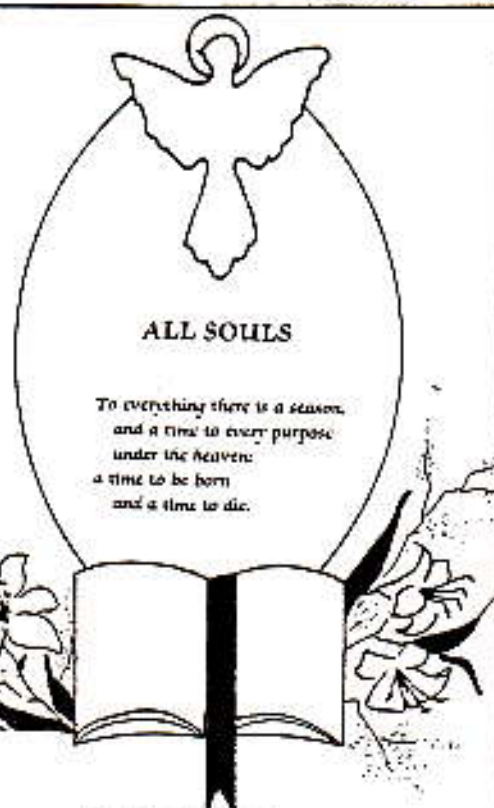




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ALL SOULS

To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heaven:
a time to be born
and a time to die.

For the Holy Souls

Dear Lord, have compassion on all those Holy Souls who are nearest and dearest to us, now suffering in Purgatory, and by the merits of your own holy mother Mary, and St. Joseph, call them soon to their eternal home in heaven, where, by the help of your grace, we hope to be re-united with them for all eternity. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
And let perpetual light shine on them.

Novena Begins

ALL SOULS DAY (officially 'The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed') is on Thursday next 2nd November. Masses at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. The Novena, offered by the three priests of the parish, begins that day, and goes on to November 10th. Please join in Mass for our dead, each day of the Novena.

Indulgences

THIS IS what the Church currently teaches on Indulgences:-

"A plenary indulgence may be gained each day from November 1 to 8 by those who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence can also be gained by a visit to a church on All Soul's Day. These indulgences are applicable only to the Faithful Departed."

The question the Bulletin asks is:-

What are indulgences ?

Are they really necessary ?

Were they 'invented' to gather money in the Middle Ages ?

Have they relevance and/or value today ?

PARISH GROUP PRAISED BY VISITING EXPERT

THE ADULT Education course started last Tuesday with a record attendance. A very committed cross section of the parish met in the crypt under the efficient chairmanship of Rosarii Murphy. The group examined what parish meant to them and what they expected of the parish.

In the group discussion all said, "Our parish spirit grows from the care, concern and dedication of our three priests".

The facilitator, an expert on parish development, praised the very fine spirit of the meeting and was impressed by the awareness of parish. The course continues for a further seven weeks.



Rest in Peace

MICHAEL O'DONOVAN, 24 Roger Casement Park, died peacefully at home recently. Our sincere sympathy to David and Alice, with whom he lived, and to all his family. Michael is remembered as the gentleman who walked his dog and who had a kind word for everyone.

MICHAEL MCCARTHY, Bishopstown Avenue, was a Superintendent in the Gardai Siochana, until he retired 25 years ago. Over those years, he busied himself with his hobbies. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife and family on his loss.

Bible Study



Scripture Course

FR. JOHN is leading a bible reading course in the Parish. It is designed for beginners, but open to everyone. There are six meetings on successive Wednesday nights in the C.P. Centre from 8.10 to 9.15 p.m. Register in the C.P. Centre as soon as possible (20 places maximum).

- Nov. 8 - Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19,1-10)
- Nov.15 - Jesus and the Widow at Main (Luke 7,11-17)
- Nov.22 - Jesus and the lepers (Luke 17,11-19)
- Nov.29 - Jesus and the woman at the well (John 4,1-42)
- Dec. 6 - Jesus the storyteller (Luke 16,19-31)
- Dec.13 - Jesus the healer (Mark 5,24-34)

A New Landmark

A KIND donor has provided us with a new sign for the library. It's big and blue and you couldn't possibly miss it! And we'll be putting it out in future when the Library is open.

THE OPENING HOURS ARE:

Monday - Friday 10.30 - 11.30

Wednesdays and Saturdays -
after 7.30 P.M. Mass

Sundays -
after 10.00 and 11.00 Masses.



THE A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) meet in two venues locally, each week. Both meetings start at 8.30 p.m.;

at the Sacred Heart Hall on Tuesday nights, and at Curraheen Church Hall on Thursday nights.

It's great to know the service they provide is so readily available.



OCTOBER WEEKEND is Jazz Festival Weekend. We welcome all those visiting us for the celebration. And we hope you have a ball!



Bishopstown Credit Union

NEW BRANCH Office on Curraheen Road is now open for business.

MEDIA COMMENT

Q.A.

QUESTION: I have always prayed the rosary at Mass. Why should I stop now?

ANSWER: Praying the rosary is a practice beloved of very many Catholics. Using the rosary to pray at Mass was most understandable when we had the Latin Mass.

Now that we have the Mass in the vernacular, it seems a great pity to use any prayer form that might distract us from hearing the word of God or prevent us from joining silently with the priest in the beautiful Eucharistic prayers.

By all means continue to pray the rosary but perhaps there's a time and a place... ..?

QUESTION: We hear a lot about liturgy these days. Would you please explain what liturgy is exactly?

ANSWER: The short answer is that liturgy is prayer. It is the act of worshipping God in community.

It is our act of recognising God - our public acknowledgement that everything belongs to God.

Liturgy should lead to social justice. Liturgy should lead to better relationships among families and among communities and in the larger world around us.

It is what God wishes, what Jesus Christ came on earth to show us.

Liturgy, good liturgy, should transform us and send us out to transform the world.

WHAT A VARIED week it has been in the media.

Freedom has been highlighted in the freeing of the Guildford Four and in the continuing events in Eastern Europe.

AIDS and abortion continue to dominate the headlines.

The environment, nationally and internationally, remains well entrenched too.

By the time you read this all will have been pushed aside, at least in the local media, by ALL THAT JAZZ !!

HOW DOES ONE respond to all this media coverage?

Joy, surely, that innocent people are freed from prison. Yet that joy must be touched with sadness that evil is still abroad with the killing and maiming of other innocent people.

Joy, too, that the yoke of communism is being cast off in Eastern Europe where people are again allowed freedom of speech and liberty to worship.

But isn't that joy also tinged with some sadness at the abuses of that very freedom of expression in some Western European countries, including our own?

TO SHARE A THOUGHT: Another Englishman, in another time, also got it wrong. Pelagius, an English monk, preached that we are all capable of saving ourselves, with, if necessary, a little help from our friend, God!

It sometimes seems to me that Pelagianism is alive and well. Don't we so often leave God out of the equation in trying to solve all of life's problems: AIDS, abortion, the right to freedom, pollution - as well as salvation (!!) ?



5 * N.B.

NOTICE
BOARD

1 * Prayers of the Faithful
WOULD THOSE WHO read the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass please collect a copy of their rota from the folder on the sanctuary rail.

BLUE

2 * Ministers of the Word
PLEASE COLLECT your copy of the new rota from the folder on the sanctuary rail.

YELLOW

Reminder
FR. BERNARD thanks Ministers of the Eucharist who have returned the weekday rote sheet, and he reminds the others to do likewise!



3 * Honour the Saints
THE CELEBRATION of all Saints is on 1st November. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses - Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. (i.e. Halloween, the eve of All Hallows or Saints) and Wednesday at 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 12.15 and 7.30 p.m. Wednesday evening. Let's honour our holy ones together.



4 * Return Those Envelopes!
WE APPEAL to all to let us have your November envelopes (containing your list of the dead and an offering). You can drop them into the box at the altar rails. To have the full benefit of the Novena of Masses, have them back before Thursday 2nd November.

more!

Please Note!

FR. BERNARD has got a new phone number. It is 343895. You might take a note of it, as you will not find it in any Directory.

For the moment, those who ring the old number (beginning 54.....) will get through to the operator, who will tell them the new number! To save that hassle, note the new number now!



Priests Phone Numbers

Fr. Denis O'Connor, P.P. 542972
Fr. John Newman, C.C. 541572
Fr. Bernard Cotter, C.C. 343895

Redundant Ministers

LAST WEEK we looked for 'Ministers of Light', to turn on the Church lights over the winter. We no longer need them! A time-switch has been fitted instead! We thank those who offered.

First Friday

NEXT FRIDAY 3rd is the First Friday of November. Confessions on Thursday night after Mass. Calls to the sick and household will be made on the usual days.

Helping Vocations

ST. JOSEPH'S Young Priests Society meet next Thursday evening 2nd at 8.00 in the C.P. Centre.

St. Vincent de Paul

THE USUAL monthly collection in aid of the Society will take place next Sunday 5th November.

Neighbourhood Watch

WILTON GARDENS/LABURNUM Neighbourhood Watch meeting will be held in the Crypt on Monday 6 November at 8.00 p.m.

