



# BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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WE CONGRATULATE our parishioners who were married in recent months: MICHAEL McKENNA, Glasheen Road married Carmel Cullinane, Union Hall.

GERARD COFFEY, Highfield Lawn married Emily Lowry, Ballintemple. DEIRDRE KENNEDY, Wilton Avenue married Michael O'Flynn, Dromtarriffe JOHN DINEEN, Roger Casement Park married Anne Neville, Ballincollig. VAL MURPHY, Bishopscourt Lawn married Noelle Grant, Douglas. DONAL O'LEARY, Lima Lawn married Mary Murphy, Douglas.

MARGARET O'SULLIVAN, Farranlea Park married Tony Burke, Douglas.

MARION HORGAN, Kenley Avenue married Michael Banon, India.

MARELLA MURPHY, Wilton Road married Tom O'Sullivan, Castletownbere. (Now living in Kenley Circle)

RICHARD CUMMINS, Farranlea Grove married Catherine Devane, Newcastlewest.

PHILIP SPILLANE, Laburnum Lawn married Fiona McDermott, Limerick.

JAMES LONG, Parkway Drive married Mary O'Mahony, Waterford.

UNA DOYLE, Wilton Road married Barry O'Sullivan, Douglas.

PIERCE MURPHY, Laurel Bank married Caroline Dineen, Curraheen.

RENA JONES, Parkway Drive married Brian Lennox, Bandon Road.

ANNE KEARY, Highfield Lawn married Len McCarthy, Garvey's Bridge.

BERNADETTE O'SULLIVAN, Bishopstown Avenue West married Paul Dennehy, Glasheen Road.



## MARY CRADLED GOD

Be feminist...woman's womanhood..  
Woman peoples Earth.  
She places love as toys  
Into the hands of men.

It was Mary cradled God  
For the whole human race.

Tony McNamara

*This Advent poem is taken from his latest collection of poems, "Crossed Christ"; now on sale. Tony, from Bishopscourt Avenue, is kindly donating profits to the Diocesan Mission in Peru.*

PATRICIA FITZGERALD, Model Farm Road married Tom O'Donnell, Dunmanway.

STEPHEN SCULLY, Laburnum Drive married Maureen O'Mahony, Douglas.

VERONICA HOLLAND, Sheares Avenue married Adolfo Perujo-Mateos del Pargue, Spain.

GEORGINA JACKSON, Wilton Road married Alberto Bucci, Rome.

NUALA JONES, Model Farm Road married Michael Donnelly, Caherdaniel.

DEIRDRE MORRIS, Woodleigh Park married Kieran O'Farrell, Mitchelstown.

DEIRDRE MURPHY, Wilton Gardens married Liam Leisk, Pouladuff.

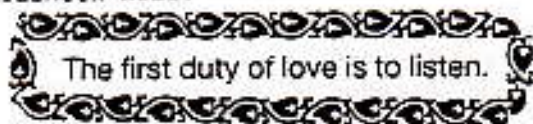
BARRY McKERNAN, Woodford married Ann Manning, Ballinalough.

COLETTE O'SULLIVAN, Laburnum Park married Joe McNamee, Curraheen.

BRIAN QUAID, Laburnum Park married Sharon Mullane, Gurranebraher.

GERARD DALY, Farranlea Park married Niamh Phelan, Minane Bridge.

GENE O'CONNELL, Lima Lawn married Karen O'Connell, Greenmount.



The first duty of love is to listen.




## DEATHS

TEDDY HERRICK, School Avenue, died recently in the care of the Bon Secours Sisters, Mount Desert. Our sincere sympathy to his son John, and all his family.

DANIEL O'BRIEN, Liam Lynch Park, died at home after a brief illness. Our condolences to Jane, Christine and Michael who lived with him, and to all his family.



WELCOME TO our new Parishioners:

CHRISTOPHER JOHN O'BRIEN, son of John and Deirdre, 75 Leeddale.

EOIN SEAMUS McCARTHY, son of Aidan and Margaret, 2 Kenley Heights.

KEVIN RICHARD CREAGH, son of Philip and Bernadette, "Cotswold", Laburnum Drive.

MICHELLE PATRICIA O'SULLIVAN, daughter of Frank and Nollaig, 8 Wilton Gardens.

FIONA ELIZABETH BARRETT, daughter of Robert and Mary, 2 Milestone House, Model Farm Road.



Warmest thanks to all those who were so generous with the Christmas Fues - your kindness is very encouraging!

# IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

Celebrate You!

You are worth celebrating.  
You are worth everything.  
You are unique.

In the whole world, there is only one you.

There is only one person with  
your talents  
your experiences  
your gifts.

God created only one you, precious in his sight.

You have immense potential -- to love, to care, to create, to grow, to sacrifice -- if you believe in yourself.

It doesn't matter your age, or your appearance, or whether your parents loved you or not. (Maybe they wanted to, but couldn't).

Let that go. It belongs to the past. You belong to the now.

It doesn't matter what you have been. The wrong you've done. The mistakes you've made. The people you've hurt.

You are forgiven. You are accepted. You're okay. You are loved -- in spite of everything. So love yourself, and nourish the seeds within you.

Celebrate You. Begin now. Start anew. Give yourself a new birth. Today. You are you, and that is all you need to be. You are temporary. Here today and gone tomorrow. But today. Today can be a new beginning, a new thing, a new life.

(Celebrate the Temporary by Clyde Reid)

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WE THANK the parishioner who handed in this inspiring and thought-provoking reflection.  
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*Alternative* SLANTS

MR. GYSI, a new leader in East Germany, calls for a third path between Stalinism and Capitalism and refers to "the tyranny of multinational monopolies which have caused mass unemployment and cruel social inequality in the west". An East German playwright Heiner Muller refers to the west as "a two-third - one third society with the former well off and the latter living in the gutter".

Revolution and change in the East dictates not only that we look with interest in that direction but also that we take a new look at ourselves.

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WHO WILL bridge the gap between the legislators who talk big business and the poor who seem to be forgotten amid talk of the country's economic needs?

The congregation of Major Religious Superiors has made a pre-budget submission which is articulate and challenging. Its effectiveness depends on further pressure from the laity whom they represent. Will you stand up and be counted among them?

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IS THE "global village" too much for us to take on board? If we were bothered less about international development and national economic issues, and more about the problems in our own community, would we better fulfil the Church's mission. If charity begins at home - where does it end?

THOMAS

*Is Thomas "out of focus". He won't know unless you tell him!*



PASTORAL  
COUNCIL *News*

THOUGHTS of summer? Yes, even now we are making plans for next May, when the Redemptorists are scheduled to lead us in a NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, just before Pentecost Sunday. Much more preparatory work remains to be done, reported the Dean, Kathleen O'Sullivan and Pamela Gilligan at last Monday's Pastoral Council meeting. Your suggestions are welcome, too!

Our Finance Committee plan many developments; new external lighting (when the ESB get round to it!), a handrail in the centre of the steps to the Front Door and the re-lacquering of the Tabernacle door.

And much more too! The Communications Committee plan to distribute a 'Parish Calendar' to every home, in January. And plans are in hand to cut the number of collections; we hope to eliminate 'churchgate collections' on days of special Church collections.

The meeting ended with a photo session, courtesy of Tony O'Connell from Parkway Drive. We'll publish his photo of the Council in January!





**GAUDETE**  
 Rejoice in  
 the LORD  
 always!  
 again I say  
 rejoice!  
 Let your  
 moderation  
 be known  
 to all  
 The LORD  
 is near!

Opportunities for Reconciliation

- \* Thursday 21st PENANCE SERVICE, 7.30 p.m.  
(instead of evening Mass)
- \* Friday 22nd CONFESSIONS, 12.00 - 1.00,  
4.00 - 5.00, 7.00 - 9.00.
- \* Saturday 23rd CONFESSIONS, 11.00 - 1.00,  
3.00 - 5.00, 7.00 - 9.00.

Times of Christmas Services

- \* Sunday 24th FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Masses at usual times.  
  
CAROL SERVICE, 5.00 p.m.  
With our Senior Choir.
- CHRISTMAS begins with Midnight Mass (12.00)  
Sung by 'Karisma'.
- \* Monday 25th MASSES at 8.00, 9.00,  
10.00, 11.00 and 12.15.

An Invitation...

YOU ARE invited to join in all the Christmas ceremonies at your Parish Church. Why not cut out and keep the schedule (above), and come when you're free. A warm welcome awaits you here!

Phone Numbers

Fr. Denis O'Connor P.P. 542972  
 Fr. Bernard Cotter C.C. 343895  
 Fr. John Newman C.C. 541572  
 Sr. Ursula 545549  
Urgent Calls: Ring 274888 anytime.

Bulletin Arrangements

THE PARISH Bulletin will not be published next Sunday (24th Dec.). However, the 8-page Christmas Bulletin will be available after Midnight Mass, and after each Mass of Christmas Day. Don't miss it!

Your Help, please...

THE FRIENDS of the Regional Hospital ask your help. They're looking for magazines for the out-patients waiting areas. All types of men's and women's magazines are welcome, as long as they're in clean condition, and no more than two years old. please leave them in the Friends' red plastic box at the main Reception Desk.

They're also looking for toys for children waiting; leave these at Reception, or ring Mrs. Deeney at 543685 or Mrs. Grogan (542025)

"DECK the halls with boughs of holly" the song goes. If YOU have any holly (or ivy) to spare, drop it in to the Sacristy, and we'll use it to decorate the altar.