



# BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

THE PARISH COUNCIL held its first meeting in 1990 on Monday 15th January. The atmosphere was one of buzz and plans for the future.

Sub-committees, already set up, were reviewed and seem to be working smoothly.

Outside the Church the lighting will soon be completed. A canopy over the Seamus Murphy sculpture will be erected to protect it from the elements.

Extra collections were also discussed and how best they could be regulated.

A Novena to the Holy Spirit will be held in May led by the Redemptorist Fathers.

How about a big get together! It will soon be Social Time again. Any ideas?



### Back, left to right:

Tom Driver (Bishopstown Avenue), Tim Bowen (Wilton Gardens), Jane O'Leary (Farranlea), Gerardine O'Callaghan (Magazine Road), Rosarii Murphy (Wilton Road), Betty O'Driscoll (Laburnum), Pamela Gilligan (Bishopscourt/Wilton Avenue), Colm Lahan (representing 18 - 25's), George Kenny (representing Young Marrieds).

### Front, left to right:

Fr. Bernard, Patsy Todan (Leusdale), Kathleen O'Sullivan (Parkway), Fr. Denis, Rita Shaw (Model Farm Road), Joan Healy (Kenley), Fr. John.

### Absent:

Sister Brendan, Mary Cookley (Glasheen Road), Jim Murphy (College Road)

-(Picture: Tony O'Connell)



## Parish Library

### Update on Information

WE ARE WELL pleased with our steadily increasing membership. However, the beginning of a new year seems an appropriate time to invite more of our parishioners to join. Many of you may not be aware of the wide variety of books available. Our categories include such subjects as:

"Searching for God", "Family", "Prayer and Reflection", "Jesus", "Sex and Marriage", "Mary", "Church and its History" and "Theology".

There is an extensive "Bible" section which would be helpful to the understanding of both Old and New Testament. There are also

books for Children, and information for youth on moral matters. Indeed for all sections of the community there are some guidelines for Christian living.

So do come and see for yourself - browse! You will find the door open during library hours. If you feel any of the books there might interest you it's free to join. Perhaps those who come to the coffee morning might look in as they pass by?

Opening hours are:

Mon - Fri: 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.  
Wednesday: after evening Mass.  
Saturday: after 7.30 p.m. Mass.  
Sunday: after 10 and 11 Masses.

All books reviewed in the Bulletin are available in the library.

Finally, we would ask our Library helpers to collect their rotas.

## JEAN DONOVAN CONFERENCE

THIS ANNUAL EVENT in commemoration of Jean Donovan who was murdered by Salvadorean security forces brings many distinguished speakers to U.C.C. This year the theme is "Central America and the Superpowers". The speakers include the distinguished theologian Harvey Cox. Victor S. Thomas, Professor of Divinity, Harvard, will address the conference. His most recent book is entitled 'The Silencing of Leonardo Boff'. The Rutgers Professor of History, Lloyd C. Gardner will lecture on U.S. Foreign Policy. He will be joined by a specialist from the Soviet Union, Vladimir Stanchenko.

The conference begins on Friday night at 8 and runs right through Saturday (26th and 27th January). The venue is Lecture Room 11, Boole Library, U.C.C. and registration fee of £15 (£5 student) will be taken up before the conference. Further details from Department of Adult Education, U.C.C.

## IN SYMPATHY

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY goes to Jim Gubbins Parkway Drive, on the recent death of his mother, the late Joan Gubbins, Knockraha.



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## Alternative SLANTS

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"I HAVE COME to set prisoners free" said Christ. We have no prison in our parish. Homemakers are trapped in their houses often without adult conversation and without relief from the disorganisation of young children. If spouse is employed, spouse gets the esteem. If spouse is unemployed - or non-existent - homemaker takes the stress - and has to cope with poverty. Their role is never glorified or presented as worthwhile on our T.V. screens. Have we, the body of Christ, any liberation to bring to these prisoners?

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WHY MUST the poor always wait? asks the congregation of major religious Superlors in their pre-budget submission. Is it because money will always buy

an elegant excuse not to distribute wealth?

If the poor form 30% of the population, they must also form a high percentage of the electorate (although many are voiceless children).

Who can lead the poor to find solutions that answer their needs and reject solutions that will preserve the status quo?

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ARCHBISHOP DESMOND CONNELL gives an indepth interview, yet nothing makes headlines but a comment on homosexuality. This must be a constant disappointment to Churchmen and indeed the Archbishop confirms this at interview.

But maybe the message is that we as church must work supportively and pastorally in this area and the time for statements will come later.

If one in fifty of our Sunday Mass goers is gay, is he/she feeling welcome at the table?

Thomas

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## "THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE"

THIS IS THE theme chosen for the 1990 Church Unity Week. It began on January 18 and ends on January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

The various Christian Churches will be represented at an Ecumenical Service at Christ the King Church in Turner's Cross on this Sunday, January 21, at 3.30 p.m. The resident choir will be joined by our own Karisma Group.

The preacher will be Archdeacon Michael Mayes and the host "our own" Fr. Edmond Keohan.

Sadly, for most of us, Church Unity is little more than a pious

slogan. If you have never experienced the joy of worshipping with our fellow-Christians, DO TRY to make it to Turner's Cross for 3.30 p.m. today.

"That they all may be one" will be a reality, not a slogan, and the Lord will be pleased!!

Other events being held in connection with this week of prayer: Festival of Song on Monday 22nd at 8.00 p.m. in the Honan Chapel. Open Forum: Bishop Roy Warke will give an address on "The Church as Reconciler" on Wednesday 24th at 8 p.m. in Boole Lecture Theatre I.

There will also be 20 minutes of Daily Prayer at 1.05 p.m. in Seomra Ciuin, U.C.C.



Liturgy Group

THE PARISH LITURGY GROUP meet in the C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m. on Monday 22nd January.

Diocesan Directory

THE 1990 issue of the Diocesan Directory is now on sale at the C.P. Centre, price £1. Contents include Directory of Social Services within the Dioceses, Mass Times in all Churches, etc.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

HOLY WEEK TRIP to Lourdes for young adults (15+) will take place from 12th to 16th April. Fare £149.50 (exl. Government tax and insurance). This is half the normal pilgrimage fare. For further details contact St. Catherine Anne at the Regional Hospital (546400, ext.322) before 11th February.

Glor na nGael

SPECIAL CLASSES to prepare for the Oral Irish Examination in the Leaving Certificate will begin at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday 27th January at the S.M.A. Wilton. Enrolment at 11.15 a.m. on the first morning. Fee £15 (8 weeks).

**OUR GIFT TO YOU**

THE CALENDAR enclosed with this Sunday's Bulletin is the parish's New Year gift to you.

The Communications Committee of the Pastoral Council are funding it from the proceeds of last year's Parish Directory, with the Parish paying the balance.

If you would like to give a few pence extra at this Sunday's Mass, it would help cover the cost. We hope you find it helpful for reference throughout 1990!

**SOME SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS  
FOR THE NEW YEAR**

During the new year I will:

Work hard. I will do the hardest job first every day.

Study hard. The more I know, the more effective my work becomes.

Have initiative. Ruts often deepen into graves.

Like what I do. There's a sense of satisfaction in doing work well.

Be exact. Accuracy is better than haste.

Have courage. A stout heart will carry me through many difficulties.

Be friendly. Only friendly people become successful leaders.

Cultivate personality. Personality is to persons what perfume is to flowers.

Wear a smile. A smile opens the door into the sunshine beyond.

Do my best. If you give to the world the best you have, the best will come back to you.

