



BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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Fr. Bernard

writes.....



A MUGGER held up a man in a dark street in Chicago and demanded his wallet. When the man opened his coat, the gangster noticed his clerical collar. "I'm sorry, Father," he exclaimed in embarrassment, "I didn't know that you were a priest. Put your wallet away. I'm sorry."

The priest took out a dollar and gave it to him. "There you are, my son, have a dollar at least and God bless you." The mugger shook his head.

"Well, have a cigarette," said the priest. "No thanks, Father, I don't smoke during Lent."

Lent is about a change of heart, not just a change of habits!

ON A more sombre note, reflect a moment on a verse from Oscar Wilde's 'Ballad of Reading Gaol':

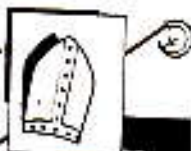
Ah! happy they whose hearts can
break
And peace of pardon win!
How else may man make straight
his plan
And cleanse his soul from Sin?
How else but through a broken
heart
May Lord Christ enter in?

"Let your hearts be broken,
not your garments torn;
turn to the Lord your God again,
for he is all tenderness and
compassion."

(Joel 2:12-13)

Fr. Bernard

PATRICK IN HIS OWN WORDS



A Man of Prayer: "My zeal grew so intense that in the course of a single day I would say as many as a hundred prayers and almost as many in the night."

A Man of Poverty: "I know perfectly well that poverty and misfortune suit me better than riches and pleasure."

A Man of Perseverance: "I ask God for perseverance, to grant that I remain a faithful witness to him until my passing from this life."



Liturgical Roles

SENIOR CHOIR

"O Sing a New Song to the Lord,
Sing to the Lord all the Earth,
O Sing to the Lord, Bless His Name!"
Psalm 96

FOR 16 YEARS, I've been privileged to Sing to the Lord in our Senior Choir. The Choir has developed from a group of about 10 singers to 30 dedicated people singing in 4-part harmony, using their talents to Bless His Name.

Members' commitments are Wed-



nesday night practice from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and at 11 p.m. Mass on Sundays. Singing at Mass of Sacred Music forms an integral part of the solemn liturgy, and creates a prayerful mood which enriches the celebration.

Our choir's development is paralleled to that of its musical director, Patrick Killeen, who joined us as a schoolboy organist prior to his studying music at U.C.C; following which he has taken up a professional career in Music. His boundless energy, musicianship and dedication has brought us to our present high standard, and he expects higher standards in the future.

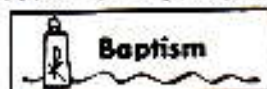
If you wish to join the Parish Choir, please contact Patrick Killeen at 888445.

LEESDALE/PARKWAY JUNIOR CHOIR

OUR CHOIR meets each Saturday morning at 14 Leesdaile, from 11.30 to 12.00. The group consists of 20 children aged between 7-14 years. We sing each Sunday morning at 10 Mass in the Bishopstown Community School. Our aim is to encourage the congregation to participate at Mass by joining in the singing. New members would be very welcome. No age limit. Contact Tina O'Sullivan at 342636.

IN SYMPATHY

SINCERE SYMPATHY to Barbara Warren, Bishopstown Avenue West, on the sudden death of her father.



WE WELCOME into our Parish Community LOUISE BRIDGET O'SULLIVAN, 8 Kenley Heights, daughter of Pat and Catherine.



Rest in Peace

CATHERINE HARLEY, late of "Carrigbeg", Orchard Road, died after a long illness. She was predeceased by her husband, Jack, who was involved in the construction of the Church of the Holy Spirit. Our sympathy goes to Brendan, John, Margaret and Anne (Cahill) who still lives on Orchard Road.

MEDIA COMMENT

ISN'T IT extraordinary how people's perception of the same subject can differ so radically? Or how opposing groups can view the same problem so differently? Why?

On the domestic front we see harsh recriminations being aired in the Grattan Street Car Park affair. We have a bitter dispute on our doorstep at Liebert. Thankfully, we have just witnessed an end to the long-running Rod Licence affair.

Internationally, the disputes are equally divisive.

Perhaps Lent is a time when we should examine our responses to incidents which tend to upset us? Or we could evaluate the causes we espouse? Are they really worth the bickering and the hurt they can inflict?

So often they are not. But it takes a lot of courage to admit it and to overcome the pride that prevents us from saying, "Sorry, you could be right".




Parish NEWS

Highfield Hits the Headlines

"I hope Highfield will host Bishopstown GAA Club as County Champions in the not too distant future," said Tony Loughry, President of Highfield Rugby Club. He was speaking during Highfield's historic visit to the GAA Club at the latter's invitation. Where Ballineaspaig leads will the nation follow?


Welcome Development

CONGRATS TO Telecom Eireann on giving the people of Leesdale, Parkway and Kenley two phone booths instead of one (at the Model Farm Road entrance).
 Less queuing in the rain!

One Plain, one Purl!

Congratulations to the O'Herlihy family of Dromana, Model Farm Road, on the mammoth scarf they completed for the World Cup Kidney knit-in.

Following in the Family Footsteps

 At Feis Maitiu, Ioana Petcu-Colan, 1 Kenley Circle, has won the Kathleen Davis Cup for Under 13 Piano. Have we other Ballineaspaig winners?

KENLEY CELEBRATES !



The people of Kenley certainly know how to have a good time. The weekend before last a large number gathered in Highfield and had a ball.

Many Kenley families were represented - the Kennys, Longs, Kellehers, Goldens, Keatings, Barry-Murphys, Fitzgeralds, McDonnells, Gaffneys, Scrivens, O'Learys, Lyonses, Fitzgeralds, Coughlans, O'Sullivan, Nagles, Reas, Rooneys, Mohallys, Linehans, Devines, McCarthys, Dohertys, Quigleys, Creedons, and many more (well, not that many more!)

There was a special welcome for Sean and Anna Hennigan, who recently moved out of Kenley Road. And all sang "Happy Birthday" for Frank Buttimer, Kenley Drive (age undisclosed!).

Fr. Denis launched the proceedings and Fr. Bernard and Fr. John kept company with the Kenley-ites into the small hours!

And a great night was had by all!

A PITY that the Crescent was not represented at the party. Apparently Westgate Residents' Association have claimed them! But we're glad they are still part of our parish!

Laughter is heard further than weeping.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY is a holyday of Obligation. Masses on Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15. The 7.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday will fulfil either obligation, but not both.

LENT

Each weekday in Lent, we have four daily Masses - the usual three, 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. plus a 7.30 a.m. Mass. Which is a pleasure at the moment with the brightness of the mornings.

(One exception - no 7.30 a.m. Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 19th March, St. Joseph's Day).

Pastoral Council

Reminder of meeting this Monday night at 8 in the C.P. Centre.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Beidh Aifreann Dhátheangach á cheiliúradh an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Príomhsmaoineamb an Aifrinne: Is é Críost an Slánaitheoir a tháinig chugainn le go mbeadh an bheatha againn agus go mbeadh sí againn ina biobláine.



Parkway Fishing Club

Start of season annual meeting will be held on Thursday 15th March at 8.30 p.m. in the C.P. Centre. All members and parents of junior members are asked to attend.

Choir Notes

Louis O'Halloran of the Senior Choir tells me that due to popular demand, a limited number of Senior Choir cassettes are now available. These will be on sale in the Church porches after the 7.30 p.m. Saturday Mass, and after 10.00, 11.00 and 12.15 Masses this Sunday. (Price £5.99)

MEMO



Three requests for the Contact people in the parish:-

- 1) Would you let the priest of your area know when a neighbour is in hospital, so that they can be visited and a card can be sent
- 2) Would you tell the Bulletin when a neighbour is bereaved, so that we can sympathise
- 3) Would you make sure newcomers to the parish are welcomed (welcome cards available at the C.P. Centre).

Thanking you in anticipation!

Dinner Dance in Aid of GOAL.

March 17th, Jurys at 8.00 p.m. Funds badly needed to send personnel to Sudan, Ethiopia and Calcutta.

Tickets £25 each available at Jurys.

Wilton United A. F. C.

Games: Weekend 10th - 11th March: Seniors V Mayfield United 10.45 Sunday, Farranlea Road; under 17's V Caherdavin, 2.30 Sunday, Limerick. The best of luck to the under 17's in their F.A.I. National Cup match in Limerick. Let's hope they will reach the Quarter Finals.