



BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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200TH BULLETIN

STATEMENT BY BISHOP MURPHY

As the holiday period draws to a close and children are facing back to school, I am very conscious of the effects of the prolonged spell of bad weather on families in cities and towns, as well as on many farmers.

(Sept. '85, Bulletin No. 173)

REMEMBER THESE?

With hay unsaved, land water logged and now the prospect of a difficult harvest, I am asking that the prayers of the priests and people throughout the diocese should be continued and intensified at Mass and in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Michael
Bishop of Cork, and Ross

SISTER FRANCES
TO WORK
WITH EMIGRANTS
PASTORAL
COUNCIL
ELECTION

FATHER DENIS
THIS IS YOUR LIFE!

Library
News

ARE YOU A FEMINIST

WEDDING BELLS AT
ST. CATHERINE'S!
FIRST WEDDING AT ST. CATHERINE'S:
Edel Colley, Highfield Lawn, and
Denis Foley from Keshore, who
were married in St. Catherine's
Convent Chapel on April 15th.

It's not often that the Word of God causes such a stir at Kennehy's Cross. St. Paul was the culprit this time. His words to the Ephesians, read on the last Sunday of August, didn't go down well.

ST. PAUL - ANTI-ROMAN?
Give way to one another in
obedience to Christ... A
husband is the head of his...

IT'S SO HARD
TO SAY GOODBYE!

UNEMPLOYMENT
OUR GREATEST
CONCERN

PAPAL AWARD FOR SACRISTAN!
Welcome

INTRODUCING.....
OUR NEW PARISH OFFICE

THE REFERENDUM
As the current debate is based in Ireland by Article 41.3.3 of the Constitution, the Government proposes to change this by deleting Article 41.3.3.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make sure that you, your family and friends get out in the polls and vote. This referendum is an opportunity for the Irish people to have a say in the kind of society we want to live in.

AFRICAN ADVENTURE
AT LAST...
THE PARISH
DIRECTORY
IS PUBLISHED!
A FIRST FOR BALLINEASPAIG! And a first for Cork Diocese - our very own Parish Directory is now available - on sale at 50p.

note this

OUR SENIOR CHOR (accompanied by soloist Miriam O'Callaghan) is launching a tape of Liturgical Music.



Liturgical Roles

THE ALTAR SOCIETY

DID YOU ever wonder who kept in and around the Sanctuary clean and tidy, did the flowers, kept the holy water fonts full, or who indeed should have removed that lace of cobweb and didn't? It's us - the ladies of the Altar Society.

We are a group of "girls", in number approx. 20, broken into four teams. Each team is "on" one week per month for 1-1½ hours on the Tuesday and Friday.

I enjoy being a part of all this as I get to know neighbours from other areas outside my own and, as we come from all walks of life and age groups, our points of view and outlooks are so diverse. We have been known to exchange recipes, patterns, gardening tips, etc., as well as voice opinions on world affairs. And of course we get to know our Priests better.

So if there is anyone out there, male or female, who can give approximately three hours per month, please do join us. We could do with some extra help.

Irene Twomey writes on behalf of the Altar Society.



WE WELCOME our new parishioner TIMOTHY O'LEARY, 9 Woodford, Melbourne Road, son of Denis and Karen.



Weddings



WE CONGRATULATE our parishioners who were married recently:

PAUL QUINLAN, Moyne House, Woodleigh Park, who married Valerie Young, Curraheen.

ANTHONY MURPHY, Roncalli, Laurel Park, Model Farm Road, who married Margaret McPartlan of Youghal.

PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

THE HOUSEBOUND people in the parish were in our thoughts at the last Council meeting. They number about 50. We feel that they will be with us in spirit during the forthcoming Novena. We would like to ask them during the next few weeks to remember the success of the Novena in their daily prayers. With this in mind, a special prayer leaflet will be given to each person soon. A tape of the Novena Mass for the sick will be available at a later date.

We hope in this way that each person will feel part of the parish and a valued member of our community, and that this bond of prayer and love will be a source of strength and inspiration to us all.

TICKETS FOR the SOCIAL on April 26th are now available from your area Parish Council representative.

Alternative SLANTS

HOW HAVE WE in Ballineaspaig taken to the idea of ministry in the parish being an "expanded partnership between priest and parishioner"? We've been sold the idea for over two years at least now. No, I don't mean the Collectors, Eucharistic Ministers or other obvious people, I mean those of us who have no obvious Title. Is it all hogwash? Do "they" still have the "core group" around them who sit on committees and make decisions for us - or have we a say? Have you ever approached your local representative on the Pastoral Council with a comment, positive or negative, about the running of things? I haven't. I know where I'd like the altar to be in the church but I don't tell anybody "official" - I tell "people like myself" - and they won't tell anyone. I've also been known to share a few thoughts about the timing and atmosphere that should exist when confessions are being heard, about how far away the church is



THE PASTORAL COUNCIL sends its congratulations to the Bulletin - the mouthpiece of the Parish - on its 200th edition.

We take this opportunity to thank Fr. Bernard for his trojan work as editor since its beginnings. Our best wishes go to Rosalie Moloney who has taken over from him as editor. It's a hard act to follow!

To all the Bulletin team our message is - keep up the good work.

Rosarii Murphy (Chairperson)

from some parts of the parish and how the timing of services doesn't suit me - but I don't tell anyone "important". What's holding me back? The news is out that it's democratic now and I'm "important" too. Maybe they'll have to send someone back from the dead before I'll participate ... and maybe even then

WHAT WILL the Church be like in the twenty-first century? A theologian writes, "all will learn to look more gratefully to the motherly tenderness of God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Women will be listened to as well as men."

I wonder how much of it will be around to see. Last week we had International Women's Day and female voices were heard a little bit louder; men were heard talking about women too. Most of our parish activities have a predominance of women, but are they heard or do male values predominate because of history? The twenty-first century is just around the corner, so we may not have to wait if we open ourselves to these possibilities now. The motherly tenderness of God evident in a parish might mean that males and females would be hearing each other clearly. Is this a definition of a non sexist Church?

Thomas

Important Anniversary

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO on Saint Patrick's Day, our mission in Peru was established by the late Bishop Lucey. So with all the people of the Dioceses and with our fellow-Catholics in Peru, we rejoice! May God, who blessed the mission from its opening, continue to sustain the great work.



NOTICE BOARD

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Found

Over the years many items of jewellery - some quite valuable, and wearables - recently a gent's new hat and lady's new shoes, were found in the Church.

Charlie Leahy (Sacristan) will be glad to restore them to their rightful owners.

Lenten Reading

Please look at the bookracks in the Church - there is something for everyone - children and parents, young Christians, women and men. We all need help in our Spiritual lives. You won't get that help from the Sunday Papers - you will from the Bookracks. Have a go!

Thinking of Emigrating?

For information on all aspects of emigration please contact the Diocesan Emigration Service, 34 Paul Street, phone 273213.

Cookery Demonstration

Darina Allen presents a Cookery Demonstration at the Imperial Hotel on Thursday 22nd March at 8.00 p.m. in aid of the Ardfallen Sheltered Housing Project. Tickets - £12.

Table Quiz

Curraheen Parish Lourdes Invalid Fund is holding a Table Quiz on Tuesday 20th March in Bishopstown GAA Pavilion. Prizes include £100, £50, 2 x £25. Tables at £10 each.

Double Victory

Wilton A.F.C. had great fortune last weekend. Not only did they beat Caherdavin Celtic 1-0 in the FAI U-17 Cup, but they achieved exactly the same result against Mayfield United in the ADL Intermediate League.

EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

THE AIM of this group is "To provide opportunities for people to deepen their understanding of their faith and to enable them to live fuller lives as Christians.

Could you spare one night a month for 1½ hour approx. to share your ideas on how this aim could be fulfilled? If so, do please contact us -

Claire Fenton 542890

Rosarii Murphy 541677

or just come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 27th March at 8.30 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

All age groups welcome - no C.V.'s necessary.

PARISH NEWS

MEMBERS OF THE GROUP have prepared a very clear good quality missalette in Irish. This is available for this Sunday's Aifreann as Gaeilge. Our Sacristan, Charles Leahy, has produced a liturgical planner for the year ahead. This will help the group to prepare for special occasions well in advance.

Reports on the role of the many Church ministries and groups have started to appear in the parish bulletin. No matter where your talents lie you will find a group to which you can make a significant contribution. This is YOUR church, pick up the phone, volunteer and get involved. You'll be glad you did.

Well Done!

Claire and Michelle Fleming, 1 Kenley Crescent, on your recent success at Feis Maitiu. - Congrats.