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A TIME OF SADNESS



THE SUDDEN DEATH of Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich was a cause of genuine sadness to the people of Ballineaspaig. Their comments mirrored national comments:

"We have lost our Cardinal," said a Church of Ireland neighbour.

Others said:

"I couldn't believe the news."

"He was always jolly."

"He never lost the common touch."

"Wasn't Paisley outrageous?"

"A grand 'grámhar' man."

"Will Magee get the job?"

"There'll be a great céilí in

heaven when he arrives!"



Special Link

JUST TWO years ago, we received a very special letter from the Cardinal, marking the 40th anniversary of Fr. Denis' Ordination. He ended the letter like this:

"A Dhonncta dhil, cuireann sé áthas ar mo chroí bheith i bpáirt leat are an ócáid stairúil seo.

Go raibh rath Dé agus coimirce Muire agat, aois de Valera, sláinte an bhradáin agus bás naoimh.

+ TOMÁS Ó FIAICH"

(From bulletin No. 121).

Our Prayer

All powerful Father, God of mercy, you gave Tomás your servant the privilege of doing the work of Christ on earth. May he share the eternal joy of his Lord.
Amen.

A GREAT DAY FOR CORK -
Cardinal Tomás
Ó Fiaich

attends the
Eucharistic
Procession of 1980.
PHOTO SHOWS:

Rev. Denis O'Connor,
then Adm. Cathedral,
the late Bishop Lacey,
Cardinal Ó Fiaich and
Bishop Michael Murphy.





Fr. Bernard

writes.....



FR. BERNARD WRITES:

I HAVE a thing about May! I think Our Lady has hijacked the month. (A purely personal opinion, I stress!).

For instance. Last Sunday our choir sang three hymns to her at Mass. Beautifully; as ever. Most of those at Mass would probably have agreed with the selection. "After all, May is Mary's month," they would say.

I differ. For me, last Sunday was Good Shepherd Sunday. The Fourth Sunday of Easter. A day of resurrection! The Church's liturgy (prayers, readings, etc.) followed that line, too.

So often popular devotion goes on a different track to the Church's liturgy. And, I'm afraid, I stand with the liturgy!

May, for me, is Easter time. New life. Farewell to death. Everything is new. A mystery worth celebrating for a full season.

Mary would be better honoured around the 15th August, 8th December, etc. And leave May to the Risen Christ!

THE LAST nine days of May are definitely not Mary's. They're the Holy Spirit's. Our Parish Novena begins May 23rd.

With the Church throughout the world, we watch and pray before Pentecost. In step with the Liturgy, at last!

P.S. Parish choirs - now's the time to practice a few hymns to the Holy Spirit!

LIFE AFTER LIFE

QUITE A FEW people have commented on a recent article in the Cork Examiner by Dr. W. Reville of U.C.C. It was all about what happens to us after death - taken from both philosophical and religious angles. He quoted extensively from Raymond Moody's book "Life after Life" which gives personal accounts of near-death experiences.

Please note that this is one of the many books available in your parish library. Again, we invite you to come in and look around.

Rest In Peace

WILLIAM (BILL) CLEARY, "Bellair", Bendemeer Park, died peacefully last week. He was predeceased by his wife Bina in 1978. At the Funeral Mass, Fr. Bernard said that Bill, a daily communicant for over 50 years, would surely enter eternal life, because of the Lord's promise:

"Anyone who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life," said Jesus, "and I will raise him up on the last day."

SEEN AT PARISH SOCIAL



Mary and Tim Spillane - 28 years married.



Rosarii Murphy and Kathleen O'Sullivan present Fr. Bernard with the birthday cake.

IN SYMPATHY

OUR SYMPATHY goes to:

DAN KELLEHER, Laburnum Park, on the recent deaths of his brother and sister.
To CARMEL O'NEILL, Merlyn Lawn, on the death of her aunt.
To TESS O'CALLAGHAN and MARGARET KELLEHER, Lima Lawn, on the death of their sister.

MEDIA COMMENT

MEDIA COVERAGE this past week has ranged from the super-hype to the bizarre, to the hopeful and the tragic.

Any traces of disappointment at Ireland's Eurovision entry coming a close second were compensated for by a sense of real relief that we will not be hosting next year's extravaganza!

NATIONAL PRIDE was glowing at the impressive take in the People-in-Need telethon. It made good television.

Did you know that we Irish give £150 million in charity yearly? But isn't there something very wrong with a society that needs that kind of hand-out? And isn't there something undignified in raising money for needy causes using such bizarre fundraising schemes?

THE RELEASE of two American hostages in the Lebanon gives rise to the hope that all the hostages will soon be freed. It is too easy to blame world leaders and politicians in general for lack of effort to free these people. Do we often enough - do we ever - pray to God for their release?

THE SUDDEN DEATH of Tomás Cardinal Ó Fiaich, has dominated the media as the week draws to a close. A figure of controversy, a man of humour, a diplomat, a man of God, a great Irishman, a gentleman of culture, he will be remembered by his neighbours in Armagh and Cullyhanna as a man of the people.

He is at rest.



NOTICE BOARD

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Irish Craftsmanship - Cork's Contribution

Following on his recent publications, including "Portrait of Cork", Tony McNamara has now followed up with a very well illustrated book on Cork's contribution to Irish craftsmanship. The subjects covered include architecture, painting, glass, gold and silver, and sculpture - all with a Cork connection.

On the cover is a drawing by the late Soirle Mac Cana, whose wife lives in Wilton Avenue.

It is modestly priced at £6.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Léifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Bíodh is go mbeidh na léachtaí agus an tseanmóir as Bearla, belfear ag súil go mbeidh na freagraí go léir as Gaeilge.

Pastoral Council

Meeting takes place on Monday 14th in the C.P. Centre.

A Reminder

The usual monthly delivery of Bulletins to the homes takes place next week-end. Many thanks to all who help with the delivery.

Important

The girls and boys of Saint Catherines (over 90 of them) will be receiving First Holy Communion next Saturday morning at 10.30 a.m. (No 10.00 Mass). All are welcome to celebrate that special Mass with the children and their families.

Christian Family Movement

A special PRAYER VIGIL will be held at St. Catherines on 19th May. The theme will be "Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother".

The format is:

8.30 p.m. Assembly & Hymn Practice

9.00 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour

10.00p.m. Rosary

10.30p.m. Tea Break

11.00p.m. Rev.Fr. Finbarr Buckley

12.00a.m. Mass

All are welcome. Offering 50p.

Foroige Club

On Monday nights 6.30 - 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt, Dennehy's Cross church. New members (12-15 yrs) welcome.

Thank You

Following their recent church door collection, the Good Shepherd Sisters sent us this note:

"Our very sincere thanks to you and your parishioners for cheque received for our charitable works in the city.

I know your demands are great, so our gratitude is heartfelt, and you will be remembered in the prayers of our Community here."

Irish Course

Catering for 6th class primary and First and Second Year post primary boys and girls. The Course will be held in Mount Mercy College from July 2nd to 6th.

Forms available from School Secretary, telephone 542366.

