



# BALLINEASPAIG PARISH BULLETIN

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*From  
the  
Pastor*



I MET A MAN during the week with a very sad story. He had lots of problems with his family. Depression. Unemployment. And marital tensions, too.

"And the worst thing of all," he said, "is that I can see very little hope."

Many others often find life just as dreary. Exams can be crushing burdens. The pain of bereavement can go on for years. To each, life brings disappointments of many colours.

We all need hope. A fresh start. Our spirit needs refreshing. But who will give us the lift we need? The Holy Spirit, God's breath of fresh air on the world!

The cobwebs in our lives need to be blown away. It's time for a new beginning. Doesn't that idea appeal to YOU?

Then share in the joy of the Novena to the Holy Spirit. Nine gentle days of prayer, begging the Holy Spirit to renew his people.

Beginning Wednesday next, 23rd May. Two sessions daily (at 10.00 and 7.30). Great preachers. A good atmosphere. And a warm welcome for all who come - with no questions asked!

So come. Enjoy. Be refreshed. Share. Find peace. I look forward to seeing you!



## Welcome

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:-

SR. URSULA has been appointed as Full-time Parish Sister, replacing Sr. Frances.

Sr. Ursula is one of our own, having been born in Ballincollig. She received her diploma in Adult and Community Education in Maynooth. Before embarking on pastoral work, she spent some time teaching in St. Mary's of the Isle, St. Aloysius', Mayfield and Guernsey. Prior to coming here, she had been doing pastoral work in Hallymun, Dublin.

Her work here will be mainly visiting homes, especially in the newer areas, with particular attention to parents of younger children. Her other duties will include preparation for Baptism, bereavement, Siol Retreats and helping with the Ministers of the Eucharist.

Speaking to her, I feel we are fortunate to have someone of such wide experience working for the parish. Her warmth of personality and dedication are obvious.

What does Sr. Ursula herself have to say about her new post? She tells me what she appreciates most is the genuine welcome she



gets on visitation.

Now that Sr. Brendan is making a welcome return to work, our Parish Team is once again complete. We send Sr. Ursula our very best wishes and hope she will be happy with us in Ballineaspig.

## Ascension of the Lord



" On this day we do not observe a departure, we celebrate a presence"

In the gospel for Ascension Thursday we listen to the last words of Jesus. In this last meeting Jesus did three things:

1. He assured them of his power
2. He gave them a commission. He sent them out to make all the world his disciples.
3. He promised them a presence, " I am with you always".

From the eve of the Ascension to Pentecost we have the opportunity to live this gospel. During the nine days of the Novena we too can experience his power, we can follow his commission by attending the daily sessions and be assured of his presence.



## Rest in Peace

JIM COUGHLAN, Highfield Lawn, had been unwell for some time, but died quite unexpectedly on Sunday 13th May.

A gentle inoffensive man - he worked in Fords all his life, and relaxed with a game of golf at Douglas. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Nuala, his daughters Janet and Wendy, and sons Michael and Jimmy.

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BETTY MOLONEY, 114 Leedale, on the death of her father, and to her husband Sean, on the death of his mother.

To CARMEL HEGARTY, 119 Leedale, on her mother's death.

To GERALDINE MURPHY, 126 Leedale, on her father's death.

And to MARGARET KEATING, St. Francis Avenue/College Road, on the sudden death of her brother, Jean Marie's father.



## Wedding



WE CONGRATULATE our parishioners who married recently:

PETER O'BRIEN, 'Moorhill', Wilton Avenue, who married Maeve O'Sullivan, Dunmanway.

JOAN CROWLEY, 36 Wilton Gardens, who married Pat O'Dwyer, Firgrove Gardens.

BERNARD MURPHY, 4 Wilton Gardens, who married KATHY BUCKLEY, 'Maryland', Wilton Road.



Easter Dues

Very many people have returned their Easter Dues - and we thank them sincerely. Maybe you forgot - it is not too late! Could you drop it in by the end of May? Please?



QUESTION: About the Novena: Are the 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. sessions of equal value? Or is one supposed to attend both?

ANSWER: Come to one session each day and we'll all be delighted with you! To answer your question - exactly the same prayers and format will be used at both sessions. (Each session includes Mass, except Sunday evening).

## PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

AT THE last meeting of the Parish Council before the summer recess, the focus for discussion was on the 'Lapsed'.

The members reflected on the issue with sympathetic understanding of the society and environment in which we live.

To reach out to others and to provide a structure for support and acceptance, as well as criticism and challenge, should be our aim.

This surely poses us with a pastoral challenge.

## *Alternative* SLANTS

I HAVEN'T BEEN to a Confirmation ceremony since my own. If I were making my Confirmation I would like to feel that the Bishop, during his homily, would talk to me. Maybe he does this, but the newspapers suggest that he uses these ceremonies to make points of major impact to the laity. Is this because he has no other platform where he is in contact with us? I'm sure all our bishops are very busy, and the fact that there are so many vibrant diocesan activities probably bears testimony to this. However, I am under the sad, and hopefully misguided, impression that the pastor and the flock are only achieving encounter on a "while I'm here" basis. If you disagree, enlighten me.

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IS IT RIGHT for two parents to pursue careers outside the home if it isn't financially necessary? It is generally acknowledged that time is the best gift a parent can give to a child. But who should stay at home? While childrearing is a joy, it is also hard work and a career that earns little respect when somebody asks "and what do you do?"

This is the age of the dishwasher and the microwave. Is it not also right to "farm out" the nappy changing and general bedlam to the care of the baby minder, while fame can be pursued in the big world? Again, the female bears most pressure. We have created the society that continually praises the values of "home" but is not prepared to give dignity, time out or due financial reward to the homemaker.

Thomas





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## Thinking of Peru

Sunday next, 27th May, is not only the 'Sunday-in-the-middle-of-the-Novena', but also the day of the Peru collection.

The Mission celebrated its 25th birthday this year, but still relies on the support of Cork.

Inflation gallops. People are hungry. Much is still to be done. Please help!

The collection will be taken up in the Church porches as you enter.

## Risen and Ascended,...

THURSDAY MAY 24th is Ascension Thursday, a Holyday. Masses on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m., on Thursday morning at 9, 10, 11 and 12.15 and on Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. Celebrate our Risen, and Triumphant, Lord!

## Petitions

Each day of the novena there will be prayers for special intentions. We invite you to write out your petitions and place them in the box provided. Each day they will be included in the Offertory Procession.

## Flag Day

Have you got an hour to spare on Thursday 24th May (Ascension Thursday)? If so, St. Catherine's Committee for Travelling Children would appreciate your help for their collection in the City Centre, Wilton, Bishopstown. Boxes available from Betty Layton 544046, or Sr. Margaret at 541376.

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YOU HAVE heard plenty talk about the Novena. We have been planning it since last September! At least. But now it's over to YOU. Just do two things. Pray that it'll succeed. And TURN UP! Let's delight the Holy Spirit!

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Céilí Mór

The Fight for Sight Association are holding a Céilí Mór at St. Finbarr's H&F Pavilion on Sunday night 20th May from 8.30 to 12.00. Tickets £3. Spots including two return tickets to Dublin from Aer Lingus.

## Help Needed

We're looking for help. Is there anyone out there who knows anything about sound equipment? Here's the problem.

On Saturday there's a Mass for the elderly in the Crypt. Many housebound people will attend. But some won't be able to. We'd like those who can't to get a tape of the event. So here's what we need.

- (a) Equipment to make a decent recording of the Mass.
- (b) Equipment to make approx. 25 copies of an original, on cassette.

Please get in touch with Carmel O'Shea at 545781, Rita Shaw at 541897 or Fr. Bernard at 343895 if you can help. Before Tuesday, if possible!

## Soccer Fans

Wilton United Youth's Team are playing Cherry Orchard (Dublin) in the F.A.I. Youth Cup Final at Turner's Cross at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 20th May. All support is welcome.