

Sunday, October 7, 1990



BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.
(Emigrant Sunday)



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
Fr. Bernard writes

I got a letter from Sister Frances lately. She is well and thinks of us often. But she gets annoyed too:-

"What grieves us here is the apathy at home about the whole emigration issue".

Have we failed our emigrants?

In her experience three groups emigrate - the older ones, who are professionally trained, younger ones in the skills and finally, those who have no skills. The first two groups manage O.K. but the last group fail - often badly. Many end up homeless in London - a wretched fate.

"Immediate attention must be focussed on this young and vulnerable category of emigrants", stresses Sister Frances.

Information centres are needed here in Ireland - with counsellors, friendly advisors. We must protect the weak.

But who is to do it? Must all this fall back on the Church (ie. us) once again? I think the government has a role. Emigrants are citizens, too, as well as Church members.

A deeper question - why must so many go? Unemployment is the root. Another task for the Government.

It would be tempting, for Emigrant Sunday, to pray - and do no more. I believe that is not enough. Justice demands much more!

Fr. Bernard

ADVICE CENTRES

Where to go if you are looking for advice and information.

Despite anything that may be said against emigration it must be accepted that some people from the Parish will choose, or be forced, to emigrate. To be of some assistance to people considering emigration we have compiled the following list from a publication available in the C.P. Centre, namely, 'A Guide to London for Young Irish People' which was published in May of this year:

BRENT IRISH ADVISORY SERVICE, Electric House, 296 Willesden Lane, London N.W.2. Tel. 459 6286 (Underground - Willesden Green).
HARINGEY IRISH COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE, 72 Stroud Green Rd., London N4 Tel. 272 9230 (Underground - Finsbury park)
IRISH CENTRE CAMDEN, 52 Camden Square, London NW1 Tel. 485 0051 (Underground - Camden)

ADVICE CENTRES IN LONDON, Continued

IRISH SUPPORT & ADVICE CENTRE, Hammersmith, 55 Fulham Palace Road, London W6. Tel. 741 0466 (Underground - Hammersmith)

IRISH IN ISLINGTON PROJECT, Eastgate Building, 131 St. John's Way, Islington N19 3RQ. Tel. 281 3225 (Underground - Archway)

SOUTH LONDON IRISH WELFARE ASSOC., 138/140 Hartfield Road, SW19. Tel. 540 0759 (Welfare) or 343 0608 (Centre) (Underground Wimbledon)

ADVICE AND INFORMATION SERVICE, HARINGEY IRISH CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1st Floor, Haringey Irish Centre, Pretoria Road, Tottenham, London N. 17 Tel. 365 1125 (Underground - Wood Green then W3 Bus (stop for advice centre is one stop before Tottenham High St.))

IRISH CHAPLAINCY SCHEME, St. Gabriel's Community Centre, 21 Hatchard Road, Upper Holloway, N19 4NG. Tel. 263 1477 (Underground - Archway).

SOHO PROJECT, The Centre, 12 Adelaide St., London WC2. Tel. 930 3451 (Underground - Charing Cross)

ALONE IN LONDON SERVICE, 188 King's Cross Road, London WC1 X 9DE Tel. 278 4244 (underground - King's Cross)

BASEMENT YOUTH PROJECT, 227 Earls Court Road, London SW5 Tel. 373 2335 (Underground - Earls Court)

NEW HORIZON, 1 Macklin St., London WC1. Tel. 242 0010/242 2238 (Underground - Holborn, Covent Garden)

This is a day time youth centre for 21s and under. Runs various activities including arts and crafts, photography, drama, video, trips out, swimming, ice-skating etc.

Gives information on Social Services and homelessness and also carries a list of local bed and breakfast accommodation which is within DSS limits. Telephone, tea and coffee available.

PICCADILLY ADVICE CENTRE (PAC) 100 Shaftesbury Ave., London W1 Tel. 434 3773 (Underground - Piccadilly Circus)

PAC gives out information on emergency and temporary accommodation and is a drop-in centre. They also have extensive information on casual jobs in bar, portering and hotel work in central London.

Portobello Project, 49-51 Porchester Road, London W2 Tel 221 4413 (Underground Royal Oak, Bayswater)

London Youth Advisory Service, 26 Prince of Wales Road, Kentish Town, London NW5. Tel 267 4792 (Underground - Kentish Town)

Central Wandsworth Youth Advisory Service 97 East Hill, SW18 2QP Tel. 870 5818 and 876 6574

Battersea Neighbourhood Aid Centre, 22 Battersea Park Road, SW11 Tel. 720 9406.

This information may be useful to people already in London who may not be aware of the presence of an Advice Centre in their area.

Also, Sunday Mass in London Churches is followed by a cup of coffee in a local hall which gives Irish people an opportunity to meet fellow emigrants.



COMMENT

YOUTH NEWS by BRIAN

Congratulations are in order to our local schools on receiving a number of University Scholarships. Mount Mercy received one and Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh secured an unprecedented four. Our Parish was again represented this time in the guise of James Hall, Bishopstown Avenue, who is also a Minister of the Word. Maybe he had an edge over the others because of this ... Congratulations also to all of the teachers involved.

The Mount Mercy Debs Ball was held in Jury's Hotel on the last Friday in September and was a great success. A healthy turnout by staff and pupils alike ensured that a great evening was had by all. After the meal, the company of tuxedos and gowns adjourned to Spiders Night Club, where they "strutted their stuff" until the early hours of the morning. Indeed, it was reported that one or two members of the staff outdanced everyone.

Anybody who had the good fortune to see Nigel Kennedy at the City Hall on Tuesday, 18th September can now claim that they witnessed one of the greatest violinists of his time. His rendition of Vivaldi's Four Seasons was breathtaking and so good was the Irish Chamber Orchestra that Kennedy asked them to tour Europe with him next year. An impressive compliment.

The New Vic Theatre Company of London, upon whom I heaped so much praise for their last visit are returning between October 15th and 20th to the Cork Opera House, with their version of The Canterbury Tales. A must for all ages!

BRIAN

Birthday Greetings



The Bulletin Team wishes our Youth Editor - Brian - a Very Happy 18th Birthday.

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LEESDALE/PARKWAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Residents Association recently organised a clean-up of the Park. The children, encouraged by the adults, did trogan work and it made a fantastic improvement to the appearance of the area. Well done!!



BAPTISM

WE WELCOME into our community the following who were baptised recently:

VANESSA MARIA RANDELL, 37 Greenfields, daughter of Terence and Alice.

ORLA BARRY-MURPHY, 8 Kenley Road, daughter of Jimmy and Jean.



Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Monday, 8th October at 8.10p.m. in The C.P. Centre.

Important Night

"Perestroika hits Ballineaspaig" could be the headline! This autumn, the Pastoral Council goes public, with its first ever open meeting.

The reason is basically procedural. The Constitution states that a biennial general meeting is to be held, at which the Constitution can be changed. Notices of motion to do this need to be in a month in advance.

But we want the meeting to be more than merely procedural. We want to give all parishioners the opportunity to come along with ideas, comments, criticisms and suggestions - for the good of all the parish.

The date has been set - it's Monday, 26th November, in the Crypt. All parish members are welcome. Suggested amendments to the Constitution should be received by 26th October (copies available in C.P. Centre). Make this important event a success!

Ministers of the Eucharist

Please collect letters at Altar Rails after Mass on Saturday, 6th or Sunday 7th.

Rosary - Reminder

For the month of October the Rosary will be prayed twice daily in our Church - before the 9 Mass (at 8.40) and before the 7.30p.m. Mass (at 7.10). Please feel free to join in.

Parish Library

It is gratifying to see a small but steady stream of new members joining the library. Have YOU thought about joining? Do remember we also have a children's Section.

Opening hours:

Mon. - Fri.	10.30a.m.
Saturday	After 7.30 Mass
Sunday	After 9,10,11 Masses

P.T.A.A.

Anyone wishing to be enrolled in the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association may give in their names after the 10, 11 and 12.15 Masses on Sunday 7th October at the C.P. Centre.

CRECHE

The Creche is now open again. All toys, except Teddies, are urgently needed and may be handed into the C.P. Centre in the mornings.

Special

Month of Prayer for Priests

A month of Prayer for Priests will be held during October at St. Peter & Paul's Church. It is envisaged that priests, religious and individual lay people (young and old), will participate. There will be daily exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and hourly rosaries. His Lordship Bishop Michael Murphy has given his approval for this event, and hopefully it will become an annual event.

We exhort you to make this month of prayer and its 'purpose' know far and wide.