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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Sr. Ursula writes

I WAS AT a Silver Wedding Celebration lately. As the night wore on, some of the couples began to reflect on their own marriages, on the ups and downs, joys and sorrows of their years together. As they talked I suddenly realised how many good ordinary people, living good ordinary lives, were in the room. People who would never make the headlines, but whose Christianity and commitment was evident. These very ordinary men, women and young adults (who were also present), and many others like them, of all ages and walks of life, would probably be more than surprised to find themselves classed as, at least, saints in the making.

The feast we celebrate on Thursday, The Feast of All Saints, commemorates such ordinary people who struggle to live by the Gospel in the ups and downs of daily life.

When we think of saints we tend to focus on the big ones like St. Patrick, St. Teresa of Avila, Maximilian

Kolbe or our own Matt Talbot. For a living example we might pick one like Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

I think feasts like the one we celebrate on Thursday and on November 6th, All the Saints of Ireland, help us to think about the many good ordinary people around us who live good ordinary lives and who, by their very ordinariness, tend to be overlooked.

St. Paul addressed letters to the saints at Philippi, Colossae and Ephesus. Perhaps, I could end by wishing a happy feastday on Thursday to all the saints of Ballineaspaig.

Ursula O'Ballaghan R.S.M.



Congratulations



Great Day for Poor Clares

Sunday, 7th October was a very happy day for our local Poor Clare Community. On that day Áine O'Reilly and Anne Kennedy were received into the Community.

The ceremony took place in the nuns' chapel. The Liturgy of the Word was followed by the Cutting of the Hair, the receiving of the Habit, the Presenting of the Crucifix and the Giving of the New Name.

From now on, Áine O'Reilly will be known as Sr. Colette-Marie of the Holy Cross, and Anne Kennedy is to be Sr. Thérèse-Marie of the Real Presence. The two will be novices for two years before making First Profession. We wish them well, and congratulate the Community on this unique occasion.

QUESTION: Why is the bell or gong no longer sounded at the Elevation of the Host, or an electric bell?

ANSWER: When the Mass was in Latin the bell was sounded to alert people from their private prayers to look up at the Host.

With the Mass in English no one should be praying the Rosary or any other devotion during Mass.

The Bell is therefore redundant, an extra not an essential. It is rung, however, whenever altar boys serve Mass, in keeping with the tradition.

BOOK REVIEW

ACTING AS FRIENDS (The Story of The Samaritans), by Michael De-la-Noy. Collins Fount Paperbacks. Stg. £4.50.

THE BOOK is an independent account and assessment of the history, purpose and practical functions of the Samaritans in Britain.

The Samaritans were founded in 1953 by the Rev. Chad Varah, an Anglican. They saw their role as befriending - giving listening acceptance and personal caring. Their attitude is non-judgmental and there is confidentiality within the branch.

Nowadays women Samaritans outnumber men by over two to one. There are preparation classes for members, but it is accepted that one cannot really train people, one can only prepare them. The introductory course is eight weeks of intensive training.

Thirty per cent of clients are suicidal. This book shows the darker side of life and the types of situations with which Samaritans are confronted.

There is a support system in the organisation to help listeners who have a rough time. There is always someone available in the branch to whom they can talk.

The author likens the Samaritans to monks and nuns who consciously but politely distance themselves from personal involvement so as to preserve their emotional chastity, in order to create conditions for instant, disinterested contact rarely possible elsewhere in our frenetic age.

It is not, however, a book for the squeamish.

Tom Harris



MEDIA COMMENT

"WE'VE NEVER had it so good", went the slogan. It could just as easily apply to us today. Yet, as the media reflects it, there is nothing but death and destruction, violence and deprivation.

But I'm not going to dwell on these things this weekend. I'm sometimes criticised for not commenting on the happier events; there aren't too many joyous events reported on in the media. A prize for the best entry in this category!!

So, what's good this week? Ted Heath succeeded where others had failed in securing the release of so many hostages from Baghdad.

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Na Piarsaigh senior hurling team won their first County Championship - and stole the headlines!

Bishop Murphy promised to send volunteers to help our emigrants in Boston.

Not one, not two, but three potential presidents promise us a presidency the like of which we've never seen.

If that's not enough excitement, we'll have "ALL THAT JAZZ" for a whole weekend.

It's all in the media!
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BUT PLEASE don't forget to buy your rose in aid of the Irish Epilepsy Association and the Cork Association for Autistic Children - October 26 to November 1.

I read that in the media too!!

ANNOUNCING

Rosary

During November, the Rosary will continue to be prayed before the 7.30 p.m. Mass each evening (at 7.10). Please feel free to join in.

Ardfallen Fair

A Fair will be held on Saturday 17th November in Ardfallen House, Douglas Road. There will be stalls to suit everyone and snacks will be available. Admission - adults 20p. and children 10p.

Foróige Youth Club

The Club will start again on Tuesday, 30th October at 7.30 p.m. in the Crypt.

First Friday

Next Friday, 2nd November is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound will be made on the usual days.

All Saints' Day

Next Thursday, 1st November is the feast of All Saints. and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be on Wednesday evening at 7.30 and Thursday at 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m. There will be confessions on Wednesday evening after Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul

The usual monthly collection will take place next Sunday, 4th November.



Special Announcement

ROSALIE MOLONEY, our esteemed and dynamic editor for the past year, is taking a break. She is devoting the current academic year to completing her M.A. And we wish her well in her work.

ELSIE HARRIS has agreed to 'step into the breach'. She will act as editor until Rosalie returns.

As usual, all correspondence to the editor should be dropped in to the C.P. Centre. If you would like to speak to the Editor, ring 546096.

All Souls Day



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*To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heaven;
a time to be born
and a time to die.*

All Souls Day (officially 'The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed') is on Friday, 2nd November. Masses at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. The Novena, offered by the three priests of the parish, begins on that day, and goes on to November 10th. Please join in Mass for our dead, each day of the Novena.



Now's Your Chance!

"I'd never stand up on the altar Father, but if you ever need someone to do the cleaning, call on me."

If you have ever said the above, now is your opportunity.

The Altar Society needs new members. While flower arrangers are important, people to clean the Sanctuary are also vital. If you can help one week a month in either area, ring the Dean at 542972, or call to the Sacristy after any Mass.

Return those Envelopes!

We appeal to all to let us have your November envelopes (containing your list of the dead and an offering). You can drop them into the box at the altar rails. To have the full benefit of the Novena of Masses, have them back before Friday, 2nd November.

In Appreciation

On behalf of those on the Missions who will benefit, we thank you for your support of the Mission Sunday collection. The total came to £1120 (parish church) and £183 (Poor Clares chapel).