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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

First Sunday of Advent.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DEMMING CROSS, COBK



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

The stores and supermarkets are stocked with the 1990 Christmas goodies. Again, the Spirit of plenty passes before us. Thanks be to God.

There is another spirit passing before us, the Spirit of Blessing. Already I expect Christmas 1990 to be blessed. I expect the Spirit of blessing to pass in this parish. I expect the Spirit of Blessing to be very close.

Here is the Song of a barber who met the Spirit of Blessing as he passed before his house.

The Spirit of Blessing has passed
before my house,
The house that belongs to me, the
barber.
I ran, He turned and waited for me,
Me, the barber!
I said "May I speak to you, O Lord?"
And He said "Yes".
Even me, the barber!
And I said "May I stay near You,
O Lord?"
And he said, "You may".
Even me, the poor barber



BALLINEASPAIG Parish is up and running for Advent 1990! Two separate programmes have already been advertised, the four Tuesdays and the Week of Guided Prayer. Both are now underway.

We have some other suggestions too. In Lent, small prayer groups were held in homes around the parish. These will be repeated this Advent. You are invited to join. Fr. Bernard will also lead a half-hour of quiet prayer in the Parish Church. Details as follows:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
Monday mornings	Laburnum	Irene O'Sullivan	541167
Tuesdays 11.00 a.m.	Kenley	Helen Devine	545268
Wednesdays 10.30 a.m.	Model Farm Road	Noirin Jones	541436
Wednesdays 7.30 p.m.	Magazine Road/ College Road	Lucy Ryan	542051
Thursday mornings after 10 Mass	Parish Church (Sacred Heart Altar area)	Sr. Damien Fr. Bernard Sr. Ursula	542257 343895 545549

A REMINDER that weekday Masses in the Parish Church are at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. Why not make a commitment to attend Mass daily for the season of Advent.

PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

AT THE meeting of the Pastoral Council on Monday, the improvement of the car park facilities around the church was discussed.

To line the churchyard had been proposed, but on further investigation, this plan would only accommodate half the number of cars as at present. That proposal has now been abandoned. However, it was recommended to urge car owners to park with concern for others, especially at the 11 and 12.15 Masses. In case of emergency, a passageway in the front and at the side of the church should at all times be left. Your help and co-operation please!

Some background work has been done to form a Junior Parish Council. There was a positive response from people in this age group 18-25. They would be willing to help out in the parish, but how this help would be channelled has now to be discussed at further meetings. Young people are invited to come along. Your presence and ideas will be appreciated. A second person representing youth will be opted on to the Senior Council in the near future.

Four members represented us at a Seminar of Pastoral Councils. At this meeting the importance of Adult Religious Education was stressed. Such courses would give a deeper meaning to our faith and guide us in giving answers to controversial issues presented in the media.

To keep you up to date on parish activities, a new Parish Directory will be published in the new year.

Parish News

Congratulations to Anne and Declan Price of Wilton Avenue on the birth of a son, Ryan, Donovan.

Congratulations to Michael O'Leary of 18, The Drive Kenley on his engagement to Naomi Duggan of Oaklee, Carrigrohane.

Best wishes and congratulations to Mary O'Donovan, 'Lios Ban', Model Farm Road, on being elected Lady Captain, Cork Golf Club. Mary takes over from another parishioner, Mary MacEnri.



Rest in Peace

Barbara Holland, Liam Lynch Park, died recently. Her sudden departure was a blow to her neighbours and friends. She was highly respected and a good neighbour. With courage and perseverance she reared her family after the untimely death of her young husband. Our sincere sympathy to her eleven children, family and friends.

Mary Cronin, Farranlea Grove, died at home last week. Due to failing health in recent years she was forced to remain indoors, yet she never lost interest in the comings and goings of her neighbourhood. She enjoyed the visits of friends and neighbours. She is remembered as a gracious and kindly lady. Our sincere sympathy to her family, friends and neighbours.



We welcome into our community BRIAN GARÓID DENNEHY, 'Naoimh Muire', 50 Wilton Gardens, son of Paul and Bernadette, who was baptised recently.

Congratulations



The inauguration of Ireland's first lady President, Mary Robinson, takes place on Monday, 3rd December, 1990.

The election of a woman President represents a new era in Irish politics.

We wish President Robinson success in her new role.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

(Continued from last week)

The following information has been received from the Environment Section, Cork Corporation.

St. Oliver's Cemetery, Model Farm Road is owned by Cork County Council. Charges as follows:

a) Plots - £230 & £260 (Lawn Type)

b) Burial Fees (weekdays other than Monday):

Adult £50
Child (under 7) £23

Sat/Sun/Mon, Bank Holidays and Day After:

Adult £72
Child (under 7) £28

a) New Plots now available in St. Catherine's Cemetery, Killycully only. There will be grave spaces available for approx. 15 years.

Cost - Interior Plot £260
Pathway Plot £310

b) Burial Charges:

Adults (over 7) £76
Children (7 or under) £35

Cremated Remains £8.

Burial fees would normally be paid to the Corporation by the Undertaker involved.

*Father
may we neither presume upon your love by
living carelessly,
nor doubt it by living in despair.*



Holyday of Obligation

Saturday next, 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses on Friday at 7.30 p.m. and Saturday at 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15 The 7.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday will fulfil either obligation, but not both.

Public Rosary

A Rosary Candle-Light Walk for Peace will take place next Saturday, 8th December. Assembly is at Dun Mhuire, Grand Parade at 8.30 p.m. and the walk will end with Benediction in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church. Bring your own lantern, lamp or night-light.

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days. Confessions on Thursday at 8 p.m.

Brigini Company

If you are aged between 7 and 11 why not come along to us on Saturday mornings from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in the Crypt. For games, arts & crafts, singing and work - there's nowhere better. Hope to see you soon!

Christmas Floral Demonstration

by Pauline O'Callaghan, A.O.I.F.E., at Mount Mercy on Wednesday 5th December at 8 p.m. Admission £3.

St. Anne's Adoption Society

Church collection amounted to £740 which was £117 up on last year.

Western Guide

A directory of community services and activities in the western suburbs, Cork, will be on sale outside this church at all Masses on Sunday, 2nd December. Price fl.

A FIRST STEP IN PREPARING FOR
A CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS

IF YOU are not already a member of the Parish Library this may be the time to join. We all like to talk about trying to keep Christmas a spiritual rather than a materialistic season. Should we not begin within ourselves by getting to know Christ better this Advent? There's sure to be some book in the library that you will find helpful.

Opening hours:

Mon - Fri : 10.30 to 11.30.
Saturday: After 7.30 p.m. Mass
Sunday: After 9.00, 10.00, 11.00
and before 12.15 Masses.

St. Josephs Young Priests Society

The monthly meeting will take place next Thursday, 6th in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.

Ministers of the Word

Our next meeting takes place on Monday, 3rd December in the C.P. Centre at 8.10p.m.

Please bring your Missal. As preparation, please read the Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent.

Camogie Club

The Bishopstown Camogie Club have written to us as follows: "The annual general meeting of the Club will take place on Friday next, 7th December at 8 p.m. in the G.A.A. Bishopstown. All members over 16 and parents of under-age players are asked to attend.

The Club would like to congratulate Elizabeth O'Neill (Rossa Avenue) who recently, as a member of the Munster Senior team, became the first ever Bishopstown player to win a senior interprovincial winners medal."