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# BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

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## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

In 1987, Fr. Enda Lyons, a priest of the diocese of Tuam, first published his book 'Partnership in Parish - A Vision for Parish Life, Mission and Ministry'. Its publication coincided with my own appointment as curate to Ballineaspaig. I read that book with deep interest. I was glad to have had it at such a crucial time when I was learning my way round and trying to settle in. One thing I read in that book has stayed with me and has helped me to keep my focus. "God's cause and the people's cause are one. Everyone in the parish, just as much as the priest, is called to help to make the parish a better place to live in." Men, women, children, lay and religious, 'everyone', are in the work of God together, and are there as equal partners.

Last Sunday, our pastor, Dean O'Connor, wrote about his recurring dream for the parish. After working for well over 40 years in the parishes of Cork, he does not give the first place to priests, or organisation, or church buildings. The first place and most important place belongs to the people. He hopes to see people, working together, pulling together, trying to make this parish a

place where everyone feels secure, trusted and loved.

Here are two voices speaking: inexperience and experience. I think they are both basically pulling in the same direction. There must be something in that!

*Fr. John*

As often as you did it for one  
of my least brothers, you did  
it for me.



It is to just such as these that  
the kingdom of God belongs

Remember  
the  
Sick



A REMINDER that special parish cards are sent to those parishioners whom we hear are in hospital.

The procedure for letting us know is very simple. At every Sunday Mass, pink slips of paper are left out on the Offertory table at the centre of the Church (under the dome). Those whose names are written on these lists are remembered in our prayers for the sick at Sunday and weekday Masses. And all those parishioners whose names are handed in in that way are posted parish greetings cards, as an assurance of the concern and support of the community.

(Please note that we never 'call out' these names publicly; rather, we include them all in prayer). We ask you to help us remember the sick by letting us know when family members or neighbours go to hospital, etc. Thank you.)

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### IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to JERRY LYONS, 64 Wilton Gardens, on the recent death of his brother.

To SHEILA McCARTHY Poor Clares' Lodge, on the sudden death of her sister in Dublin.

To MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN, (Woodlawn, on the death of her brother.

AND our prayers are with GLADYS WALSH on the death of her mother, Mary (May) O'Reilly. May spent the last few years with Gladys and her husband, Michael, and their sons Paul and Brian, in their Bendeneer Park home. A kind and gentle lady, her prayers meant everything to her.

## Rest In Peace

FRANK WHELTON, Bishopstown Park, was a member of a well-known medical family; he practised surgery in the Bons and the Mercy hospitals.

Over the years he showed a great interest in the Scouting movement, and in the fifties helped build the Scout Hall on Doyle Road.

Our sympathy on his sudden death goes to Nancy his wife, and his family Joan, Eileen, Anne and Frank (who lives at 'Claragh', Model Farm Road.).

AGNES WALSH, Farranlea Grove died peacefully in the Ron Secours Hospital early in January. She had a full and active life, was blessed with good health up to the end, kept herself alert to the world and people around her, and lived each day with courage and perseverance. The words of St. Paul apply very well: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race." Our sincere sympathy to her daughters Joan and Miriam, son Kieran, sister Eily, son-in-law Sean Murphy, and family. May she rest in peace.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To Una O'Sullivan (nee Doyle), Wilton, on the birth of her son GEAROID, grandson of Pat and Kay, Wilton Road.

Rita O'Connell of Laburnum Park tells me that her air-hostess daughter MARIA, became engaged at Christmas to John Higgins of Bishopstown.



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

SHORT OF retreating to the Blaskets there is no way of avoiding media comment on the Gulf War.

There are as many viewpoints as there are discussions. Power, imperialism, oil, Arab exploitation, peace, these are the phrases being used. Dictator, Hitler one hears Saddam Hussein called. Bush and Major are seen as hungry for war.

It will not be over quickly, we are told. It will be as bloody and obscene as all wars are. No one as yet has claimed that it will be 'the war to end all wars'.

I do not have any answers. But I would like to share these facts.

In 1985 (presumably the 1990 figures can be adjusted upwards) worldwide military spending was over £500 BILLION. Can you

grasp that figure? It works out at ONE MILLION POUNDS A MINUTE! The Gulf War is costing TWO BILLION DOLLARS a day extra.

I can't even begin to conceive of that kind of money. But I can begin to think of the number of wells it could create for water-hungry Africans and Latin Americans.

I can begin to imagine how many life-threatening diseases could be wiped out with a fraction of it.

I can begin to visualise how a healthier, happier, better-housed people, worldwide, would have no need of the power-hungry people who want to 'lead' them and to 'liberate' them. They would already be free, free from want and disease. Free and dignified and fulfilled.

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BUT it means you and I sharing what we have of this world's goods. Otherwise our cosy prayer for peace is a sham. We are Kingdom people and God's Kingdom extends to all people.

'Pie in the sky' as the Dean said last week? It's up to us, isn't it?

Music



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## "MEMORIES - MEMORIES"

The Crypt was filled with the beautiful voices of Fr. Sydney McEwan, John McCormack, Nelson Eddie and many other famous voices of the past, on Wednesday afternoon when Jerome O'Callaghan and members of the Academy Gramophone Circle presented an afternoon of "Golden Oldies". An hour and a half of beautiful music ended with the "Ballineaspai Gramophone Circle" being born.

Fifty parishioners, male and female, unanimously agreed that such an event would be welcomed.

The Friendship Club, hosts for the afternoon, would like to thank most sincerely the Academy and Lough Gramophone Circles, Jerome O'Callaghan, Rita and Pat Shaw, and Eddie Hogan, who kindly agreed to present the next afternoon on Wednesday, 20th February.



**Just to let you know**

Liturgay Group

Reminder of meeting tomorrow night, Monday 28th, in the C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

First Friday

Next Friday, 1st February, is the First Friday of the Month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days. Confessions on Thursday night at 8 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection will take place at all Masses next Sunday.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

At the AGM of the Under Age section of the club, the following were elected:

Chairman: Roger Coughlan  
Vice Chairman: Liam Savage  
Secretary: Leo McCarthy  
Registrar: Seosamh O Suilleabhain

The Club would like to thank the parents of young players who were so helpful in their work, and also the local business people who sponsored the Under 14 Feile Football team in the All Ireland Finals in Galway. Go raibh maith agaibh go leir agus aghaidh linn le cheile i 1991.

Parish Directory

We have received the following notice from the Communications Committee of the Parish Council: "We are currently compiling lists and other information for the second Parish Directory. We are including a list of family members who are working for God as priests, brothers and nuns abroad. If you would like a family member's name included, would you please hand it in with address (home and where currently working) to the C.P. Centre within the coming week "

Lenten Bible Course

Fr. John will lead a Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark for Lent. Course begins on Tuesday, 12th February, and continues for seven Tuesdays until 26th March. If interested sign up in the C.P. Centre.

Each Session: C.P. Centre, 8.00 - 9.15 p.m. Readings/ Slides/ Discussion.

Pre Marriage Course

will commence on Tuesday, 5th March at the School of Commerce. It will run for six nights during March, each Tuesday & Thursday, concluding on Thursday, 21st. A weekend course will be held on Friday/Saturday, 8/9 March at the Assumption Convent, Blackpool. Further inquiries to N.A.O.M.I./ O.M.A.S., 36 Washington Street, tel. 272213, Tuesday to Friday office house.

CURA

We have received the following notice from CURA, 34 Paul Street: "Cura Cork is a confidential telephone and counselling service for any woman who is pregnant and distressed. Our Centre has seen a considerable increase in the use of its services over the past few years and hence the need for further volunteers to man the service. They are interested in meeting people with a mature and sympathetic approach who are in a position to give a commitment to the organisation. Anyone interested is invited to contact CURA either by phoning 277544 or by calling to the Centre Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. before Friday 1st February 1991."