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# BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.



## LENT '91... YOU DECIDE!



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Bernard writes*

"What'll we do in the parish for Lent this year?" The question came up at our weekly Team meeting. We sat and thought.

Our options seemed limited enough. Put on a 7.30 a.m. Mass daily. Maybe Sunday evening devotions? Maybe some other prayer times, too ....

But, wait a minute, what do the people of God want? We are only four, after all. We have no monopoly on Wisdom! What do the other 5,996 parishioners want for Lent '91?

The decision of the Parish Team was unanimous: **ASK THE PEOPLE!**

It's something you've heard a lot about from the Team. Fr. Denis has spoken of building

up a spirit of trust in the parish. Fr. John talked last week of everyone being in the work of God together, as equal partners. Now it's my turn! And I say - put this new vision of parish life into action - right now!

*Fr. Bernard*

*TO TAKE PART, simply write in below what you'd like to see happening in the parish this Lent. Please be precise - what would you like, how often, what day(s), time, etc. By whom? Where? We need specifics! Your opinions are important - please share them with us.*



LENT '91: What I would like to see in this parish during Lent....

● CUT OUT AND RETURN TO C.P. CENTRE, OR CHURCH, by Monday night.

# LETTERS

The Orchard,  
Farranlea

Dear Editor,

Recent bulletins have been giving some attention to the monthly Aifreann le Gaeilge. My comments are intended to be overall helpful and perhaps add some impish fuel.

I feel strongly that "Gaeilgeoir" is an emotive term where any matter of promotion of Irish arises and would be better avoided. Very many people, including myself, are sympathetic, or even enthusiastic towards Irish but would prefer not to be classed as Gaeilgeoiri. The present opportunity should be availed of to seek support from these people so that the efforts which have gone into organising the Mass may not be wasted. I do not agree that the monthly Mass should be dropped without a sincere effort to have it revitalised. Fr. Cotter's remarks are not only critical but pessimistic, although this must be partly because he wished to arouse interest. No doubt his advice and co-operation would be available to people who would set about improving the present situation.

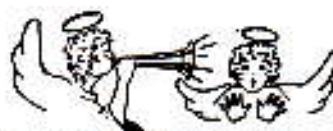
Sincerely,  
J.F. Crean

*Further correspondence has come in with regard to the Aifreann Gaelach. Unfortunately, we cannot include it in the Bulletin, as it is our policy not to print unsigned letters. We do not have to publish the name, however, if the writer wishes to remain anonymous.*

- Editor

# IN SYMPATHY

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY is offered to SISTER JOHN MARY, St. Columba's Convent, on the recent death of her mother.



Your Attention Please

*Has the bereavement of one of your neighbours gone unreported in the Bulletin? Please tell us. Your co-operation would be a great help in this area. Thank you in anticipation.*



We warmly thank Clare Bradley Bishopstown Avenue West, who made the St. Brigid's Cross on the front of the ambo.

Clare reminds us that this ancient symbol was recently re-named the "St. Brigid's Peace Cross" as a symbol of peace amidst the Arms Race and the constant threat of a nuclear holocaust.

St. Brigid's Day (1st Feb) marks the first day of Spring - a season of new beginnings.

May St. Brigid's prayers and ours bring peace soon.





# COMMENT

YOUTH NEWS by BRIAN

THE PRESENT CRISIS in the Gulf has not deterred the sporting talent of Dennehy's Cross parish. Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh Senior Footballers won the Senior Cup last Wednesday when they beat St. Coleman's, Fermoy, by a four point margin. The same school opened their defence of the Munster Senior Soccer Cup by dispatching of neighbours, Bishopstown Community School. Local boy, Anthony Loughry, scored the decisive goal in a 3-2 victory.

Mount Mercy continue their march to overall victory in the Senior Hockey Cup and are now in the semi-finals. Meanwhile, they provided six of the Munster team in the recent series of interprovincials. Aisling O'Leary, Aoife Waters and Grainne Sugrue represented our parish.

Highfield Youths recently captured the Munster Rugby League and had three on the Munster team. Matthew Ryan kept the parish flag flying by having a fine game at full-back.

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LEAVING CERT. students may be interested to know that a production of Brian Friel's play "Philadelphia, Here I Come" is being performed at the Opera House from February 11th on.

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A RECENT REPORT in an American "news" paper read: "In the final instalment of Anton Mikulencak's article in the Granger News last week, the text as printed read: 'Nobody did not see me drink'.

It should have read: 'Nobody did not seen me drink here.' The NEWS regrets this error and is glad to make this correction."

You wouldn't find our parish bulletin doing that.



Hear Ye!  
Hear Ye!

Bishopstown Community Association  
Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 5th February, at Wilton Park House, at 8 p.m.

### Fine rael

This month's meeting of Model Farm Road Branch will be held on Monday, 4th February, at 8.30 p.m. at the Glengarriffe Hotel. New members very welcome.

Hon. Sec. - Eileen Murphy (343399)  
Chairman - Martin Mullen (545184).

## Thank You

St. Anne's Adoption Society have written to thank all those who contributed so generously to their recent annual church door collection, which amounted to £740.00.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to announce the engagement of two of our parishioners to each other!

FIONA COLEMAN, "Denmar", Greenfields, is engaged to PATRICK O'SHEA, "Forestry House", Model Farm Road. Congratulation to both, and to their families!



St. Joseph's Young Priests Society  
Monthly meeting will take place  
next Thursday, 7th February, in  
the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.



Coffee Morning  
Parents Association of Scoil an  
Spioraid Naoimh (C) are holding  
a coffee morning on Wednesday,  
6th February at 10.30 a.m.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

### New Beginning

The first Pastoral Council meeting  
of 1991 will be on Monday, 11th  
February. Council members  
should note that a photo for the  
new Parish Directory will be taken  
at the end of the meeting (around  
9.30 p.m.).

## **Bible Study**



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. Course,  
8.00 - 9.15 p.m. Readings/  
Slides/Discussion.



### A NOTE FROM THE LITURGY GROUP

As you may have noticed the  
Offertory procession is now  
an on-going event at the 7.30  
(Evening) 11 and 12 o'clock  
Masses on Sunday. We have  
a monthly rota arranged and  
need four volunteers for each  
Mass. At present there are  
some vacancies.

If you are willing to  
bring up the gifts at any of  
these Masses, please drop in  
your name, phone number and  
preferred Mass time to the  
Sacristy.

### Special Message

Some of those who joined in the  
'Week of Guided Prayer' at St.  
Catherine's School back in Dec-  
ember were anxious to continue  
the experience.

If any of those participants  
would like continued help with  
their prayer, they are asked to  
contact any member of the Parish  
Team for details with regard to  
cost, time, availability, etc.

**LET'S GO!**

City of Cork Swimming Club  
10 week swimming course for adults  
(beginners and improvers) started  
on Friday, 1st February, at  
Churchfield Pool, at 7.30 p.m.  
Price: Reg. fee £20, plus £1.75  
door charge per night.