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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

RETIREMENT OF SISTER BRENDAN



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

"If with pleasure you are viewing any work that I am doing -
If you like me, or you love me - tell me NOW ...
If you think some praise is due me -
NOW is the time to slip it to me ..."

In the spirit of those verses, I want to pay a well deserved tribute to Sister M. Brendan O'Driscoll, St. Catherine's Convent.

Sr. Brendan gave more than forty dedicated years in teaching at St. Marie's of the Isles, and St. Catherine's. When she retired from teaching in 1985, she threw herself wholeheartedly into parish work. She did much to inspire a spirit of reverence and participation into the Mass at the Community School. She spearheaded the efforts to organise a network of contact people in every area of the parish. Her dedication to the sick and housebound was generous and sincere. She wholeheartedly supported the Ladies Friendship Club and outings for the elderly.



All this work had to come to an abrupt halt when she incurred severe leg injuries in a car accident in August, 1989. Typical of her grit and determination, she struggled to co-operate with her doctors in her illness, and thankfully has made a very good recovery. However, after "mature reflection", she has decided that returning to a full rota of pastoral work would be pushing things a bit far, and has decided to restrict her activity to catering for couples who would wish to

use the facilities of the Convent for their marriages - and such other work as would not involve too much footwork.

I know many parishioners would like to join us in the Pastoral Team in expressing our appreciation for her work. We miss her every-ready willingness to help, her eternal optimism. We are grateful for all this Brendan, and we would like you to know this - and wish you many years of fulfilment in a less active role.

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LENT



Our Lenten Schedule

The Parish Team thanks all those who made their views known.

Here's how Lent '91 will look:

- * 7.30 a.m. Mass each morning from Monday to Friday (over at 7.50 a.m.).
- * Traditional Sunday devotions each Sunday of Lent at 5.30p.m. (Rosary, benediction - Fr. Denis).
Theme: Praying for peace.
- * Prayer time with exposition each Thursday evening 8-8.30 (Taize music, Scripture - Fr. Bernard).
- * We also hope to have one event aimed particularly at young people during the season - any suggestions?

Some of those who made submissions were concerned at the state of the heating system. They will be interested to know that the E.S.B. is currently repairing the system. Also, the Finance Committee, with the Dean, are investigating alternatives (for the long term).

Also during Lent

The Wednesday evening prayer Group at Lucy Ryan's will run during Lent at 7.30 p.m. Sister Damien will lead those who attend. Further information from Mary Fitzgerald at Brothers of Charity Lota, telephone 821012.

About Next Sunday

"We can choose our doctors and dentists, so why not our priests?" The request of one parishioner during last week! So here's next Sunday's line-up:

(First Sunday of Lent)

7.30 p.m. Sat. Mass and Community School - Fr. John,

9.00 and 11.00 - Fr. Bernard

10.00 and 12.15 - Fr. Denis.

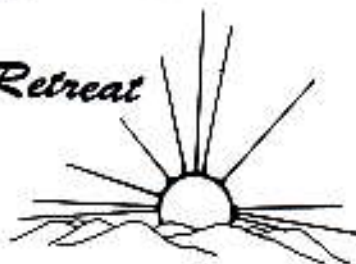


Reminder - Lenten Bible Course

Fr. John will lead a Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark for Lent. Course begins on Tuesday, 13th 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. Reading/Slides/Discussion.

Retreat



Day-long Retreat (SIOL)

For those who have completed the Siol Retreat, a day of prayer is being held in St. Aloysius School on Sunday February 17 from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. The day will be directed by Sister Moya Hegarty OSU from Waterford. Those going are asked to bring packed lunches; tea and soup will be provided. The cost of the day will be £ 5.



LETTERS

Rishopstown

Dear Editor,

Martin Condon is a 16 year old youth who is living in the Bishopstown area. He is one of eight children in the Condon family, who are well known in the area.

Martin recently became ill and is suffering from a very serious liver problem, and requires a liver transplant. He has been treated in the Regional Hospital, is currently in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, and will shortly be going to London to undergo a liver transplant operation. It is envisaged that he will be there for a considerable period of time.

As you will appreciate, there is considerable expense involved for the Condon family. A committee has been set up for the purpose of raising funds to help to defray the enormous costs involved. An account has been opened at the Trustee Savings Bank, Curraheen Road. The account is known as 'The Martin Condon Fund' and the account number is 81724201.

If any of your readers are in a position to make a contribution towards this fund, such contribution would be gratefully received.

Sincerely,
Senan Carrig
Michael Haydon

P.S. Donations can be given to any member of the Friendship Club organisers for lodging to the above account.

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

"IT STANDS as a symbol of peace, hope and unity". So said T.P. O'Mahony of the Cork Examiner recently. He was referring to the Irish School of Ecumenics, which had just come of age. The ecumenical movement in Ireland is certainly not vibrant. Church Unity Week has just come and gone. How many of us were touched by it? Or are we all so very sure that only WE hold the key to salvation?

VOILENCE ON the screen has taken on a new meaning. We had become conditioned to it - almost. It's not really happening, we said. And now it is. Nightly. Repeatedly. Will we become conditioned to it too? The killing, the maiming, the destruction?

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES are quoted as being "uneasy" about the morality of the Gulf War. Doubt is being expressed about a case for a "just war". The principle of "last resort" hardly stands up. Neither, surely, can that of "proportionality" where the good sought must be seen to outweigh the evil produced.

ALL THE media gave coverage to the AIDS Tour. Large numbers visited City Hall to view the touring Quilts and were moved by the experience. In the midst of so much suffering love was present. There, too, surely God is to be found.



Bulletins to the Homes

will be delivered next weekend, the third weekend of the month, with the help of our ever reliable distributors.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Beidh Aifreann dhátheangach a cheiliúradh an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Mar chabhair daoibh beidh bileog an Aifrinn ar fáil an mhaidin sin.



Ashes will be distributed during each of the four Masses on Ash Wednesday, 7.30 a.m., 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. We thank the lay people helping with the distribution.

With Catholics the world over, we fast, and abstain from meat, on Ash Wednesday.

Public Lecture

on 'The Essentials of Care for the Dying' will be held in the Main Lecture Theatre (Main Entrance) at Cork Regional Hospital on Wednesday, 13th February at 8.00 p.m. Speaker will be Dr. Michael Kearney, Our Lady's Hospice, Dublin. All welcome. Questions 9.00 p.m. Admission free.

Help Needed

The Brothers of Charity need families who will offer a week's holiday this summer to a child with mental handicap. If anybody is prepared to take up this challenge, there's a public meeting in the Grand Parade Hotel on Tuesday, 19th at 8.00 p.m. Further information from Mary Fitzgerald at Brothers of Charity, Lota, telephone 821012.

Ministers of the Eucharist

The first meeting of 1991 for Ministers of the Eucharist will take place on Monday, 18th February, in the Crypt at 8.00 p.m.

Parish Directory

We have received the following notices from the Communications Committee:

1) Because of such a small response to our request for names of family members working as Religious abroad, we will not be publishing the list. If, however, there will be a considerable number of names submitted before Tuesday next, we will be very happy to publish.

2) If you wish to advertise in the forthcoming Parish Directory, please fill in the form below and hand it into the C.P. Centre before next Tuesday, 12th February. Please include fee of £10. This fee may be negotiated, in confidence, with Fr. Bernard Cotter.



NAME

HOME ADDRESS

TRADE/PROFESSION/BUSINESS.....

BUSINESS ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM HOME ADDRESS)