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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

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(Laetare Sunday)



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENNEHYS CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

1990 was a great year for Mna na h-Eireann. Today it's fitting to pay tribute to one who is so special - Mother.

Thirty years ago I was a curate down at the South Parish. On a wet and miserable November evening I saw a Squad Car pull up in Cove Street. The guards marched out a young man who was a well known nuisance in the area. He was to be a "guest of the state" for a few months. The neighbours and some passers-by looked on - a general sigh of relief all round.

A small, gentle, frail little

woman followed him to the car. She brought a change of clothes, and some small items of confectionery. She passed them to the guard, kissed the prisoner gently on the cheek, and turned back in home. I saw the tears on her pale little face. She kept her eyes down to avoid further humiliation before the neighbours - and the priest! She was his mother.

She knew he did wrong. She didn't approve or excuse it for a moment. But she loved him as he was.

She was the nearest living example I ever saw of what God's love is like (outside my own mother).

A mother's love is a blessing. Love her while you have her - you'll miss her when she is gone.

Denis D'onnor P.P.

BLAME THE BISHOP!

Yes, if the Bishop had not drawn the parish boundary where he did, we could claim Michael Joyce as 'one of our own'.

Nineteen year old Michael, of Ballineaspaig Lawn, captivated a capacity audience in the Triskel Arts Centre during the week with his playing of Mozart, Prokofiev, Beethoven and Chopin. He played on the new Charles Lynch Memorial Piano in its Inaugural Concert.

Next month he competes in the G.P.A. Dublin international Piano Competition. We wish him well.



Favourable Response

Over the new few months, every single meeting held in the parish will be asked one question:

"What do you think of the idea of changing the parish name?"

When all these 'soundings' have been taken, a decision will be made on whether, or how, to proceed farther.

Individual opinions welcome in the Bulletin, please!

LETTERS

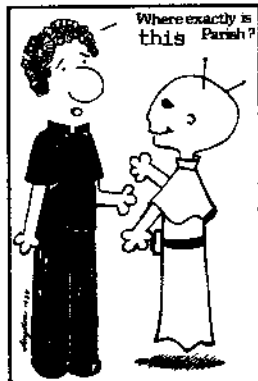
31 Rosnaglaise,
Model Farm Road,
Ballineaspaig.

Dear Editor,

I was startled to read of 'somebody's' suggestion to change the name of our Parish. I don't think that there is any need to take such drastic action. As I see it, the Church is situated at Dennehy's Cross in the Parish of Ballineaspaig or Bishopstown, if you prefer the English translation. Ballineaspaig is the unifying name of the whole area, not just the small portion on which the Church stands. Buses pass by the Church several times a day under the banner of Ballineaspaig; it is the ancient name of the area and should not be disregarded lightly.

The problem about not knowing where the Church is situated can be solved very easily - in the phone book. Nobody outside or inside the Parish can find the Church of the Holy Ghost in the phone book. It is under neither Presbyteries nor in the Golden Pages under Churches so I would suggest that you get the name with the Dennehy's Cross address inserted as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) Marie O'Sullivan



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE LIBERAL BANDWAGON has begun to roll in the aftermath of the Virgin Megastore case.

The Taoiseach is quoted as saying that the Government would be coming to a decision on the legislation for the sale of condoms very soon.

The Workers Party tell us that our legislators must stand up to the hostility of the Catholic Church on the matter.

Interestingly, the recent Maynooth social study found that Christianity, including Catholicism, is alive and well in Ireland. One wonders how attuned our Government and Opposition are to the vast majority of our country. After all, WE are the church. Are WE hostile? Or is the boot on the other foot?

What do you think?

PERHAPS PEACE is a word that has been overworked in recent months. Certainly PEACE WEEK, the brain-child of Cecil Hurtwitz, has passed virtually unnoticed by the media.

If you have never experienced the joy of worshipping with fellow Christians of other communions, you will have the opportunity of doing so this afternoon.

At 4.00 p.m. in St. Finbarre's Cathedral there is a United Peace Service. Fr. John Keogh of Glanmire will preach.

Take this opportunity of praying for peace in a joyous and sharing way.



THE VOICE OF A NEW MEMBER

On enquiry, having fulfilled my term of waiting, Pamela said I would be most welcome to come along to the Christian Pursuit Centre on Monday at 3 p.m.

Monday turned out to be a cold, wet, bitter afternoon. How could I change from long johns and corduroys to present myself? I had never been there before. It was a square room with warm rust carpet and magnolia walls.

Twenty members had arrived. They were seated in a semi-circle and were all chatting and laughing gaily.

Helen and Oonagh were busy arranging afternoon tea of tomato sandwiches, sultana cake and custard creams.

Helen, our counsellor, was dashing everywhere and seemed to be the Mother of Invention. She collected 50p to drfray expenses and, in her anxiety to make sure nobody escaped the little green bag, tripped over the electric fire. The fuse blew and the fire blacked out.

Pamela took notes on a school exercise book which reminded me of my tiny tot days. She made

all the necessary arrangements for future events of the club. I sat and stared at the two busy feet and wondered how "one small head could carry all she knew".

Jane Quinlan, the invited guest, told us about the requirements and motivation to write a short story and left no stone unturned to get us to put pencils to paper.

Kitty, the storyteller, told us about the three men in a boat, amongst them the doctor who overcame the angry waves by professional etiquette.

All in all, a very enjoyable evening where I felt privileged to have shaken the hand of friendship far from The Maddening Crowd in a world "where they also serve who only stand and wait".

Mary Ryan.

As membership for Mondays has now outgrown itself, the Friendship Club has helped to form a very popular "Gramophone Circle" which will be held on Wednesday afternoons, either fortnightly or monthly. All information will be published in the Parish Bulletin.



QUESTION: Why not send out receipts for Dues received?

A lot of elderly people would like this to be done to make up a little for the old way of giving to the visiting priest.

ANSWER: The short answer is that there are never enough volunteers to do these worthwhile things. In the case of Dues alone, some

ONE person has to deliver envelopes AND collect Dues. It is hardly fair to expect them to deliver receipts also.

But that's just one person's opinion. What do people in the parish generally think? Opinions welcome in the "Question Box", found at the church doors.



Hear Ye!
Hear Ye!

Exception

Usually the Bulletins are delivered to the homes of the parish on the third Sunday of each month. This will not happen this month, as next Sunday is part of a holiday weekend, and our distributors might prefer to be free.

Distribution will take place instead on the following weekend. That Bulletin will contain full details of Holy Week ceremonies. (Easter Dues letters and envelopes will also be distributed then.)



Wanted - Children!

Easter is just three weeks away; the Easter Vigil will take place next Saturday fortnight at 9 p.m. As usual we appeal to parishioners with children for Baptism to wait for that great celebration of New Life, and allow their children to be baptised at the Easter Vigil. We were fortunate to have two baptisms in 1990, but we had none in 1989 at the Vigil, unfortunately. This year, with the help of parents, we will surely have Good News!

Please Note:

Sunday Evening Devotions this Sunday evening at 5.30 p.m. will consist of Rosary and Benediction (traditional style). Fr. Denis promises all will be home for the 6.00 News!

Aifreann le Gaeilge

9.00 Mass on Lá le Padraig will be an All Irish Mass.

Catholic Prayer Groups Association

A Mass will take place on Friday, 15th March in the North Cathedral at 8 p.m. The theme will be - "Repentance - Responding to God's Love". Fr. Kevin Lanigan will be the celebrant.



There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Poor Clare Chapel on Sunday 17th March St. Patrick's Day from after 10 am Mass until Benediction at 5 pm.

Pastoral Council Members.

Reminder of meeting this Monday, 11th, in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m. Minutes of meeting held on 11th February are available in the C.P. Centre.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Familiar Faces

Delighted to see parishioner ALISON FAHY, Magazine Road, play her violin so beautifully on "The School around the Corner" on R.T.E. recently. Ned and Trudy, her parents, were to be seen proudly smiling in the audience.

Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS to Ballineaspig Bridge Club on their most successful Bridge Night run on behalf of the Romanian Children's Fund. A sum in excess of £1500 was raised. Again, heartiest congratulations!