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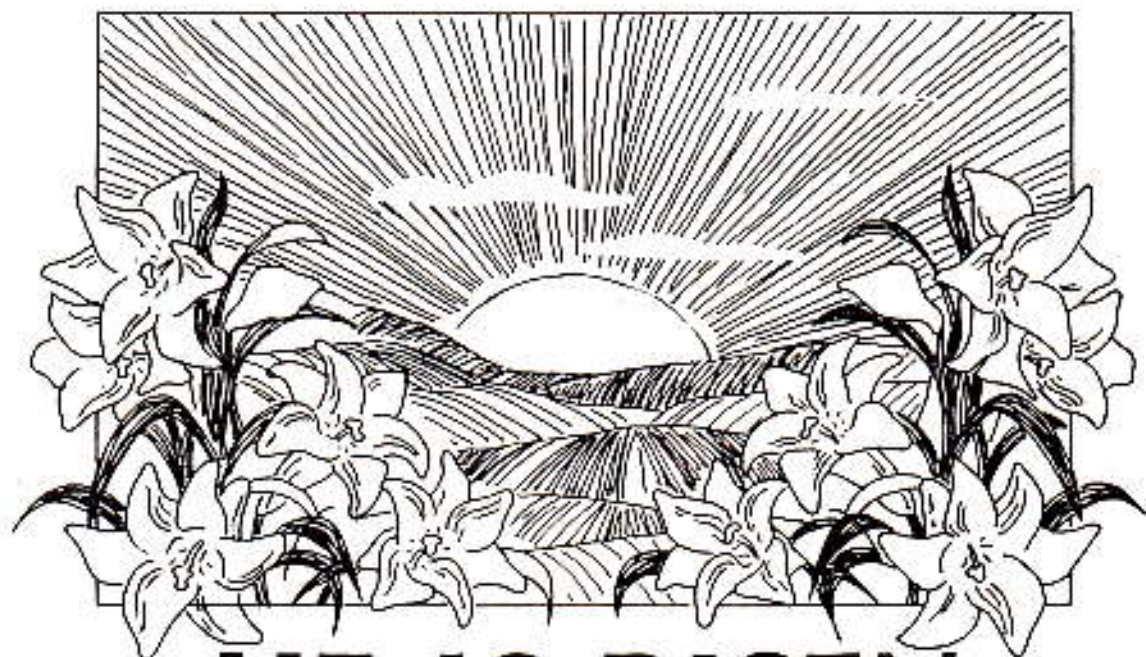
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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Easter Sunday.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DEHNISYD CROSS, CORK.



HE IS RISEN

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia



Over the past twelve months or so, many of us have been bereaved. We have lost close family members, relatives, neighbours, good friends. Where are they now?

Without faith, it's very bleak. They're in the ground. That's it. With faith, particularly Easter faith, it is entirely different. They are alive as Jesus is alive, Jesus who conquered death this day. The grave, the cold earth, has never been their home. They have gone further because of this Easter Day. They are with Christ, our Risen Lord.

For people who are bereaved - and that's all of us at some stage, Easter is a feast of hope. This is the day to renew your trust in the Risen Lord. He will take away your anxiety; he will give you true joy and peace.

On behalf of the Parish Team I wish you a Happy Easter.

Fr. Bernard

From the Editor

Dear Bulletin Readers,

As I am told by Fr. Bernard that an Editor's letter is a MUST at Easter, I'm taking the opportunity to thank everyone concerned with its production. You may be surprised to discover how many people are actually involved!

Our three priests and Sister Ursula provide the spiritual angle. 'Luke' and 'Mark' keep us in touch with the outside world, lest we got too parochial, while 'Brian' is our contact with the young. These are our regular contributors.

The assembly of the Bulletin is done on Thursday. Most of the material is typed in advance by our parish secretary Anne. What a time-saver! Early Friday, Mary MacEnri delivers to the printer in all weather and traffic conditions. And, I'm sure you'll agree that D. O'Mahony & Sons do a lovely printing job.

A team of twelve folders put the finishing touch, working on a rota. The end product is handed to you with a smile by another group of helpers on Sunday morning.

On the third Sunday I would have a problem in counting all who are involved - Michael Costelloe makes sure that the bundles have been collected by the area distributors, who then count and allocate these to the home-to-home distributors.

To ALL of these, a thank you from the editorial team. To the editorial team itself, my personal thanks for their help and support since I took over as editor. Our monthly planning meetings are never a chore - thanks to their unfailing good humour and enthusiasm.

To all our readers, Happy Easter!

Sincerely,

Elvie Harris



Bible Study



Who are they ?

1. It was his lot to offer incense, going into the temple of the Lord. Luke 1:9.
2. What a one, think ye, shall this child be! For the hand of the Lord was with him. Luke 1:66.
3. Depart from me, for I am a sinful man O Lord. Luke 5:8.
4. And - made him a great feast in his own house; and there was a great company of publicans and of others that were at table with them. Luke 5:29.
5. Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile. John 1:47.
6. This man came to Jesus by night. John 3:2.
7. Behold we have left all things and have followed thee: what therefore shall we have? Matthew 19:27.
8. He is worthy that thou shouldst do this for him. Luke 7:4.
9. Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel. Matthew 8:10.
10. Lord, behold he whom thou lovest is sick. John 11:3
11. Give me this water that I may not thirst. John 4:15.
12. In this way has the Lord treated me when he favoured me. Luke 1:25.
13. Lord, if you will, you can cleanse me. Luke 5:12.
14. What shall I do to inherit eternal life? Luke 10:25.
15. Jesus, Son of David, take pity on me. Luke 18:38.
16. Behold Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have wronged any man of anything I will restore him fourfold. Luke 19:8.
17. Was not our heart burning within us. Luke 24:32.

NOTICE BOARD

All over Bishopstown....

People who live in the greater Bishopstown area can attend a local 'Irish Mass' three Sundays of each month:-

In Wilton on the First Sunday.
In Ourraheen on the Second Sunday.
In Dennehy's Cross on the Third.
Each 'Aifreann Gaeilge' is celebrated at 9.00 a.m.

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Great Response

Even at this early stage, there has been a great response to the Easter Dues collection. We thank all who have made this possible.

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Out Soon!

The 1991-1992 Parish Directory will be published very soon. The price will be 50p. (same as 1989!). Don't miss it!

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Visitation Tours

Tours to Holy Land, Fatima, Medjugorje and Rome, and Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes - information available in C.P. Centre.

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St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society

The usual monthly meeting will take place next Thursday, 4th April at 8.00 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days. Confessions on Thursday night at 8.00.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection will take place next Sunday at all Masses.

WHAT I MEANS



Easter

Easter is a wondrous time,
A time of joy for all man kind,
A time for fun and chocolates too,
With lots of happy things to do.

But most importantly of all
is that everybody hears the call,
to go to church and thank the Lord
for saving us one and all.



by Catherine Mc Cormack

Easter proved to me that I should
not be afraid of dying. I know
that God loves me and I will be
welcome in heaven when I have
finished my life on earth.
(Alison)

This Easter I'm going to try and
think of what He did for us and
not just the chocolate and the
holiday. (Valerie)

When I read about Jesus dying it
made me feel angry at God, but I
think I understand now.
(Emma O'S.)

To me Easter means new beginnings.
Jesus is risen and Spring is all
around us. (Lisa Goggin)

There are also poor people in the
world besides us. At Easter we
should help these people, even if
it is just giving to Trócaire.
(Marguerite White)

Jesus' last words were, "Father,
into your hands I commend my
spirit." I would like to be
able to say these words when I
die. (Olwen Daly)

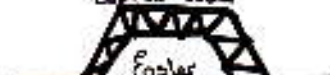


Easter is a time for happiness
and joy
for Jesus Christ is risen
we should not think of Easter eggs.
we should think of Jesus
for without Jesus there would be
no Easter.



The pupils from the 6th classes in S
share their perception of Easter.
taken from the many items contributed
print them all, but space does not a

Easter story



Jesus Died on the Cross for us
But he also rose again
He died with lots of sweat and
But most of all pain
On the Mountain of Olives
He asked them to pray
But instead they slept and wept
When Pilate condemned him
All the crowd laughed and jeered him
Though he committed no crimes
he fell many times
The master they loved and denied.



By Gillian Ryan 6th class Mrs. O. Conboy

On Easter Jesus sent the holy Spirit
to his followers Jesus also Freed us
from sin.



It is awful to see people thinking
only of chocolate and money. I
can't complain because I'm not
perfect either. Easter is a time
of happiness and joy.
(Nollaig Healy)

We should thank God for His
creations: the birds, the animals,
the sea, the sky, the flowers,
the trees, mountains, valleys -
and, most of all, our families
and friends. (Anon)

EASTER TO ME



... Catherine's have allowed us to
these are just some of the thoughts
by them. It would be lovely to
low.

During Easter it is a time for
friendship, caring and praying.
Children get chocolate Easter
eggs because in the olden days
they used all the eggs on Shrove
Tuesday and left some for the
children to paint and parents to
hide. Then someone thought of
chocolate eggs which the children
would enjoy and they have been
making them ever since. (Lisa)

Easter means to me that Jesus
died and rose from the dead to
free us from sin. He has given
us new life and new hope.
(Fiona O'Sullivan)

If you want to know what Easter means
The joy, the sorrow, the love
That in your walled dream,
You would not find a better note than mine
Than when Jesus Christ rose,
And showed us how to love!

Barbara Conway

I used to give up sweets and
chocolate but I realise, now that
I am older, trying to stop fight-
ing with my family or helping at
home is better. (Emma P.)

Easter means to me that ... even
if I went up to heaven I know
I still will be alive.
(Emma O'Merlihy)

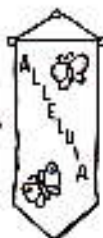
Easter is about easter eggs,
holidays and having fun, but
it is also about thinking about
what Jesus did for us.
(Serena O'Leary)

I am not a very holy person, but
as I get older Holy Week and
Easter mean more. (Barbara)

On Easter Sunday I think about
Easter eggs, but when I am at
Mass and hear the priest talking
about what Jesus did for us I
start to realise the real meaning
of Easter. (Yvonne Hegarty)



Easter is a time
of Joy, Hope, Happiness
Peace and Celebration
because
Jesus Christ is Risen



Easter is a time for giving
Sharing and correctly living.
It also is a time for peace
And when sinning has to cease.
(Anne McKiernan)

When I was younger the thing that
Easter meant to me was eating
chocolate. Now I understand
more about Easter. (Jane)

It is a happy time, not a sad
time, for Jesus Christ is risen.
(Sarah Davidson)

Easter is the time when, so
long ago, Jesus died to save
us from our sins. He was crowned
with thorns, he had nails driven into
his hands and feet and left on
the cross to die. Jesus rose from
the dead two days after he was
crucified, when he rose he triumphed
over sin and death. Jesus said, 'A
man can have no greater love than to
give his life for his friends.'

Sandra Power



Easter comes but once a year - if
only it came twice.... (Anon)

EASTER BRAIN TEASER



Who owns the zebra?

1. There are five Houses each with a front door of a different Colour, and lived in by men from different Counties in Ireland. They have different Pets and all drink different Drinks. Each man smokes a different kind of Pipe Tobacco.
2. The Corkman lives in the house with the Red Door.
3. The Donegal man owns the Dog.
4. Coffee is drunk in the house with the Green Door.
5. The Kerryman drinks whiskey.
6. The House with the Green Door is immediately to the right (your right) of the House with the White Door.
7. The Medium Cut Pipe smoker owns Rabbits.
8. The Spun Out Smoker lives in the House with the Yellow Door.
9. Milk is drunk in the Middle House.
10. The Dublin man lives in the first House on the left.
11. The man who smokes Mixture Out lives in the House next to the man who has the Fox.
12. The Spun Cut Smoker is next to the House where the Horse is kept.
13. The Flake Pipe Smoker drinks Stout.
14. The Mayo man smokes Rough Cut.
15. The Dublin man lives next to the House with the Blue Door.

EASTER BRAIN TEASER

Question: Who drinks wine and who owns the ZEBRA?

A prize for the first correct answer opened, which must show how the correct answers are arrived at.

Congratulations

SISTER BRENDAN tells me that the 'White Horse Inn', staged at Mount Mercy to celebrate its Silver Jubilee, was a roaring success. Our parish was very well represented on stage, by our most talented parishioners:

Laura Ahern, 40 Greenfields
Aoife Casey, Bishopscourt Lawn
Patricia Coveney, Model Farm Road
Jean Marie Cullen, Woodleigh Park
Marita Deering, Bishopscourt Ave.
Rhoda Dullea, Highfield Lawn
Tracy Flynn, Bishopstown Avenue
Catherine Heffernan, Farranlea
Tracy Hewitt, The Grove, Parkway
Aoife Hourihane, Bishopscourt Lawn
Caroline Keating, Model Farm Road
Clare Kelly, Bishopscourt Lawn
Cliona Keohane, Wilton Gardens
Fiona Lucey, Farranlea Grove
Caroline Lynch, Laburnum Park
Niamh Lynch, Laburnum Park
Fionnuala Murphy, Leesdale
Gillian Murphy, Kenley Drive
Maura Murphy, Bishopstown Avenue
Reiltin Ni Dhonnchadha, Bishopscourt Hill
Shirley O'Halloran, Cherrygrove
Katherine O'Herlihy, Leesdale
Linda Quinlan, Bishopstown Ave.
Karen Roche, Wilton Road
Miriam Shinnick, Bishopscourt Road
Traoine Young, Cherrygrove

Our congrats too to Mrs. Patricia O'Shea and Sister Patricia who helped make it all happen.

Mount Mercy - 25 years on, we're proud of you!



MAKE AN EASTER BASKET



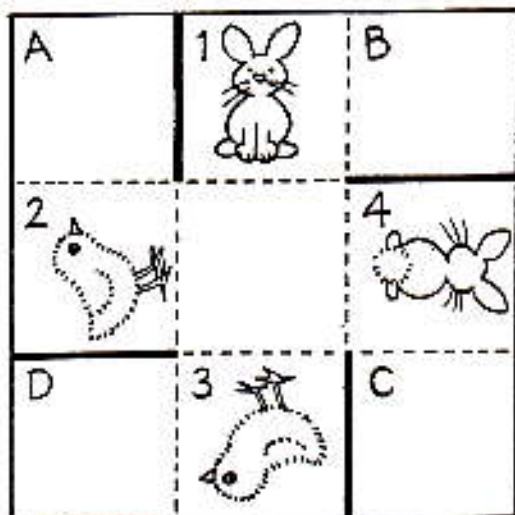
To make the basket you need:
Some light card; paints; cotton wool or straw; adhesive and a small coloured Easter egg.

Cut a square of card 20 cm. x 20cm. and divide it into sections as shown.

Paint little pictures on the parts marked 1, 2, 3 and 4.
A rabbit, a hen or a chicken would be nice!

Cut along the heavy black lines and then bend along the dotted lines.

Put adhesive on A, B, C and D.
Fold A under 1, B under 4, C under 3 and D under 2.
Now make a little handle for the basket and stick in place.
Line the basket with straw or cotton wool and place the Easter egg on top.



Look for these in the big picture



LET'S GO 'GREEN' FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

It would be nice if each group of children who gather to play together could just pick up the litter in their own play area. How much nicer our parks would look without the sweet papers, crisp bags, cigarette boxes. How about being the leader?

Arrange 15 matches



Take away three matches and leave three squares.



LETTERS



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

Ashton,
Wilton Rd.
Cork.

Dear Editor,

If the parish name is to be changed my family and I are in favour of calling it Dennehy's Cross.

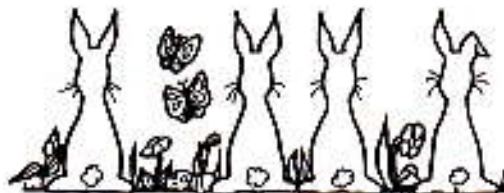
Yours sincerely,
DONAL MURPHY



IT ALL BEGAN in 1987 with the first Pastoral Elections. There were more in 1989, and more are scheduled for Autumn 1991. Maybe it is time to reflect again on what it all about. A time for renewal; a time for a deeper commitment to our parish.

The Parish Team proposes to lead such a reflection over the next few Sundays. For the Second, Third and Fourth Sundays of Easter, all our homilies will be on this topic. And we will be inviting all the parishioners to reflect with us on what 'partnership' really means for our parish, and what implications it will have for all of us.

You will hear much more about this over the next three Sundays - so watch this space!



"I believe that Jesus was crucified, buried, and that His cold, dead body was raised alive by God." - the words of George Carey, soon to be enthroned as Archbishop of Canterbury.

His church, the Church of England, seems to be suffering quite a decline in church attendance. George Carey's remedy? "If the young are not filling our churches, the Church must go out to meet them."

He also says:- "There are many hard-working, conscientious and gifted clergy in the Church, but (they) should be assessed every five years to expose those who are incompetent, lazy or simply inept. Bishops too..!!"

Can't you imagine the shock waves in the Irish Church if Bishop Cahal Daly were to declare a five-year evaluation of bishops and clergy?

Lest any of us get too smug, perhaps we might ask ourselves the question: what does my Catholicism mean to me? Sunday Mass? Keeping the rules? Is there any challenge? Am I a Sunday Catholic? A cosy Catholic?

Suppose I were to be subjected to the five-year test, how would I rate on a scale of 1 - 10?

Maybe it's worth thinking about at this Resurrection time, this Good News time. One day the assessment will really come. Perhaps a rehearsal now and again would prepare us?

I wish you a Happy Easter.