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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Second Sunday of Easter.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENNEHY'S CROSS, DORK

FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

My dear friends,

In the Bulletin of 20th January last, I shared my "Dream" with you - a dream that Ballineaspaig Parish would be a haven where everybody would feel wanted, loved, and secure.

I know only too well I'm talking about an "Ideal Parish". But it's not 'Pie in the Sky'. It's an ideal worth striving for. But only ourselves can make it work. Nobody, but nobody, can present it to us.

When God made Adam He said, "It is not good for man to be alone". How often do we hear that all too familiar phrase "I feel so lonely". And it's not confined to any one age group or social stratum.

"Everyone is reaching out for someone, everyone is knocking at some door". "Fé scáth 'na céile maireann na daoine".

Of course, there are people who like to be alone, and their wishes should be respected. But so many tentatively reach out looking for a sympathetic ear - somebody who will be gentle, supportive, non-judgemental and non-threatening. Could you be such a one? Great! The longer you live the more you realise

that forgiveness, consideration, and kindness are three of the great secrets of life. If you feel this is not your scene, please don't stifle with criticism the one who tries.

Naturally, friendship isn't all sweetness, and contact can bring friction too. Remember we are most unlikely to have a difference of opinion with people in Outer Mongolia, but we can't be much of a friend to our neighbours there either.

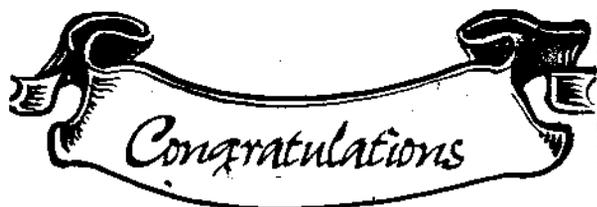
We all need the welcoming hand of a friend at special times - when we arrive as strangers (I was a stranger and you made me welcome); when we are sick, depressed or bereaved, and unable to communicate (I was sick and you came to visit me); when I am poor, and lonely, and hard of hearing (when did we see you poor or sick or a stranger and come to your assistance? As often as you did it to the least of these my little ones, you did it to me).

It's a wonderful privilege to be the Lord's hands - just sometime. And this is a great time and place to start.

You could make my dream come true!

God bless you all.

Denis O' Connor P.P.



CHURCH CHOIR HITS THE TOP NOTE AT LIMERICK

Dennehy's Cross Church Choir won the top award in the Limerick Church Musical International Choral Festival at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 24th March.

The adjudicators, Andrew Padmore and David Brindle, said that they were really impressed by the choir's "convincing" performance. 'Cor an Spioraid Naoimh' under conductor Patrick G. Killeen, was judged the Best Choir in the Church Section of the Festival, and were praised by both adjudicators for their fine singing. They were awarded 84 marks.



L to R: David Brindle (Adjudicator), Patrick G. Killeen (Conductor), and Mayor of Limerick, Paddy Madden.

Worth Watching

Bishopstown win Neighbourhood

Watch Award

At the Neighbourhood Watch Chubb Ireland Awards presentation at the Burlington Hotel on 3rd March last, the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme at Westgate/Kenley area were the recipients of an award.

The award was presented to John Barry, Area Co-ordinator and Garda Michael Haydon, Bishopstown, by the Minister for Justice, Mr. Ray Burke.

Neighbourhood Watch was introduced to Bishopstown in 1988, the first area being Woodbrook. Fourteen schemes have now started in the area, with more planned. There are more than 2,500 households in Bishopstown covered by Neighbourhood Watch.

As well as helping to tackle crime problems, Neighbourhood Watch can also help to build a sense of community. At many Neighbourhood Watch meetings, people who have been neighbours for many years have actually met for the first time. The problem of loneliness can often be worse in densely populated areas. This is just one of the problems that Neighbourhood Watch schemes, in conjunction with Community Associations/Residents' Associations, can address.

Another area where Neighbourhood Watch Schemes could liaise with local organisations is in trying to help the youth of the area. In most of the areas in Bishopstown, Cycle Marking Days have been organised in conjunction with the Gardai. The youth of



the area bring along their bicycles, the serial number is recorded, and they meet the local Garda and the Neighbourhood Watch people. In one area, the residents have formed a youth club. In other areas a Barbacue is run during the summer, a supervised bonfire is organised for Bonfire night. These are just examples of what can be done. The one requirement in all of these things is for interested, dedicated and committed local people to be involved. The interest must come from the local community if the scheme is to be a success.

LETTERS

11 Fremont Drive,
Melbourn.

Dear Editor,

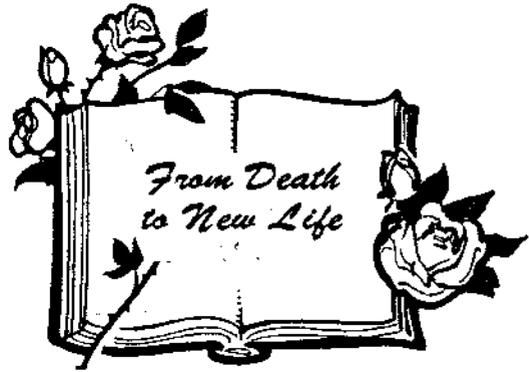
In bulletin No.243, 17/3/91, the notion that the Catholic Church is, or ought to be, a democratic institution was expressed twice: first in Kevin Dinan's letter and then in "Comment" by Thomas.

Could you please outline the evidence which supports the view, that Jesus Christ intended His Church to be a democratic institution.

Yours sincerely,
Steve McGarry

If (Shy!) Parishioner will leave his/her name, we would be glad to publish the letter. This is our policy, but we don't publish writers' names if they wish them withheld.

Editor



The death of little Sarah Walsh at the tender age of six weeks cast a gloom over the Parkway/Leesdale district of our parish.

We join friends and neighbours in offering our support and sincere sympathy to her heart-broken parents, Pat and Catherine Walsh, 20 Parkway Drive, her brothers, David and Alan, and the child's Grandparents Dan and Breda Dennehy, Leesdale.

IN SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to LAL CROWLEY, 31 Highfield Lawn, on the death of her mother, Margaret Manning, Kilbrittain.

Lourdes

If you would like to work in the Bellevue Hotel, Lourdes, between mid-April and mid-October (incl.), please contact Maura Aherne, Carrig Lodge, Lehenagh, Togher.



Congratulations to Mount Mercy on their magnificent win in the Kate Russell All-Ireland Schoolgirls Hockey Final.



Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Pastoral Council members will take place on Monday next, 8th, in the C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

Ministers of the Eucharist

There will be a meeting in the Crypt on Monday, 15th April, at 8.00 p.m. Fr. Stan Mellett, who conducted our parish novena last year, will speak.

St. Mark's Gospel Brought to Life

For those of us who were privileged to attend Fr. John's Lenten Course on Mark it was a very enriching experience.

We were given insights into the background to the Gospel, how people lived, the rules that governed their lives. Jesus was shown as a very real person, not only a great leader, but also with human feelings of deep anguish and fear.

Des Dunnion and Dorothy O'Connell expressed our appreciation eloquently on the closing night. Notable was the fact that over 30 attended on the first night and there were still over 30 on night seven!

Well done, Fr. John.

Bishpstown G.A.A.

The Club would like to congratulate Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh on the recent victory in the Munster Colleges Senior Hurling Final, and would like to wish them well in their quest for All Ireland honours.

Next Wednesday, 10th April, the Club has organised a Table Quiz to raise funds for the Cork & Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage Fund.

Time: 8.30 p.m.

Tables of 4: £12.

All welcome.



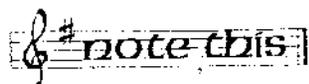
A new Street League Committee is being set up to cater for the hurling & football needs of the young boys in the area, in particular boys from the new Estates. Any parents who are willing to help will be most welcome. Please contact Leo McCarthy (545971) or any member of the Club.



A Note of Appreciation

Congratulations to our Parish Team and all concerned with organising the Holy Week ceremonies. These beautiful liturgies were uplifting for all who attended, and obviously the result of immense planning and dedication.

Thank you.



Threshold Concert

A concert of Classical Music will be held on Wednesday next, 10th April, at Aula Maxima, U.C.C. at 8 p.m., followed by Cheese & Wine Reception. The compere will be David McInerney, and taking part will be John Gibson - Pianist, Miriam O'Callaghan - Soprano, Karen Murray - Violinist, Jamie Evans - Flautist, with piano accompaniment by John Browne and Eleanor Malone. Details of the programme are on the church door noticeboards.

Admission £12.50.

Liturgy Group

Minutes of last meeting are now available in the Sacristy.

Altar Servers

New rota is now available in Sacristy.