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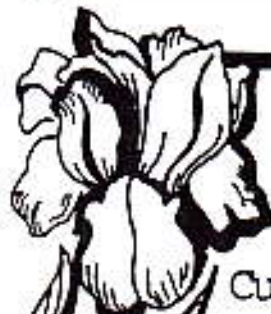
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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Fifth Sunday of Easter.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENNEHY'S CROSS, COBK.

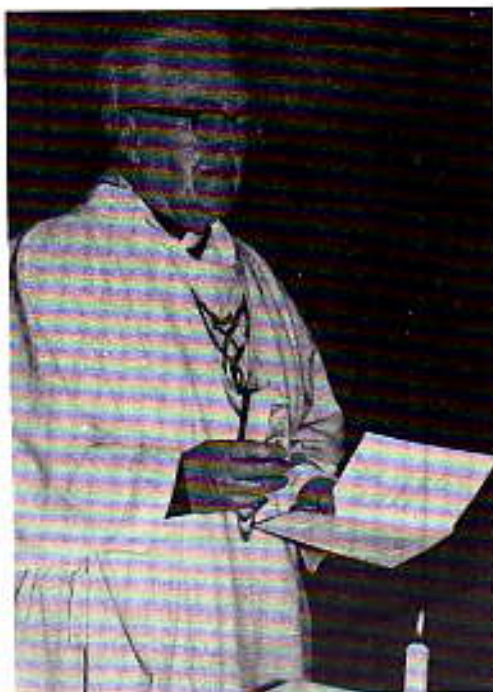


In loving memory of FR. HUMPHREY MULCAHY

Curate in Ballineaspaig, 1959 - 1980

Fr. Denis O'Connor writes:-

THE LARGEST NUMBER of priests and people I have ever seen at a priest's funeral gathered at Frankfield Church last Saturday week for the funeral of Fr. Humphrey Mulcahy. As we turned away from his grave, many of us said: "Truly, he was a good priest!"



Fr. Humphrey celebrates Baptism

From the day of his ordination in June 1946, Fr. Humphrey had no other interest in life but to serve God and the people to whom he ministered. He fulfilled that role faithfully in this parish for twenty one years. His dedication to duty, and the sick in particular, was the badge of his ministry. His work with the Pioneer Association is well documented. Less known, perhaps, was his care and concern for his fellow priests—whether they were sick, or infirm, or faltering

TRIBUTE TO FR. MULCAHY (cont.)

on the pathway of life - Humphrey was a friend and support for all.

He had served in Nigeria, Bantry and Ballydehob before he was appointed here in 1959. He loved the people of this Parish, and would have dearly liked to return here when he retired from being P.P. at Grange/Frankfield were it not that his services were needed in Glanmire at the time.

Long may his memory live among us - because it is good.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.



Happier times with the late Cardinal O Fiaich - "the light of heaven to the two of them."

i PLEASE PRAY *for*

GRACE ROGERS, Liam Lynch Park, died recently in the home of her niece, Brenda. She is remembered with affection as a real lady, who spoke gently and carried herself with dignity. She suffered the loss of her husband Jack, and daughter Eileen, within two years of each other. With the help of family and neighbours she overcame this trauma to live at peace in these last years. Our sincere sympathy to family, friends and neighbours.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Bernard writes

Over the last three Sundays, parish life has been the focus of our homilies at Mass. We were talking about making the parish more alive. More meaningful. More all-embracing. 'Parish renewal' we call it.

It is a big change for all of us. Every structure we know tends to be shaped like a pyramid, with a boss at the top. It's easy to see how the Parish Priest and the Priests got to be seen in this light. But things are changing.

It was Jesus who started it all off. He noted the worldly view of authority, where people threw their weight around. And he warned .. "this is not to happen among you" (cf Mark 10:42-45).

Our image of parish life for 1991 is the image of the circle. As brothers and sisters we gather together around the Lord - priests, people, all. Our parish is our concern, the concern of all, you and me together.

If we cannot pull together, there is no future for any of us. Partnership in parish is our only way. It is not so new: remember the seanfhocal - "Ní neart go cur le ceile."

Bernard Crotty C.C.

P.S.
The Parish Team thanks those who returned the blue flier contained in last Sunday's Bulletin.





A PARISHIONER WRITES...

Blessington,
Laburnum Drive.

Dear Editor,

Your correspondent (13/4/91) correctly points out that the Ballineaspig 'bus passes our Parish Church many times a day; and then continues for a further two miles to Bishopstown, for which it is named.

We know, of course, that 'Pattern Day' is derived from the old 'Patron's Day' when the locals celebrated and danced to honour patron saint. What a lovely idea to name the parish 'Dennehy's Cross' to venerate this old Irish custom as, who knows, maybe many many moons ago this old crossing could have been used for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,
Breda Scully

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently:
GARY Ó DONNCHADHA, 4 Bishopscourt Hill, who married Marion Scully, Turners Cross.
CAROL COFFEY, 51 Wilton Gardens, who married Dermot Crowley, 21 Brookfield Park, The Lough.
EILEEN CROWLEY, 31 Highfield Lawn, who married Mark Dorman, The Lough.

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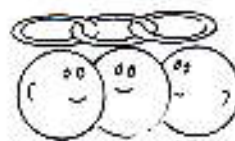
NEW YOUTH CLUB starting.
Craic agus ceoil. 12 - 15 year olds. See you at the Crypt on Monday, 29 April, at 6.15 pm. Further details from Tom Corcoran at 500779.

Somebody was enquiring in the Bulletin lately how 'Thomas' could claim the church was a democracy. From many possible options, I would cite Corinthians 12 vs. 12-30 as justification for this claim.

Joseph the farm labourer in Wuthering Heights was aptly described as "The Wearisomest self righteous pharisee that ever ransacked the bible to rake the promises on himself and fling the curses on his neighbours." The description does not support the notion of praying with scripture. As a child I perceived the bible as being the property of "Protestants" and a danger to Catholics in case we might form opinions contrary to the wishes of our priests. Now we are encouraged and assisted in many ways in "opening the scriptures". Now we can be helped, if we take the opportunities offered us, to hear God speak to us directly from the page.

Citing the Bible as I did above to score a point is in my opinion essentially wrong and I admit that many contradictory passages abound. The scripture has a greater purpose. - Thomas still thinks the church is a democracy, however.

Saints...



...create chains of love



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Confirmation

and housebound. Confessions on Thursday night at 8.00.



St. Vincent de Paul
Monthly collection will take place at all Masses next Sunday.



St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
Please note that the monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, 9th May, and not on the first Thursday of the month.

Active Age Week

A reminder that Mass will be celebrated in the S.M.A. Church on Friday, 3rd May at 7 p.m. This will be followed by a Social in the parish hall with refreshments and bar. All are very welcome. Admission £3.

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Parish Directories

"An essential guide to parish life" is one description of our 1991/92 Parish Directory.

People all over the parish now have copies for sale, and will be calling from home to home over the next week or so. We hope you enjoy the publication, reasonably priced at 50p.



CONGRATULATIONS

A First Ever for Spioraid Naoimh
Congratulations to Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh uner-19 Basketball team on winning the All-Ireland Schools Championship. They took the title by one point after some spectacular scoring by Gavin Young, Shane O'Mahony and Paul Manning. Great achievement!

MONDAY MORNING sees the visit of Bishop Michael Murphy to our parish church to celebrate with us the Sacrament of Confirmation. 100 children from St. Catherine's School are being Confirmed this year. The ceremony begins at 10.30 a.m. so there will be no 10.00 Mass. All are welcome to join in the event.

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The Parish Social will take place next Thursday, 2nd May in Jurys Hotel, beginning at 8 p.m. Music by the Shades. Cold Supper. Admission £5 and some tickets are still available.

Retired Peoples Network

A seminar for retired people will be held in Moore's Hotel on Thursday, 2nd May, from 2 to 5 pm. A cover charge of £1.50 will include refreshments. For further details phone 966939.



Invalids and Lourdes

Lourdes has a special appeal for many, especially the sick. The Cork & Ross diocesan pilgrimage there in June pays special attention to sick people: in fact 50 beds are allocated in the hospital in Lourdes for our sick. A full medical back-up is also available. This year's June pilgrimage is from 10th to 15th. The special Invalid fare is £246. Full details from any of the priests.