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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Sixth Sunday of Easter.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
16-NORTH CROSS ROAD



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

It's May, it's Lilac time, it's Novena time. Normally we priests are the ones who encourage others to attend Missions, Mass, the Sacraments, Prayer meetings, etc. Now, I may tell you, the tables are turned.

When we were faltering - just a little - about another Novena so soon after last year's many people said, "We want it. It's a chance to pray the way we like to pray, it brings a sense of hope, joy, and encouragement - and God knows, we could do with a slice of that."

So the Novena to the Holy Spirit goes ahead again this year. Remember the dates - Saturday, 11th May to Sunday, 19th May - twice a day, 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

We are fortunate in having two top class Redemptorist Missioners to lead us again this year - Fr. Tony Flannery and Fr. Tom Flanagan.

Just two requests: (1) come early, if you can, (2) if you live nearby, please leave the car at home - it might relieve some of the congestion we had last year.

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
And enkindle in them the fire of your love.'

Denis O'Leary P.P.

Special Request

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

We need your help during the Novena. Currently, one Minister helps at the weekday 10.00 and 7.30 Masses. In addition, we need two extra Ministers at the 10.00, and three at the 7.30 for the duration of the Novena.

If you are willing to help, please add your name to the rota in the C.P. Centre, or in the Sacristy, during this week.

HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA PRAYER

Holy Spirit of God,
faithful companion,
giver of calm and peace,
move us to trust in the tremendous
love of God our Father for us.

Holy Spirit of God,
healer of all our ills,
inspire us to count our blessings
and be grateful for them.

Holy Spirit of God,
source of all wisdom,
guide us to make wise decisions
and support us in all our difficulties
throughout our lives. Amen



WE WELCOME into our Christian community:

SIOBHAN AISLING MOLONEY, 31 Wilton Gardens, daughter of Con and Sandra.

IAN WILLIAM MURPHY, 2 Wilton Gardens, son of Kevin and Assumpta.

DAVID JOHN O'MEARA, 43 Rossbrook, son of Patrick and Clare.

DENIS PATRICK HEGARTY, Laburnum Lawn, son of Pat and Catherine.

SEARCHING FOR GOD

This is the title of one of the categories of books in the Parish Library. You may be interested in some of the authors in this section, i.e., John Powell, S.J., Michel Quoist, Juan Arias, whose book "The God I Don't Believe In" has been translated into six languages. The God Arias doesn't believe in is a God of fear, a God who loves suffering, a God who is remote.... In this book he tries to reveal to us a personal, loving God that one CAN believe in.

Another gem is "God of Surprises" by Gerard W. Hughes. The author has a marvellous understanding of the vagaries of the human spirit. It is a book to be used by those who hardly dare to hope that God is within them.

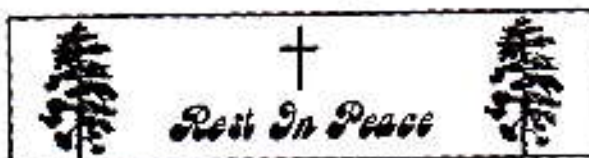
If YOU are searching for God the Library is there to help you in your search.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

Re: Churchgate Collections
We have a big problem in Bishopstown with churchgate collections. At a recent meeting with the Parish Teams from Wilton and Curraheen, we decided to ask the people of Bishopstown for advice.

One problem is that while legally each charity has only permission to collect on the public road (25 metres from the church gate), collectors generally come right up to the church door to collect. Some are respectful of church-goers and do not impose on them, but others confront church-goers and intimidate them into giving.

All the Priests and Parish Sisters in the Bishopstown area are very concerned at the situation; we seek a common policy for the area. And we ask the church-going public to give us suggestions on how to deal fairly with this recurring problem. If you have an idea, please get in touch with one of the priests in the area. Thank you.



MARY RYAN, Liam Lynch Park, died recently after a long struggle with lingering ill-health. She bore her suffering bravely. At the Requiem Mass, Fr. John commended her family and neighbours for the care they showed her over the years. Our sympathy to her children Jim, Pascal, Tony, Irene, and sister Josephine O'Donoghue, and all her family and friends.



COMMENT

YOUTH COMMENT by "CLIODHNA"

Welcome to CLIODHNA, one of our new recruits for Youth Column.

Clash of the Ash! - our congratulations to the valiant Spioraid Naoimh Senior Hurlers who put up a spirited display against Callan C.B.S. who were the eventual victors of the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final. Next time lucky, lads! And moving from the hurling team to the Spioraid Naoimh debating team, our sincere congratulations to Colaiste, who won the Cork Corporation debating team event. In particular, we congratulate team member, Tiarnan Ó Corráin, one of our parishioners from Bishopscourt Lawn. Also participating in the individual event, was a Mount Mercy girl, Shirley O'Halloran from Cherrygrove, who was just pipped at the post by some formidable opposition.

So a promising future for Ballineaspáig in the sporting and academic arena to be looked forward to!



For Animal Lovers

Animal Awareness Week is from 5th to 11th May. The aim is to make people more aware of their responsibilities to animals and also to get people to report cruelty as they see it happen. For further details, ring Alan Tuohy of the C.S.P.C.A. at 270079.

THANK YOU

Bishopstown Avenue,
Model Farm Road.

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Threshold, I would like to thank you for your support in publicising our recent Concert. The evening proved to be a great success and realized £2,600.

There were many familiar faces from the parish in attendance - I thank them for their support. A special "Bravo" to our own David McInerney, who put the show together so delightfully and professionally, and to Miriam O'Callaghan; she sang like a nightingale!

I look forward to reading the Bulletin weekly. It is full of hopeful messages and local news and so well compiled and presented.

Thank you again agus baile ó
Dhia ar an obair.

Clare O'Flynn
Fund Raising Committee
Threshold.



Local Initiative

Anyone interested in spending a weekend in Lough Derg this summer can join a local group making the trip.

Organisers Ella O'Leary, Bridette Fitzgerald, Helen Devine, and Mary Shanahan (all from Kenley) hope to depart from Cork at 2 p.m. on Friday, 28th June.

They intend to stay overnight in Bundoran, and return to Cork on the Monday night (1st July). If you are interested, ring Mary Shanahan at 341010. Two things to note: the cost will be about £50 and it's all ladies (so far!).



Newsnotes

Ascension Thursday

Next Thursday, 9th May, is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses on Wednesday evening at 7.30, on Thursday morning at 9, 10, 11 and 12.15, and on Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m.

I.S.P.C.C.

The Society is looking for Volunteer collectors for their forthcoming church gate collection. If you think you may be able to help, please phone 962949.

Ministers of the Word

Meeting in C.P. Centre on Monday, 6th May, at 8.10 p.m. Please bring your Sunday Missal.

St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society

Reminder of meeting next Thursday, 9th, in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.



Cursa Gaeilge Mount Mercy

One week Irish Course for Boys and Girls, 11 to 15 years, July 8-12th. Timetable 10 - 1 p.m., 2 to 4 p.m. Catering for V and VI class Primary and First to Third year Post Primary. Tuition based on Junior Cert. Course guidelines. Seisiuin tegaisc, Dramaiocht, Ceili. Apply: Secretary, Mount Mercy College (542685).

Liturgy Group

Minutes of last meeting are now available for collection in the Sacristy.

Bishopstown Community Association

The next meeting of the BCA will be held on Tuesday, 7th May at 8 p.m. in Wilton Park House. There are some important issues on the agenda, eg., demand is growing for a public library as promised by Cork Corporation at The Orchard. This issue amongst many more is very important for the growth and development of our community. See you there!

Bishopstown Camogie Club

Following a series of wins, our under 18 team play Barryroe in the Cork Camogie Championship Final today, 5th, at 2.30 p.m. in Farranlea Road. We would like to wish the team and their coach all the best, and to see as many supporters as possible cheering the girls on.



Bridge

Charity Bridge in aid of the SMA Mission in Liberia will be held this Sunday, 5th, in the Parish Hall, Wilton, starting at 7.15 p.m. Table Money £4 per person. Valuable Prizes.

The wise man hears one word — and understands two.