



# BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
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## The Novena

The nine successive days of hymn singing, Scripture readings, reconciliation service, marathon confessionals and daily masses are over. The Dean, Fr. Bernard and Fr. John have publicly thanked Fr. Tony and Fr. Tom and all those parishioners who helped to make the Novena such an outstanding success. Some may not have liked the selection of St. Paul's readings, the reading out of Petitions or some of the hymns, but these are only minor criticisms.

The parishioners, through the aegis of the Bulletin, wish now to thank our Dean, Fr. Bernard, Fr. John and the Pastoral Council for organising the Nine Days of Prayer and devotion and hope that the novena of May 1992 will be even a greater success.

Car parking is still chaotic but the Holy Spirit seemed to have sorted even this satisfactorily!



Great homily, Father! I only dozed off once!

## HERE'S NEWS

Catherine Leggett, daughter of Vincent and Terry, Model Farm Road Shop, has just been professed as a Missionary Sister of Charity with Mother Teresa in Rome.

Catherine was a pupil of St. Catherines and Mount Mercy. Before leaving to join Mother Teresa, she worked with the handicapped in Queen of the Angels.

We are happy to send our congratulations to Catherine - now Sr. Mary Cormac, and also to her parents who supported her brave decision throughout. We understand this is Mount Mercy's first vocation.

Incidentally, another daughter of the Leggetts, Terry, is Mount Mercy's first Ban Garda!

### ... AND ANOTHER FIRST

ROSALIE MOLONEY of Farranlea Park, a member of the bulletin editorial team, is taking up the position of Principal at St. Angela's College for the coming year. This is the first time ever that a lay Principal has been appointed in an Ursuline school. Congratulations, Rosalie, and our very best wishes!



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. John writes*

Cartoonists often depict God as an elderly gent perched on a fluffy cloud keeping a sharp lookout for wrongdoers and with a pile of thunderbolts handy. This idea goes back to the Greek god Zeus, a 'Big Daddy' type character, who not only had the problems of the world to worry about, but also had to waste most of his time in battle to maintain peace among the jealous, squabbling deities of his own household. This image is tempered a bit in the tradition to give us a kind of Santa Claus god.

I was reminded of this during the Novena while Fr. Tony Flannery spoke about images of God in one of his sermons. Tony asked us to throw out the false images of God. Let's not think of God as an ever-present law-keeper, always on our back, constantly updating the files on our guilty secrets and stacking video-recordings of our lives on the shelves of heaven ready for slow motion replay on Judgement Day. Let's not think

of God as some kind of magician or genie who can smooth our passage through life and avert disaster if only we learn to conjure him up. I wonder is our religion too much geared to keeping in touch with this useful friend and staying on the right side of him?

Let's not settle for a handy God we seek in times of trouble. This is a very false picture of Almighty God. It assumes all the time that we are centre stage and his is a walk-on part. He exists for our benefit, fortunate to be included as a footnote to our lives. Of course God knows us and knows our needs; he does want to help us and he can. But he does so because we are beloved children and not because he is a celestial fixer we have learned to manipulate.

As I lifted the packed Petition Box and placed it on the Altar during Mass, I prayed silently, "O God, do not be angry with us for asking so many favours, but see here our need of you, or dependence on you. Be gracious to us and help. Amen."

*Fr. John*



We offer our sincere sympathy to BARRY SUPPLE, BishopsCourt Road, on the death of his sister Maureen O'Sullivan, in the U.S.A.

 **WEDDINGS**

CONGRATULATIONS to those who were recently married:

VALERIE CROWIN, 3 Farranlea Grove, who married Jim O'Mahony, Sunday's Well Road.

ELAINE COUGHLAN, 2 Summerstown Grove, who married Daniel Kieran O'Neill, Dunmanway. Elaine is a member of Karisma who sing at the 12.15 Mass every Sunday.





**NOTICE BOARD**

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next Sunday, 2nd June.

Corpus Christi

Next Thursday, 30th May, is the feast of Corpus Christi. Vigil Mass will be at 7.30 Wednesday evening; Thursday's Masses will be at 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m. Confessions will be heard on Wednesday night after Mass.

"After Nines"

Would anyone be interested in walking in a group for approx. one hour, one morning a week? No other commitment, just walk together for fresh air, exercise, and friendship. Suggestion: Meet at church after 9 Mass, walk for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour each direction out and back, or drive for  $\frac{1}{4}/\frac{1}{2}$  hour to previously decided point and walk for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour from and to that point. The venture would take from 9.00 to 11.00, including Mass.

If you are interested, please put your name/address/phone no. on the special sheet in the C.P. Centre, and watch the bulletin for further notice.

Ministers of the Word

Please collect new rota at altar rails.

Women and Church

Rosemary Radford Ruether, the noted feminist theologian, will speak in Boole 3 (U.C.C.) on Thursday night next at 8 p.m. Her theme will be: 'A Call to Creative Community'.

Senior Citizens Outing

Monday next (27th) is the last day for booking for the outing to Courtmacsherry. Names and money (£10) to Helen O'Hea at the C.P. Centre between 3.00p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Liturgy Group

There will be a meeting on Thursday, 30th, at 8.15 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

Little Nellie of Holy God

Cork Multi Channel T.V. has produced a half hour documentary on the life of Nellie Organ, known as "Little Nellie of Holy God". It will be shown on the Show Channel at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 30th May.

*Thanks...*

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE wishes to thank all concerned with the publication and sales of the Parish Directory. A special word of thanks is due to Gladys Leach for the cover picture, to Tony O'Connell for photographs, to Lee Press for their efficiency and help throughout, and to our advertisers.

Some copies of the Directory are still available in the C.P. Centre.

P.S. Denis O'Connor, advertising as a Landscape Gardener in the Directory omitted to include his phone number which is 342927.