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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
BALLINEASPAIG CHURCH, 1200W.



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# LETTERS

Sheare's Park,  
Glasheen Road.

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My letter in Bulletin, 8th September, drew a sharp response from Fr. Liam O'Driscoll, Diocesan Director of Communications. It seems we got our wires crossed.

The point I was trying to make was that people should be allowed to pray wherever they choose without being made to feel silly for so doing.

Irrespective of the fact that apparitions in Lourdes, Fatima and other places were authenticated as being that of Our Lady, I'm sure the people who visit these places pray to the same God as those who pray in Mid-Cork - though I hasten to add that the 'sightings' of anything other than 'Pink Elephants' in the Rebel County would indeed be a miracle!

Suffice to say that people feel drawn to particular places to pray. It is indeed commendable that they pray, and it is authenticated by Christ Himself that when two or more gather in His name, He is amongst them - His Holy Mother, perhaps, having already picked the spot. Pray to whom? seems to be the crux of the matter.

We were taught to pray to God our creator, to Jesus Christ His son, our Redeemer, and with His Holy Mother Mary acting, dare I say, as Director of Communications! It would be a silly man indeed who would try to stop them from praying.

Mise le meas,  
K. Cronin



## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community:

AMY JANE O'CONNOR, baptised on 7th September.

BRIAN NOEL COLEMAN, baptised on 13th September.

MEGAN DORMAN, baptised on 14th September.

## <sup>th</sup> **50** Anniversary

### PARISH NEWS

Our congratulations and very best wishes go to TOMAS and LUCY LEE of 'Cúl Muire', Laburnum Park, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Again, we would remind you that we do not print unsigned letters, although we will withhold the name if requested.

Editor.





# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

LORD REES-MOG, when editor of 'The Times' in the early sixties, was recently quoted as saying that religion had such a low priority in the media that the man covering the subject in 'The Times' doubled up under the extraordinary title 'Ecclesiastical and Naval Correspondent'!!

Would this explain why the title 'CENTESSIMUS ANNUS' does not sound over-familiar?

What IS 'Centessimus Annus'? It is the latest Encyclical of Pope John Paul II to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of RERUM NOVARUM, Pope Leo XIII's famous Encyclical.

Pope John Paul II claims, among other things, that the events in Eastern Europe in 1989 and after were, in large part, caused by the void created by atheism. This left many people, especially the young, with no sense of direction or personal identity and worth and looking for a meaning in life. This, in turn, led them to a search for the religious roots of their culture. They needed to find an adequate response to their desire for goodness and truth and life in the Gospel of Christ.

The alternative, John Paul II says, is not the triumph of the uncontrolled market economy where the full development of the human person is again threatened because profit is the only motive.

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IN RECENT WEEKS the media has been saturated with the excesses in this area. Profit margins and personal gain have been seen to take precedence over the dignity of the person. While so many in our society do not have the opportunity to work, a privileged minority are seen to amass vast wealth by very questionable means. Is this just? Is this moral?

A recent letter in the 'Irish Times' stated, "Condoms are bad. Greed is good. Discuss." Indeed!

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Let Pope John Paul II have the final word in 'Centessimus Annus': "Business is NOT a mere collection of assets but a society of PERSONS in which ALL should participate."



## Church Heating

A TIMELY NOTE FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

WITH THE oncome of winter, there is welcome news that a new heating unit for the church has been delivered. It should be in working order in about a month. Much investigation has gone into getting the most effective system.

High tribute was paid by the Dean to the Finance Committee for all the research work done by them behind the scenes.

(A full report will be in a later bulletin.)



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