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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
BALLINEASPAIG, DUBLIN



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

OUR CHURCH is changing. It is entering a new time of challenge and response. A new atmosphere has come into the church. There is more openness and dialogue. There is more listening and more co-operation between priest and people. A new style of leadership is emerging. The priest is no longer willing to stand up on a Sunday morning telling people - "You must do this, you must do that." Too many musts make the church stale, musty. People genuinely want to be active and involved in the church at all levels. I feel people in the church are rightly more and more conscious of the Lord's words: "I was hungry and you fed me, alone and you visited me."

The church exists for love. Furthermore, people want to have

a say in how the church is run. Priest and people want to be partners in the church, listening to each other, clarifying issues, deepening understanding of faith, directing resources in particular ways.

I feel there is a sincerity of purpose and an openness to new learning becoming more evident. Shared responsibility, partnership, actually does work, given patience and commitment. I feel confident that the new Pastoral Council will be further evidence, a concrete expression of a deepening and life-giving partnership in our parish.

Fr. John

THE FOLD

The October issue has the following features:

- * Fr. Tomás Ó Murchú gives his reflections on the Middle Parish, and strongly attacks the City Hall.
- * We visit Trocaire's Cork office.
- * A new-style Question-and-Answer page.
- * Fr. John Newman - "Exploring the Bible".
- * Letters.
- * Parish News from Mahon, Glounthaune, Ballinlough and Sunday's Well.

And much more - price 50p.

DON'T MISS OUT!

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Coming to receive the Lord at Communion time is a very important moment and we should always do so with the respect that it deserves.

For ease of movement, please approach, using the aisle facing the Minister, and return by the side aisles.

UPDATE

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

The Election is getting closer! Nominations are pouring in. Next Monday, the Pastoral Council meets in the Crypt at 8.10 p.m. to sort out the nominations. Nominees will be sorted into 14 groups, corresponding with the 14 parish areas. The name of each nominee will be noted, and someone will be asked to contact the person personally to ascertain if that person is willing to go for election. Those who are willing will have their names on the Voting Paper, which will be brought to each home in the parish during the week of 14-21 October. Do keep an eye on the Bulletin for further information.

Two other points:

1) Have you nominated someone? There is still time. Last nominations midnight this Sunday, 6th October.

2) If you are nominated (which means someone believes you are a good person for the job) do consider going for the election. Make the generous option with your time and talents.



We offer sincere sympathy to JIM O'HEA, 1 Farranlea Park, on the death of his sister. To MARY KENNEALLY and the ROCHE FAMILY, Casement Park, on the death of Niall Kenneally.



We congratulate the following who were married recently:
GERALDINE LINEHAN, 14 Lima Lawn, who married David Corrigan, Haldene Ave.
LOUISE ANNE LYNCH, 'Clara', Orchard Road, who married Michael Joseph O'Keefe, Blackrock.
MARY THERESA RIGORDAN, St. Clare's Avenue, who married John Fintan Feeney, Dripsey.
NIALL MURPHY, Wilton Gardens, who married Patricia Dempsey, Greystones, Co. Dublin.
ALLEEN O'CONNELL, 4 Woodlawn, who married Joseph Harrington, Ballinhassig.

A Memory

And so this leg of his journey
has ended,
But what he left behind will last
forever.
In the hearts of the people who
loved him,
He was never worldly famous,
He was never a man of wealth.
But to us he was everything,
A pillar of strength,
A mountain of wisdom,
A sea of love.
And if I could see him now
The words I would say
Would be true to my heart.
Father in heaven protect him from
harm,
And until the day we meet again,
Grandad, I love you.

(Written by a Junior Cert. pupil
at Mount Marcy College.)



COMMENT

ALTERNATIVE SLANTS by "RUTH"

ON A recent radio programme a song was played relating the story of a girl in Finland, called Lisa, who was buried alive in the walls of a castle as punishment for the unacceptable social crime of having a child outside marriage.

This event took place in the Middle Ages; such draconian measures would not be heard of today. Yet, thousands of Irish women travel to England, every year, for abortions. Why do they feel compelled to do so?

Anyone who has had a baby, and

watched it grow from embryo to birth, will find it difficult to understand how someone could go through with an abortion, no matter what the circumstances. But, when faced with the choice of public disgrace now, or private feelings of guilt afterwards, many women choose what they perceive to be the easier option.

The official church recognises the trauma of unwanted pregnancies, and the problems faced by women after an abortion. CURA offers help to women in these situations.

Perhaps if the 'ordinary' members of the church were more understanding, (dare I say 'forgiving'?) women wouldn't feel the urgent need to kill an unborn child.



Rest in Peace

MARGARET O'TOOLE, late of 79 Wilton Gardens, died recently in the Powdermills Nursing Home, Ballincollig. Fr. Tadhg O'Mathura, who celebrated the Requiem Mass, highlighted her commitment to daily Mass and the rosary. We offer our sympathy to her nephew Donal McCarthy and his family of Laburnum Drive, all her other relatives and her friends and neighbours.

MAIREAD O'LEARY, died recently in the Bon Secours Hospital. In recent years she stayed with her brother Donal in 'Cragmoher', Farranlea Park. We offer condolences to Donal on the death of his sister, and to her family and friends who miss her.

MICHAEL JONES died quite unexpectedly last week at his residence 'Hawnes', Wilton Road.

Michael was a sincere and dedicated man. He gave a life of service to the Irish Life Assurance Co. where his work was deeply appreciated by clients and Company. The sympathy of the neighbourhood goes to his wife Ettie, and sons Declan and Adrian.

DENIS O'LEARY, Magazine Road, who died recently, had been ill for some time. He was a gentleman and devoted to his family. We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife Eileen, sons Tony and John, and daughter Catherine, who is a Minister of the Eucharist.



Calcutta Fund

Cookery Demonstration by Calor Housewife of the Year, Elaine Murphy, will take place in Jurys Hotel on Tuesday, 15th October. Admission £5 (includes wine and cheese reception).

Creche

A creche facility is now available in the C.P. Centre for the 11.00 and 12.15 Sunday Masses. Parents are invited to use this free service and leave their small children in the care of Susan, Margo and Helen.

More toys are desperately needed - perhaps some parishioners could donate toys that are no longer being used.

Ministers of the Word

A meeting will be held in the C.P. Centre on Monday next, 7th October, at 8.10 p.m.

Liturgy Group

Copies of Minutes of the last meeting are now available in the Sacristy. Please collect.

Prayer of the Faithful Readers

Any young people who would be willing to read the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Mass, please contact Fr. John, phone 541572.

Simon Community

The Simon Community will be collecting in Model Farm Road area on Monday, 7th October. Collectors will have official ID.

Remembering Emigrants

Throughout this week pray for emigrants. Remember, it can be lonely and difficult away from home and family. Write out the name of your relative who has emigrated and put it on the emigrant map at the back of the church.

SÍOL

All those who have completed the Síol Retreat are invited to a monthly follow-up meeting - 'Briathar Dé'. Currently, a group meets in St. Catherines on the first Monday of each month. Another group meets in St. Catherines on the third Monday and a third group meets in Maire Mulcahy's home, 'Renvyle', Wilton Avenue, on the first Thursday. Meetings start at 8 p.m. You are welcome to attend whichever night/venue suits you.

Bishopstown Community Association

A meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 9th October, in Wilton Park House at 8 p.m.

Parish Visitation

Dean O'Connor will begin visiting homes on the Wilton Road shortly. Sr. Ursula is visiting homes in Leedsdale and Kenley. Fr. Finbarr is visiting homes in Wilton Avenue and Bishopscourt. Fr. John is visiting in Lima Lawn and School Avenue.

October Rosary

The rosary will be recited twice daily during the month of October at 8.30 a.m. and at 7.10 p.m. You are invited to join this prayer in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, asking her protection for the families of the parish.

Open Day

Colebrook Montessori School A.M.I. on the Glasheen Road, is having an Open Day this Sunday, 6th October, from 2-5 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information phone 343631.

(Details of our Cultural Course for 5-10 year olds also available.)