



Sunday, December 15, 1991

BALLINEASPAIG
BULLETIN

Third Sunday In Advent.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
CLAREMONT DRIVE, COOK**reconciliation**

On Monday, 23rd, we will have an important celebration in the parish church. As a community we will celebrate the mercy of our God.

The ceremony, which will last about 40 minutes, will consist of a short service and confession of sin. Each person present can mention the one area in their lives in which they need to be healed.

Key words will be:

- God's love for me, personally.
- God's trust in me.
- Willingness to forgive and be forgiven go together.
- Together again - with God, with others.

Those who prefer to go into the Confession box should come along at the times at which 'Confessions' are advertised.

Inter-Parish Co-operation

Please note that Penance Services have been arranged for your convenience both in our parish and in Wilton:

Wilton - Thursday, 19th at 7.30.
Our Parish - Monday, 23rd at 7.30
(no evening Mass)

Feel free to share in either experience of Reconciliation.

**Christmas
Concert** 

O Come Let Us Adore Him...In Song
On Sunday, 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. we invite you to attend our Christmas Carol Service. This is your opportunity to leave the commercial hubbub of Christmas, forget about those preparations and listen to the real message of Christmas revealed in Readings and Carols by more than 100 voices, plus congregational singing for the young and not not so young.

Do please make it a special occasion for all the family. You will not be disappointed.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

I KNEW an old lady who, after Halloween, began to collect all her fifty pence pieces in a big jar. By Christmas she had quite an amount. When the SHARE Crib went up it was time for one, two or even three excursions to town.

I was privileged to accompany her during the last two years of her life when the weight of coins was too much for her to carry

alone.

Up one side of Patrick Street and down the other we went, over to Castle Street, the Parade, Oliver Plunkett Street and the South Mall. At each box the ritual was the same. "God bless you, you are a great boy (or girl). May God send you luck", and in went a fifty pence piece. "Wouldn't it be easier to had it all in at the Crib?" I suggested. She withered me with a look. "Don't you realise what they are doing?" she asked. "All those young people are on a twenty-four hour fast. They are wonderful. When I first heard about it I wanted to do something. I thought about it and decided that the least I could do was to tell some of them how great they are."

She's dead for many years now, God rest her, but I never put a coin in a SHARE box at Christmas without thinking of her. I can imagine her in Heaven telling the Lord with great pride and enthusiasm how marvellous the young people of Cork are.

How right she is.

Happy Christmas.

Maura O'Callaghan



Rest in Peace

AGNES O'CALLACHAN, Farranlea Park, and Heatherside Nursing Home, died recently after failing health in recent years. A deeply spiritual woman, she enriched the lives of her students as a very competent teacher and guide. Our sincere sympathy to her nieces, and especially Eileen Bohan, who lives in our parish.



We offer our sincere sympathy to MRS. NOREEN O'SULLIVAN, College View, Bishopstown Road, on the death of her brother Willie Shinnick.

To MABEL BURKE, 89 Leedale, on the death of her mother.

To KEVIN TWOMEY, Bishopstown Ave., on the death of his brother Sean.

To Jo Dunion, Wilton Avenue, on the death of her brother Denis Walley.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

The cash registers may well have been ringing in the many shops open for trading last Sunday afternoon. But in our church another kind of preparation for Christmas was taking place!

At an Ecumenical Advent Prayer Service for the New Europe a large congregation was joined by Bishop Buckley, Bishop Magee of Cloyne, Dean Carey of the Church of Ireland, Rev. John Farris of the Presbyterian Church and Alan Haughton of the Society of Friends. M.C. was Fr. Eddie Keohan.

The enthusiastic congregation surprised even themselves by their wonderful singing of Psalms, Canticles, the Magnificat and some Taize hymns. Granted, they were encouraged by the St. Mary's (Popes Quay) Church Choir under their conductor, Fr. Fintan O'Murchu, O.P., and by the visiting organist, Mr. Sean Lehane.

But they gave glory to God and they went home to their fires the richer for the experience.



A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"KK's" (Que? Que?'s) is a lovely idea, isn't it? Lots of groups, classes, etc. decide to organise it before Christmas. Everybody's name goes into a hat and then each person picks out the name of somebody else. The idea is that, for Advent, you are extra nice to that person, and that at the end, after a guessing game, each person receives a small gift from his/her "KK". It's challenging, and fun, looking for a small present that will suit your KK. But the real challenge of Kks sometimes goes unnoticed and unanswered - that is to be nice to the other person! It's not easy when you pick out the name of someone you don't really know very well, or with whom you've had a disagreement! Well that's what the spirit of Christmas is all about. So think carefully, before you embark on Kks! It's a big commitment, but you HAVE the ability to be nice to someone, and hopefully the friendship will continue well into the New Year.

TAKE NOTE

Baile an Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The December Recital will be held on Wednesday next, 18th, at 3p.m. in the Crypt of the Holy Spirit Church. It will be presented jointly by Rita Shaw and Jerry O'Callaghan. Do not miss this opportunity to hear - on record - the glorious soprano of Rita, nee Lynch.

The Holy Show

In aid of Cork Rehab at Rochestown College Community Hall. Raffle for valuable prizes. Sunday, 15th December at 8 p.m. Music by The Circles. £5.

ANNOUNCING

Offertory Procession Rota

A revised rota has been made out. Those involved please collect your copy on the sanctuary rail.

Pastoral Council

Please collect copy of 'Notes' from the C.P. Centre.

COPE

Con Dennehy of COPE has written to thank the people of the parish for their generous contributions at the recent church gate collection.

Keys Found

In the vicinity of College Road/ St. Clare's Ave. Please call to Sacristy or C.P. Centre.

Bishopstown Meals-on-Wheels

Sincere thanks to all who helped in the recent Flag Days held at Wilton and Bishopstown Shopping Centres. Also many thanks to all who contributed so generously.

Make a Child Happy

We have received the following notice from the Bank of Ireland, Wilton: "Give a toy - Make a Child Happy. A toy collection is being made on behalf of the local branch of St. Vincent de Paul by our Bank. New and almost new toys which are handed in to the Bank of Ireland will be displayed there pending collection by the Society."

NOTE OF Thanks...

Parishioners have made a generous response to the usual support of priests in the Christmas Dues, with over 70% of them returned. Your priests thank you warmly.



- CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 1991 -

Confessions

- * Thursday 19th PENANCE SERVICE 7.30 p.m. S.M.A. Wilton
- * Saturday 21st CONFESSIONS 12-1; 4-5; 7-9; Church of the Holy Spirit
- * Monday 23rd CONFESSIONS 12-1; 4-5.
PENANCE SERVICE 7.30 p.m. (No 7.30 Mass).
- * Tuesday 24th CONFESSIONS 11-1; 3-5; 7-9.

Masses

- * Sunday 22nd Usual Sunday Masses
Special Children's Mass at 10.00
- * Monday 23rd 9 and 10.00 (No 7.30 p.m. Mass)
- * Tuesday 24th 9 and 10.00 (No 7.30 p.m. Mass)
Midnight Mass at 12.00
- * CHRISTMAS DAY Annual Dawn Mass 8.00 a.m; 9.00, 10.00,
11.00 and 12.15.
- * Thursday 26th 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m.

Special Christmas Cards

As usual we hope to send cards to parishioners who are now resident in retirement homes. If you have a family member or neighbour in one of these homes, please drop his/her name in to the C.P. Centre early this week, or contact one of the priests.

Why Not?

There are many Ministers of the Eucharist in our parish. So there is no reason why any house-bound parishioner could not receive Holy Communion on Christmas morning. To arrange, contact your local Minister of the Eucharist or phone the parish office at 344452 between 10.00 and 12.00 noon.

Reminder for Parents

Children's Advent Mass and ceremony will be held this Sunday, 22nd, at 10.00 Mass. Details in church porches and local primary schools.

Christmas Crib

Have you got greenery in YOUR garden that might enhance the crib? If so, contact the Sacristan early this week.

Book Sale

There will be a special sale of childrens books for Christmas held after the Children's Christmas Tree Mass at 10.00 on Sunday.