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# BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
DENMENA CROSS, COFFIN



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Sr. Ursula writes*

THE CURRENT R.T.E. dispute set me thinking. Thinking is a peculiar activity; it can lead you anywhere. I found myself back in St. Alys in my gym slip and blouse in a physiology class. Sr. M. Lourda, God rest her, was dissecting a bullock's eye. Youch!! Exactly what I said initially. As the lesson progressed, however, I found myself marvelling at the delicate, intricate, complexity of what was being dissected before us. The sheer genius behind the creation of that eye reduced us all to silence and awe.

Sr. Lourda pointed out that the camera was based on the same principle as the eye. I remember how we expressed our admiration for the human genius who invented the first camera - an invention which is still being developed apparently, as R.T.E.'s newest one is a partial cause of the present strike - hence my train of thought.

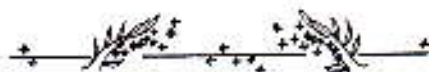
Cameras have been invented in the past couple of centuries. The living eye has been there since sight began. Is it possible that such a complex mechanism happened by chance,

or is it proof positive of the existence of a Supreme Being with supreme intelligence? I remember that this was how our conversation went after that particular class. I had forgotten it until the R.T.E. dispute reminded me of it after all those years.

*Ursula O'Sullivan*

The fool has said in his heart,  
"There is no God".

Ps:14:1 Ps.53:1.



## Letter to God

Dear God,

I have no idea of where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your Will does not mean I am actually doing so.

But I believe this.

I believe the desire to please You does in fact please You. I hope I have that desire in everything I do. I hope I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know nothing about it at the time. Therefore, I will trust You always. Though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death, I will not be afraid because I know You will never leave me to face my troubles.

(Thomas Merton)



## Rest in Peace

We offer sincere sympathy to DENIS DRAKE, Wilton Avenue, on the death of his brother. To GERARD O'MAHONY, Woodlawn, on the death of his mother.

EILEEN BUCKLEY, Dunworley, Woodleigh Park, died at the Regional Hospital last week at an advanced age. She had received injuries in a fall at her home a short time previously. Eileen, a native of North West Cork, was a gentle and refined person. She emigrated to New York at an early age, and in retirement cared for three of her sisters at their home in Woodleigh Park. We offer sincere sympathy to all her relatives.

### LET'S PRETEND

*ON THE human level, there are two kinds of pretending. There is a bad kind, where the pretence is there instead of the real thing; as when a man pretends he is going to help you instead of really helping you.*

*But there is also a good kind, where the pretence leads up to the real thing.*

*When you are not feeling particularly friendly but know you ought to be, the best thing you can do, very often, is to put on a friendly manner and behave as if you were a nicer person than you actually are. And in a few minutes, as we have all noticed, you will be really feeling friendlier than you were.*

*Very often the only way to get a quality in reality is to start behaving as if you had it already.*



ST. VALENTINE



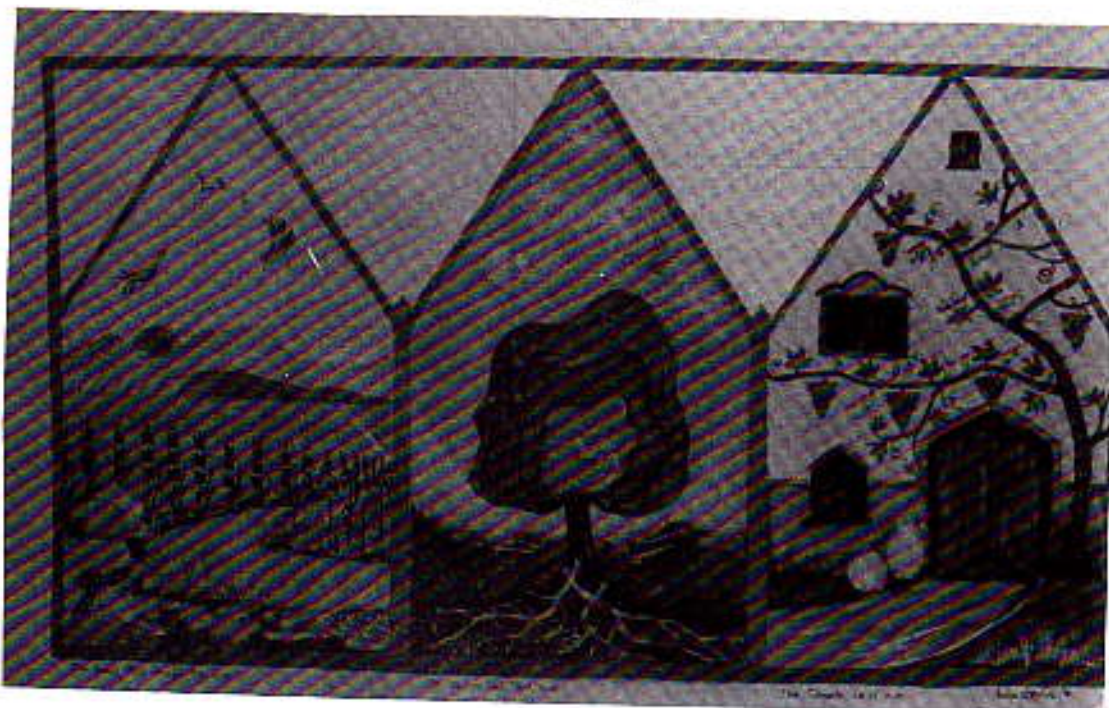
St. Valentines Day occurs on February 14th. St Valentine was a Roman Priest and Physician, who for his faith and beliefs was put to death in the year 269 A.D. The Legend of St. Valentine grew over the years. Prior to his execution he was imprisoned for a lengthy period and during his time in prison he was known to speak lovingly of his friends. Beyond his cell window just within his reach grew a cluster of violets. He picked some of the heartshaped leaves and pricked them with the words "Remember your Valentine" and sent them off with a friendly dove. Over a period he sent many more messages which simply said I love you. Thus the Legend grew over the ages. "Those who love remember" and send their Valentines to express their love.





## A PAINTING FOR THE C.P. CENTRE

BY IMELDA O'HANLON



I GOT the idea of doing this painting, after a bible cours given by Fr. John. The bare walls of the Centre were asking for something. Having given much thought to the theme, I thought the idea of "Growth in the Gospels" suitable for the Centre, and a fitting title for the related parables that the picture depicts. The picture is in the form of a triptych and hangs in the main room. I give here a brief explanation of each picture.

Picture 1: "The Parable of the Sower" Matt.13: 18-23 & 24-30. The seed falling on the path was devoured by birds, and on the stones and amongst thistles it died. Eventually on good soil it produced a vast harvest.

Picture 2: "The Parable of the Mustard Seed" Matt.13: 31-35. Here the tiniest of seeds, from its fertile beginnings, grew first into a bush, and finally into a large tree.

Picture 3: "The Parable of the Vine" and "The Cenacle" Luke 22: 7-30. In the cenacle the last supper took place in the upper room. Christ here uses the fruit of the vine. The vine also represents Christ, and the branches are us, his people. The cenacle was the first Christian community centre where the apostles and disciples met after Christ's death, and from where they went forth to teach the word of God. I thought it a fitting idea for a pursuit centre.



## Announcements

Ministers of the Eucharist  
Reminder - there are still some letters to be collected at the altar rails.

Bulletins to the Homes  
Bulletins will be delivered to every home in the parish next weekend.

Aifreann le Gaeilge  
Léifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaigí and bígí páirteach linn.

Ceili Mor  
Oíche cheoil, caint and craig Feabhra 12u, Halla Bhaile and Páspaig (GAA). Cead isteach £2.50. Rince 9 p.m. go mean-oíche. Ceol - Ger Coakley. Fear an Ti - Tony Herlihy.

Coffee Morning /Cake & Book Sale  
On Wednesday, 12th February from 10.00 to 1.00 p.m. in Scoil an Spioraid Naomh (Cailini) in the school gym. The Book Fair will be open each day from Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th, from 9.00 to 2.30 p.m.

Friends of Suicide Bereaved  
A 10 week structured course for those bereaved by the suicide death of a family member or friend will be held in March, one evening per week. For details please contact Anne at 294318.

If you feel you would like to just meet other people who have also been so bereaved, regular monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. at 2 Tuckey Street (top floor).



Pilgrimage to Lourdes  
Direct flight from Cork on 11th May, returning 14th. Price £299 plus taxes, includes flights, accommodation, visits and transfers. Spiritual Director will be Mons. M. Daly.  
Details from West Cork Travel (023-33220) or your local travel agent.



The Bishopstown and District Lions Club wishes to thank all those who helped the Lions Food Appeal at Christmas. £3,500 in cash and £2,500 approximately in food was distributed in Bishopstown and Togher, Churchfield and the Glen, through the agency of St. Vincent de Paul.

Pastoral Council Members  
Notes on meeting of 27th January are now available in the C.P. Centre.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY  
NUMBER: 274888**