

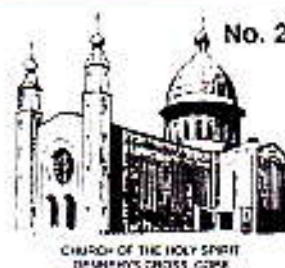
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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DEANEHYS CROSS, CO. KK



Confirmation

LETTER TO PARENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE THEIR CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR.

"Growing in Faith Together",
Ever heard of it? Of course not -
another gimmick I bet. Actually
no.

At regular intervals we read
of young people falling away
from the Faith in their early
teens - blighting their young
lives through indulgence in drugs,
sex and alcohol. Naturally it
all happens in other families -
until suddenly the anguish of it
all strikes our home. What can
we do? Moan and deplore?

We can help young people make
their own decisions about God
and following the way Jesus wants.
Young people of thirteen have
experiences, opinions and
attitudes which are valid, and
should be listened to. The
basic needs of adolescents for
understanding, affirmation, time
and love are the same now as they
ever were.

"Growing in Faith Together"
is a movement to assist parents
help their children through a
difficult period of their lives.
A special meeting to explain the

whole programme will be held in
the Crypt on TUESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY,
at 8.00 p.m.

If you have a boy or girl for
Confirmation this year - no matter
what school they attend - please
come along and at least find out
all about it.

God bless you all.

Denis O'Connell PP

LEST WE FORGET

On January 19th we appealed
for a special subscription
for the new Heating System
in our Church.

An envelope was sent to
each of 1727 homes in our
Parish.

To date 449 made returns.

By any chance are you one
of the 1278 households
who forgot?

If so, please send what
you can, as soon as you
can.

Thank you.

(Parish Finance Committee)

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

TWO DRAMAS have been unfolding in the media in recent weeks. Hopefully, by the time you read this, one of them will have worked itself through to a dignified conclusion. I mean, of course, the political drama.

The other, sadly, has been with us for nearly a quarter of a century now. Phrases like 'trepidation and despair', 'terrible, shameful and frightening', even 'civil war' are being used to describe the cancer that is Northern Ireland at the moment.

The churches and their leaders are being blamed for not doing enough. The politicians are criticised for indulging in endless rhetoric while the situation gets worse. The British are blamed for perpetuating the problem. The men of violence on both sides are condemned for their outrages.

TO BE FAIR, some politicians have consistently attempted to find a solution and continue to do so. And even this week the leaders of the main churches met Peter Brooke to tell him of their pastoral concern.

What have WE done to show OUR pastoral concern for those who suffer in the name of unity? To be truthful, little or nothing. A prayer, maybe. A pious thought, perhaps. But we remain a little short on action, don't we?

Might I make a suggestion? If EVERY parishioner, adult and child, were to write to Peter Brooke praising him - or even criticising him! - this would be something.

If every parishioner were to write to Sinn Fein headquarters and to the U.F.P. headquarters condemning the violence, this, too, would be something.

If every parishioner were to write to Cardinal Daly to support his condemnation of the people of violence, wouldn't this be something?

If every parishioner were to write to a friend in the North saying, 'we wish you peace', wouldn't this be something?

WE MIGHT light a candle for other Christians to follow. And maybe, just maybe, we might begin to soften the hearts of those who would kill and injure. They, too, might see the light.

Please do it. It will cost so little. It will show our pastoral care for those who are going through so much. No matter we don't have full addresses: just post the cards or letters.

We will wait and pray.



GO TEAM I

Wednesday, 12th February, saw Mount Mercy College reach the Munster Senior Schoolgirls Hockey final for the third successive year. Having already won the competition in 1990 and 1991, Mount Mercy disposed of Loreto Convent, Fermoy, to ensure their place in the final. It was a splendidly taken goal by Karen O'Brien which guaranteed a match against Ursuline Convent, Thurles.

Congratulations to the squad and especially to parishioners Grainne Sugrue and Aoife Waters.



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P O R C L A R E S
 A R I S
 H O U S E B O U N D



THE COMMUNICATIONS Committee came up with the idea of linking the Poor Clares, College Road, and the housebound in prayer. There are people in the parish who are unable to leave their homes or take part in parish life, or feel they are of use anymore. Even though they are confined due to infirmity or old age, they are full members of our community and important to us and we want them to feel they have something special to offer.

We went to the Poor Clares

Convent with this idea and the sisters came up with the Link-a-Prayer title. What is it all about?

Well, because the Poor Clares' lives are devoted to prayer, we thought that at some time throughout their day, they could unite themselves in prayer with the housebound. Together they could pray for the needs of all the people of the parish and in the world.

A leaflet has been prepared which will be distributed to the housebound in the parish in the next few weeks. In this leaflet, the Poor Clare Sisters have listed the times they pray before the Blessed Sacrament and they invite the housebound person to join with them at these times, night or day.

We would like everyone in the parish to be more aware of how important the housebound are to the life of the community.

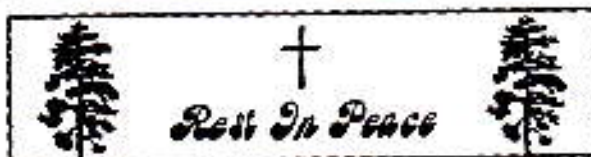
An enlarged copy of the leaflet is on display on the noticeboards in the Church porches.



We offer our sincere sympathy to PAT BULLMAN, 80 Leedale, on the death of his brother.

PLEASE PRAY *for*

We pray for the late MAUREEN MINIHAN of Merlyn Lawn who died this week. She bore her illness courageously and quietly. We offer our sympathy to her mother and family.



The late EILEEN MURPHY, N.T., who lived in St. Clare's Avenue, worked for many years in Glasheen National School. She suffered a stroke over two years ago and since then has been housebound. She was cared for by her sister, Sr. Damien, since her illness. We offer our sympathy to her sisters, Sr. Damien, Sr. Theo, Sr. Therese, and her brother Jim in England.



Ministers of the Eucharist
Reminder of meeting on Monday
17th February, at 8.00 p.m. in
the Crypt.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will visit
remainder of Model Farm Road and
begin visitation of Kenley in the
coming weeks.

Key Found

On Wilton Road on Thursday
morning. Can be collected
at C.P. Centre.

Diocesan Vocations Weekend

If you are a Leaving Cert. student
and are interested in becoming
a priest of the Dioceses of Cork
and Ross and would like to find
out more, come to this free
residential weekend, Friday/
Saturday, February 21st/22nd.
Contact a priest of the parish
or Fr. Noel O'Sullivan,
St. Finbarr's Seminary, Farran-
ferris, Cork. Tel. 303015.

Brothers of Charity

Today's church gate collection is
in aid of the Brothers of Charity
Services, Rochestown.



Music

Baile an Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The usual monthly recital will
take place on Wednesday next,
19th February at 3 p.m. sharp in
the Crypt of the Church of the
Holy Spirit. It will be given
by Tom Cox.

This is a friendly social
occasion not to be missed, and
everyone is welcome.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
NUMBER: 274888**



Bishopstown G.A.A.

At the recent AGM of the Under-
Age Section, the following were
elected:

Cathaoirleach: Eleanor Tuohy
Leas Cathaoirleach: Leo McCarthy
Runai: Liam Savate
Registrar: Seosamb O Suilleabhain
Ass. Sec: Killian O'Donoghue/
Miall Naughton.

Congratulations to Paul McGrath
on leading our Senior Footballers
to victory in the Tadhg Crowley
Cup Final last weekend.

Scoil Stiofain Naofa

Are you 21 or over? In receipt of
Unemployment Benefit/Assistance
or Credits for at least 12 months?

MORNING COURSES: This could be
your opportunity to update your
education and skills or explore
and develop new skills, eg. a
language, computers, parenting
skills, technical skills. Would
you need Creche facilities?

Retain your U.A./U.B. or Credits
while you may also receive a
meal and travel allowance in
certain circumstances. Books
and necessary materials supplied.
What would you suggest we offer?
Of course if you are not in
receipt of Social Welfare pay-
ments/Credits, we would still
very much like to hear from you.

FULL TIME DAY COURSES: Are also
available to adults of 21 or over
and in receipt of U.A./U.B. or
Credits for at least 12 months.
Presently almost 70 adults are
engaged in full time courses in
our school. Enquiries and sugg-
estions for either course for
adults to William McAuliffe,
Scoil Stiofain Naofa, Tramore Rd.
Tel. 961020/9.