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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Second Sunday of Lent.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DEWEENYS CROSS CORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Finbarr writes

IRELAND WAS once famous for producing saints and scholars. We are now infamous for many of the wrong reasons, sectarian violence, unemployment, immigration, financial scandals and the recent abortion saga.

Tuesday next we celebrate our national feastday of St. Patrick. Irish people abroad celebrate it with immense pride. For us here in Ireland it doesn't create much excitement. I feel the reason for this is our failure to recognize the quality of life that most of us are blessed with.

However, our good quality of life is fast eroding as we forget or overlook the source of it. Our Christian faith has helped to give Irish people good family life, good community spirit. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by parades in villages, towns and cities of Ireland. The wearing of the shamrock must be a sign of a renewal of our Christian values.

Ireland needs people who will stand up for christian values, so that once more we can become famous for the right reasons.

As John Fitzgerald Kennedy said, "Don't ask what can America do for you, but what can you do for America". We, in Ireland, should ask ourselves the same question.

Pilane Crowley c.c.



Runs from Sunday, 22nd March to Friday, 27th, at La Retraite, College Road.

It consists of an opening meeting on Sunday (5-7 p.m.), a daily meeting with a Prayer Guide for half-an-hour each evening, and a closing meeting on Friday (7-9 p.m.).

Those who participate agree to try daily prayer with Scripture for 30 minutes each day (or 2 x 15 minutes).

Full information sheets available at the C.P. Centre. Forms must be returned by Tuesday, 17th March.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

DIOCESAN REGULATION

Consent to hold such collections in this Parish is given only where the following conditions are observed:

1. That the collectors hold a Permit from the Garda authorities and that the conditions of that permit are strictly observed.
2. That Church goers' rights to unimpeded access to their place of worship is respected by collectors standing clear of Church gates or porches, in accordance with the conditions of the Permit.
3. That Church goers are not harassed in any way, especially by the presence of a group of collectors (maximum allowed 2).
4. That the collection is not held on one of the days on which special Annual collections take place within the Church (consult Diocesan Directory or Parish clergy for dates).
5. That two weeks notice of intention to collect is given to the Parish authorities.

Welcome!

We welcome into our Christian community KATE ANN MOLONEY and EIMPEAR ISABEL O'LEARY.

OUR SYMPATHY

We offer sincere sympathy to TERESA GRAY, 19 Leedale, on the death of her father. To MARY MURPHY, College Road, on the death of her brother, Cooper Moylan.

**FORMER MINISTERS
OF THE EUCHARIST**

The number of people who have served the parish as Ministers of the Eucharist grows steadily. We think it important for them to get together, at least annually. A Mass for ex-Ministers has been arranged for Tuesday, 24th March, at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt. All ex-Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to share that Mass.

 **PLEASE PRAY**

We pray for Miss May Sheehan, "Duntabheen", Model Farm Road, who died last Sunday. She came to live with her sister Kathleen last summer, but fell ill shortly after. Kathleen cared for May throughout her illness, and as we pray for the late May, we remember in a special way Kathleen. We offer our sympathy to her sisters and relatives.

We pray for the late Mrs. May Curtin who died during the week. A long time resident of Model Farm Road, she was pre-deceased by her husband John Paul, and son Tom. We offer our sympathy and prayers to her children Mary, Maurice and John, her sisters and relatives.



WHERE IS ALL THIS GOING TO END?

This is the cry of frustration and despair that many people are experiencing. So says Bishop Murphy in his pastoral letter, "Values for Today".

He refers in the strongest terms to the weaknesses in our society - political instability, allegations of serious fraud in big business, destruction of life in the North, emigration..... He describes the recent debate on abortion and related issues as divisive and emotive.

Is our value system based totally on self-interest, where the "rich and famous" are paraded as models? Are those who propose an alternative value system reactionary, backward, unenlightened and irrelevant? These, and more, are the questions with which our Bishop challenges us. It is we who must decide on the values we want in our society!

Read the Lenten Pastoral letter for yourself. The challenge is for everybody.

For your information

BISHOPSTOWN GARDA STATION

Opening Hours:

Monday to Saturday (inclusive)
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sundays and Public Holidays
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Telephone Nos. 541012/542323

After hours, telephone Togher
Garda Station, telephone 962611.

In an EMERGENCY dial 999.

NEW CHURCH HEATING SYSTEM

LAST REMINDER

1. On 19th January an envelope sent to 1727 homes in Parish.
2. To date 566 returned (107 in past month).
3. To each of these our very sincere thanks.
4. If it slipped your memory, slip us your contribution - small or large - today.

Thank you.

(Parish Finance Committee)

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

A word for our housebound parishioners from the Communications Committee:

By now you have received the Link-A-Prayer leaflets. We are very happy that a union of prayer has been started between the Poor Clare Sisters and you who are confined to your homes through infirmity or age. Isn't it good to know too, that each of you is specially thought of by the Sisters at a certain time throughout the day? You are together in thought and prayer.

There may be some parishioners who have recently found themselves unable to leave home to actively participate in the life of the parish. Do please let us know and we will enlist you in the Link-A-Prayer.

We hope to insert little items of interest to and about the housebound and those who care for them in future issues of the Bulletin.



TO PARENTS OF
CONFIRMATION CHILDREN

"GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER"

You are invited to a meeting to explain this programme.

Place: Crypt of Church of Holy Spirit.

Date: Monday next, 16 March.

Time: 8.00 p.m.

You will be very welcome.

St. Patrick's Day

Next Tuesday is a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass at 7.30 p.m. on Monday; Tuesday Masses at 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m.

Cake Sale

Our Church Choir is holding a cake sale in the Crypt this weekend after the 10.00, 11.00 and 12.15 Masses. Please support.

Visitation

During the coming weeks, Fr. Finbarr Crowley will visit the remainder of Kenley, and the homes he failed to make contact with during the past few months.

As Fr. Finbarr ends his first round of visitations, he would like to thank you all for your very warm welcome.

LENTEN SEASON

Sunday Evening Prayer for PEACE at 5.30 p.m.



Music

Ballineaspaig Gramophone Circle

Jack O'Shea, who will present this month's records recital, promises an afternoon not to be missed. The place to be on Wednesday afternoon next, March 18th, at 3 p.m. sharp is the Crypt of the Church of the Holy Spirit at Dennehy's Cross.

Everyone is welcome.

*Just A Note
To Remind
You!*



Friendship Club

The meeting on Monday, 16th March, in the C.P. Centre, has been cancelled.

Woodlawn

There will be a Neighbourhood Watch meeting in the C.P. Centre next Thursday, 19th, at 8.30 p.m. Please come.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Intermediate Hurling League Final, Bishopstown v St. Catherines in Mallow on St. Patrick's Day at 3 p.m. Support welcome!

Local Band "Ruby Horse" will perform in concert/disco next Friday night, 20th, in Club Pavilion, 8.00 - 11.30.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
NUMBER: 274888**