



Sunday, April 5, 1992

BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Fifth Sunday of Lent.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
CLWENNY'S CROSS, CO. KK

Pastoral Council Profile

We have asked the members of the Pastoral Council to introduce themselves. We felt you might like to see the human face of the Council. They have been asked to tell just a little about themselves, perhaps why they allowed their names go forward, what hopes they would have for the Pastoral Council.

We start this week with Kitty Dillon and Edward Fahy.



KITTY DILLON, who represents College Road, is married and has lived in the parish for ten years. She agreed to let her name go forward as she felt she had some spare time, and would like to give it to God through practical work for others.

Kitty believes that the Council should aim at initiating new methods of bringing people together, as well as continuing the work done by former Councils.



EDWARD FAHY, who represents Magazine Road, is married with two children, has lived in the parish for eleven years, and is a Librarian. Asked why he agreed to become a member of the Council, Edward said, "A bit like Simon of Cyrene, who did not seek the honour - but it is an honour and couldn't be refused."

Edward's hopes for the Pastoral Council are to continue the work of building a community informed with Christian values.



The Flip Side of Grace

Count your obligations—
Name them one by one—
And it will surprise you
What the Lord wants done.



We pray for the late JOHN JOE CROWLEY who died in St. Finbarr's Hospital on Friday, 27th. He suffered a stroke some years ago. He was buried in his native Dunmanway, a place he loved so much. We offer our sympathy to his sister Kitty, who visited him daily throughout his illness.

We pray for the late JOHN WHELAN, Magazine Road, who died suddenly on Saturday last. A native of Galway, he spent most of his years living in Cork. He was pre-deceased by his wife. His nephew who offered the Requiem Mass said of him that he enjoyed the company of friends and in turn was enjoyed by them. We offer our sympathy to his children Sandra, Trevor and families.

We pray for LOUIS O'CONNOR, late of Merlyn Lawn, who died suddenly last Tuesday evening. He was predeceased by his wife and son. Louis worked for many years in A.I.B. South Mall. We offer our sympathy to his sister, Mrs. Constant, Bishopstown Avenue, who looked after him, and his brother and sisters.

LENTEN SEASON

Sunday Evening Prayer and
Benediction at 5.30 p.m.



We offer our sincere sympathy to MICHAEL COSTELLO of Kenley Ave., on the death of his brother-in-law in New York. To ANNA WALSH, Leesdale, on the death of her uncle Jim Banks.

Baptisms



We welcome into our Christian community:

VALERIE JACQUELINE O'CONNELL
JENNA STEPHANIE O'SULLIVAN
EMMA JORDAN
RAYMOND THOMAS WALSH
MARK ALAN HORGAN
CIAN PATRICK JOHN DUNNE



CONGRATULATIONS to CON and MARGARET McMAHON, of 'Shalom', Greenfields Estate, who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this Sunday.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

St. Ursula writes

DURING A recent retreat, a penitential service took place. The priests who were conducting it waited until evening. The shutters were closed and we began with a service of light and darkness. Then, as we sat around in the dim candlelight waiting to make individual confessions, I was struck by the shadows on the wall. Each person in the room had a shadow and the size of each shadow depended on the light from where I was sitting. Lesson number one, I thought, everyone has a shadow, a dark side, a certain sinfulness. There is no escape. We are all in this together. Secondly, my perception of my own or someone else's shadow may depend entirely on my point of view at any particular time, so - judge not!!!

When everyone present had made his or her confession, one of the priests rose and crossed the room to make his confession to the other. I was immediately struck by their silhouettes on the wall behind. One big black shadow raised a hand in absolution over the bowed head of the other. Then the process was reversed as confessor became penitent and penitent confessor.

That, I realised, was the greatest lesson of all. It is by accepting our own brokenness, our sinfulness, our shadow, that we can reach out to understand and bring healing to others. If we have never sinned, we can afford to cast stones, but which of us really can?

***Fifth Sunday
in Lent***



**Faith and
the Resurrection**

Have you kept your Lenten resolutions? Renew them again with Family Prayer.

MONDAY: Examine your conscience on rash judging or gossiping about others. Pray for yourself.

TUESDAY: Say the Angelus well each day - and with the family when it is on T.V.

WEDNESDAY: During Family Prayer always pray for those who have died that day.

THURSDAY: Have you been as generous with Trocaire and the Missions as you intended to be this Lent?

FRIDAY: Make the Stations of the Cross for someone who is in despair through drugs or drink.

SATURDAY: A good examination of conscience in preparation for Easter Confession.



Palm Sunday

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Next Sunday, 12th, is Passion/Palm Sunday. Palms will be blessed and there will be a procession at the 7.30 Vigil Mass and the 11 and 12.15 Masses. Please take part in this. Volunteers are asked to remain at the back of the church before Mass. After the blessing, follow the priest and altar servers and wave the palms enthusiastically. At the top of the church sit in the seats which will be reserved. Remember, you will represent all your community.

Irish Kidney Association

Kidney Awareness Week: 4th - 11th April. Give Life, Be a Donor.

"Young Cork People working for justice"
"Suicide in Our Midst"
"Setting up a Parish Pastoral Council"
"Exciting Developments in Mayfield"
"Parish Focus on Turners Cross"
"Abortion in Ireland -
what does the Church say?"
"First Holy Communion -
just how holy is it nowadays?"

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in this month's **FOLD**

OUT NOW - 50p.

Pastoral Council

Minutes of the last meeting are now available in the C.P. Centre.

Bulletins to the Homes

We ask the help of our distributors with the Bulletins next weekend. Although it is only the second weekend in April, because it's Palm Sunday, we are anxious that all parishioners would get details of the Holy Week ceremonies. Thanks for your help.



Cake Sale

In the Crypt of the Church on Sunday next, 12th April, in aid of young volunteers going to Africa with the Sacred Heart Nuns. Anyone wishing to give a cake or requiring further information, contact Ita at 541755.

Threshold Concert

Saturday, 11th April, at Aula Maxima, U.C.C. commencing 7.30 sharp, subscription £12.50. Cheese and wine reception. Tickets available at Threshold, Fr. Matthew Quay, tel. 271250. Taking part - John Gibson, Miriam O'Callaghan, Karen Murray, Eleanor Malone, Aoife McGrath and David McInerney as compere.

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