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# BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
OF FINN'S CROSS, COBK.



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Finbarr writes*

## CHRIST - THE "MEGASTAR"

IN A recent discussion with a married couple who are very close friends of mine, the question was asked, "What is my dream?" My response, after much thought was, "That Christ would be seen as the 'Megastar' in today's world for everybody.

This weekend we are being asked to pray in a special way for vocations to the religious life as a sister, brother or priest. I have chosen to serve God as a priest, the sisters in St. Cathelines, St. Columbas, St. Josephs and Poor Clares as religious dedicated to teaching, nursing, contemplative prayer, parish and mission work; the brothers of Coláiste as teachers.

I would invite all young people to seriously consider the call to make Christ the 'Megastar' for people everywhere.

I read back on my diary which I kept during my ordination retreat almost twelve years ago and I wrote, "Lord, always help me to realise the privilege you have bestowed on me."

Today my prayer is the same, and I would ask you, our parishioners, to pray for all of us

who have chosen to serve God as a sister, brother or priest. And I invite you, the young people of our community, to share that privilege with us.

*K. Seán Crowley C.C.*

## Pastoral Council Profile



NOELLE NEWTON, who represents Farranlea, is a wife and mother, and has lived in the parish for seven years. When asked why she agreed to let her name go forward for election, Noelle replied, "I didn't want to disappoint those who supplied my name." Her hopes for the Pastoral Council would be that the work done will be worthwhile for the parish and also for the members of the Council.



## *Chaplaincy Team Cork R.T.C*

(Continued)

In the R.T.C. there is a large seating area called the Atrium where the students gather between classes to have lunch, a cup of coffee or just to hang loose. The Chaplaincy Team spends a good deal of time mingling with the students. There are 3,000 students on campus at any one time with over 300 staff. For any student who finds the going unmanageable, we are there to help. We don't have readymade answers, but we do our best to ease any unnecessary burdens.

One may ask, "But what are the end results?" I asked a few students totally at random to write down what they thought. Here are a few quotes.

each from a different student :  
"For me personally the Chaplaincy Team has meant more than words can describe. Only for them I seriously wouldn't be here in Cork RTC today, now enjoying my course. I started off the year on my own, but through the team I've made loads of new friends. For me the Team represent friendship. Each member in his/her own way, helped me overcome my personal difficulties."

"They are a very approachable bunch, yet easy to talk to and get on with, all of which helped make them so popular with the students. I can't think of anything else to say, except 'Thank You'."

(To be concluded next week)

### *A Reflection*

I WAS regretting the past  
and fearing the future.

Suddenly the Lord was speaking  
"My name is "I am". He paused,  
I waited. He continued.

"When you live in the past,  
With its mistakes and regrets,  
it is hard. I am not there.  
My name is not "I was".

"When you live in the future,  
with its problems and fears,  
it is hard. I am not there.  
My name is not "I will be".

"When you live in this moment,  
it is not hard. I am there.  
My name is 'I am'".

### *The Gifts of the Holy Spirit*



#### *Right Judgment*

Knowing what to do in a difficult situation. Throughout our lives we face important and difficult decisions. When we have weighed up all the options we can pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance in making the right decision.

"Ruth"

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# PUZZLES

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The Easter Quiz proved again a most popular competition, judging by the large number of entries received. The correct solution to the quiz is as follows:

1. Charlie solved the problem by cutting out only the third link of the chain. Then he had three separate sections;

- one containing one link
- one containing two links
- one containing four links.

Monday - gave the Landlady one separated link.

Tuesday - took back one and gave her two.

Wednesday - gave her the single link.

Thursday - gave her the four links, took back the one and two.

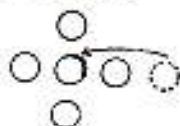
Friday - gave her one link.

Saturday - took back one and gave her two links.

Sunday - gave her one link.

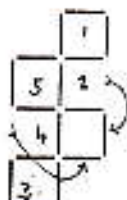


2. Re-arrange the coins: Move the top coin down and place it on top of centre coin.

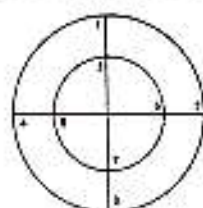


3. The 49 butts make 7 cigarettes and each cigarette smoked is a new butt, so 7 new butts gave an additional cigarette; therefore, the answer is six hours.

4. Four Square Problem



5. Cut the Cake. First make a circular cut within the cake. Then two cuts across. (You do not have to have equal pieces).



The first correct solution opened was submitted by:

Mr. John Waldron,

"Naomh Mhuire",

Derrymore,

Wilton Road.

A prize will be presented to the winner.

## SOLUTION TO

## Easter Crossword



Eleven correct solutions came in, out of which we drew the winner:

Carmel Murphy,

"Fastnet", Wilton Road.



## COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE MEDIA has been bombarding us with weighty subjects like abortion, Maastricht, riots, earthquakes and famines. And of course these all make news. They also concern people.

A subject nearer home, when the politicians, the city planners, the residents' associations have all had their say, also concerns people. I speak of the Marsh area in general and Crattan Street in particular.

I visited the locality recently to look around, to observe. Many of the houses and flats have no garden, no view. Still, the residents have a fierce pride in their area. Many of them have lived there all their lives. They have made it abundantly clear that they do not want a busy highway interfering with their lives. I cannot blame them.

Words like 'fight' and 'battle' are hardly conducive to finding an amicable solution to the problem. Is it not time for someone with diplomatic skills to offer to mediate? I believe the residents of the Marsh have the right to expect a dignified solution to their problem. I hope it happens soon. Otherwise one more community of people is going to be sacrificed to the god of progress.



### Bulletins to the Homes

All homes in the parish will receive a copy of the Bulletin next weekend, with the help of our ever reliable distributors.

### Aifreann le Gaeilge

Beidh Aifreann dhátheangach a cheiliúradh an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaigí agus bígi páirteach linn.

### Couples for Christ

A movement for married couples to support Christian family life through prayer, scripture study and social activities together. First meeting on Tuesday, 12th May, at 8 p.m. in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh Hall, Curraheen Road. For further information ring Alex & Peggy Rylands, 544206.

### Cork Spastic Clinic

The Clinic wishes to thank all those who supported the church gate collection recently.

### Vocations Sunday

A reminder that there will be an Hour of Prayer in the Poor Clare Chapel on today Sunday, at 4p.m. organised by St. Joseph's Young Priests Society.

### CMAC

Trainee Counsellors needed. If you are married, aged 30 - 45 (approx.), a good listener, good basic education, please come along without obligation to information night on Monday, 11th May, at 8 p.m. to CMAC, 34 Paul Street.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY  
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