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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DEVAUGHN CROSS, DUBLIN



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. John writes

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Novena to the Holy Spirit begins on Tuesday, 2nd June, and goes on for nine days until Wednesday, 10th June. This year the Novena is being held after the Bank Holiday weekend to give everyone an opportunity to attend. Students who are preparing for examinations should find it a good time to attend and ask God's blessing on their work.

The Novena Directors are two well-known Dominican Preachers, Fr. Jim Dunleavy and Fr. Fintan O Murchu. We are looking forward to hearing their valuable insights and direction.

Beginning this Monday, 18th May, the Pastoral Council Representatives and the Contact People will visit every home in the Parish to invite you to support the Novena and to say the Novena Prayer every day, asking God to bless the Parish at this time. They will also deliver a petition slip which you can fill out, and later bring to the church where we will pray together for all intentions. We ask you to give your Contact People a gracious welcome >> Member 1991-1992

(first person to serve)

Easter Dues.

The priests of the parish warmly thank parishions for their generosity in the Easter Dues.

Also, a sincere thank-you to all who helped in the collection.

Thank You



LETTERS

Aisling,
Melbourn

Ref. Ballineaspaig Bulletin
10th May

A Chara,

In his Media Comment Luke refers to the Marsh Controversy and to his recent visit to that area. He writes, "Many of the houses and flats have no garden, no view" and again, "The residents have made it abundantly clear that they do not want a busy highway interfering with their lives".

May I remind Luke that their 'alternative plan' would destroy the very beautiful views of wood and water that the residents of Bachelors Quay, Grenville Place and North Mall now enjoy - that all of the people of Cork are entitled to enjoy, in fact?

Do unto others?

Mise le meas,
Sally Scott

Pastoral Council Profile



JIM HASSETT, who represents Wilton Avenue and Bishopscourt, is a retired Bank Manager, married and has lived in the parish for twenty years. The area is an outpost of the parish. However, the parishioners are totally committed to all its activities.

When asked why he agreed to let his name go forward, Jim replied, "In their innocence the people voted for me."

His hopes for the Pastoral Council would be that the members could shoulder some of the load on our priests and sister.

REPORT FROM PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 1) 624 Households have now contributed to new Church heating system.
- 2) 1,700 homes in Parish.
- 3) Yours - large or small is always welcome.
- 4) Full account in June 20th Bulletin.

PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

A SENSE OF PARISH

At the recent meeting of the Pastoral Council, Michael Lehane, Chairman, recommended we look at needs of the Parish with clergy and sisters to develop a sense of Parish.

The Novena sub-committee are working on preparations for the Novena - 24th to 10th June. Pastoral Council members and contact people will deliver publicity material.

Communications committee are preparing new Notice Boards for church grounds.

Reporting on Social, 286 tickets were sold. We would like to add our own congratulations to the Social committee for a great night. Take a bow, all concerned.

OUR SYMPATHY OUR SYMPATHY

We offer sincere sympathy to BERTIE COVENEY, St. Ritas, Model Farm Road, on the death of his father.

MARY MOLLOY, 'Tarmon', Farranlea Park, died recently after a brief illness. A native of Skibbereen, she moved to the Midlands when her husband was transferred in the P & T. We are grateful for her quiet and gracious presence in our community. Our sincere sympathy to Denis Minihane, who

NUMBER: 2748⁰⁰ her



Chaplaincy Team Cork R.T.C

This week we conclude the article on the Chaplaincy Team. We hope you have found it interesting.

The needs that face students in College today are on two levels. The first level would cover basic needs, such as the need to make friends, contentment in the course they have picked and physical comfort in accommodation. The second level would cover deeper needs, such as the need to be accepted, regardless of background, to be understood and to be listened to and heard without judgment.

For each student in college there is a mixture of joy and sadness, anger and pain, peace and anxiety, happiness and disillusionment, love and hate, fulfilment and fear, frustration and hope. Each student has his own story to tell of where he is in this spectrum.

Working on the Chaplaincy is a challenge, but also very rewarding, and we are a happy bunch of people. We are not religious freaks, just ordinary young people doing our best among people of our own age in a project that has its roots firmly in Christianity. It is an example to any parish of what can be done. As Jesus said, "If you have faith you can move mountains." Working on the Chaplaincy Team for the year has been one of the happiest and most fulfilling for me. There will never be a year quite like it again, and I know it has changed my life for the better.

James McSweeney
Team Member 1991-1992
(Fifty-third person to serve)

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

IT HAS BEEN claimed that the clergy have one set of rules for themselves, another for the lay people. The rules (a code for right living) have, of course, been presented by God and they apply to all of us. Bishops and priests have a particular vocation to preach the salvation message. But they are as likely as any of us to sin. Like us, they have the potential in them for good. Again like us they may fall. They have the assurance of God's love. They need God's mercy too.

WHAT HAS happened has happened. We must pray for all concerned in their personal dilemma. What may happen in the Irish church in the future is another matter. Many of us struggle to pass on the Faith to our children in a very materialistic world. We do it with varying degrees of success and failure, to judge by human standards. This sad affair is like shooting oneself in the foot. The accusations of wealth and power and lifestyle and double-standards hurt enormously and they are difficult to answer. But they must be answered, openly and honestly.

IT IS so easy to criticise. But we all have our own furrow to plough, to keep it straight. There are no bonus points for pointing out the wobbles in someone else's furrow.



NOVENA TO HOLY SPIRIT

June 2nd - 10th

at

10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Directors:

Fr. Jim Dunleavy
Fr. Fintan Ó Murchu

St. Vincent de Paul

We have received the following note from our local conference:

"We extend our sincere thanks to all in the parish who gave us £1,224 for our Coal Fund. The Conference paid out £1,474 in all to the needy in the parish during the winter.

Again, our grateful thanks."

One Week Intensive Irish Course

Graded Irish classes and cultural activities for Boys and Girls, 10 to 16 years, Mount Mercy College, July 6th - 10th. Application forms, etc. from School Secretary, tel. 542685, 10.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Anyone for Tennis?

Highfield Tennis Club, Model Farm Road, has some vacancies for new members at all levels. Fees are £20 Junior, £35 Senior, and there is a special rate for family membership of £55.

Coaching for Juniors on Sat. mornings and Seniors on Thursday evenings. Ladies' mornings twice weekly. Club Night on Wednesdays until end of August. Further information from Angela Murphy, tel. 541155.

Cork Stroke Support Scheme

A talk on "Speech Therapy following a Stroke" will be given at Southern Health Board Buildings, Grattan Street Health Centre, on Thursday, 28th May at 8.15 p.m.

Second Chance Education Courses

Are you 21 years of age or older? Keen to improve your qualification and training? Unemployed for 12 months or longer?

Courses will be completely free of charge.

Public Meeting will be held at Scoil Stiofain Naofa, (entrance is from Connolly Park), on 20th May, at 8 p.m.

First Holy Communion

On Saturday, 23rd, approximately 70 children from St. Catherine's School will receive their First Holy Communion.

Please note that there will be NO 10.00 MASS on that day.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The monthly recital on Wednesday next, 20th May, will be given by the eminent and well loved broadcaster Dan Murphy, paying us a welcome return visit. Our circle is not confined to members only. Everybody is welcome to the Crypt of the Church of the Holy Spirit at 3 p.m. sharp.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
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