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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, DEWITT'S CROSS, CO. DUB.



WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:-

SR. URSULA has been appointed as Full-time Parish Sister, replacing Sr. Frances.

300th BULLETIN

Remember these?



September 23, 1990

On the 25th September the Church of the Holy Spirit will be open thirty years. Little did the

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CURATE FR. BERNARD CROKLEY.



ALTERNATIVE SLANTS BY 'TOMAS' DON'T THE BISHOPS TRUST US?

The concept of the Church as an authoritarian organisation that imposes its views is supposed to be history. Was the condom controversy helped or hindered this concept?

A CELEBRITY OF OUR OWN

We were delighted to note that Rita Shay (nee Rita Lynch) was guest of honour at the recent performance of the MESSIAH in the National Concert Hall, Dublin.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to DIARMUID O'CALLAGHAN of Farnham Park on his exhibition of Art now on view at the Crawford Gallery. His collection has been highly acclaimed.

HOCKEY

Successful Hat-Trick Mount Neiry College won for the third time in a row the Munster Senior Schoolgirls Cup in Thurles during the week. Congratulations to all, and especially to our two parishioners, Grainne Sugrue and Ailie Waters, both of whom started in the game.

We can have nothing but sympathy for the fourteen year old girl and her family.

I find there is something captivating about levitation. As miracles go, there is something light-hearted and almost irreverent about it. It suggests a kind of levity in sainthood.

Congratulations!

FIFTY YEARS is a long time. Imagine giving fifty years of your life to God! The sacrifice - and the joy.

Sister Assumpta of Saint Catherine's Convent has Ann

BLESSING OF THE SHAMROCK

FR. BERNARD SAYS

"THANK YOU"

BEFORE I GO....

I want to thank every person in the parish for the love, support and encouragement I received each day of my seven years here.

New Heating System for the Church of the Holy Spirit.

WE ARE pleased to announce that Pat Lomasney, one of our parishioners, and also a member of the Bulletin Team, has been appointed by the Bishop to the Irish Commission for the Laity.

EMIGRANTS REMEMBERED

RETIREMENT OF SISTER BRENDAN

CHOIR

Our St. Spirid's Parish, our own senior choir, have done it again!

Fr. John writes

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

12th May, 1990

A TIME OF SADNESS

THE SIBBEN DEATH of Cardinal Louis O'Flaherty was a cause of genuine sadness to the people

EVEN BISHOPS NEED ENCOURAGEMENT!

OUR BULLETIN WINS FIRST PRIZE

Pastoral Council Profile



MICHAEL LEHANE, who represents Wilton Gardens, is married, has four sons, is retired and has lived in the parish for 35 years. When asked why he agreed to let his name go forward, Michael said that he did not like to refuse the invitation.

Michael would like to continue with the work already begun by previous Councils and hopefully to create new opportunities and initiate new ideas to encourage people, especially younger people, to identify more with the parish and the work being done.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit Wonder and Awe in God's Presence

This is the gift of knowing the holiness of God. God's presence is everywhere. When we see a beautiful flower, the wonder of a new life, we often say, "Isn't God great!" To be aware of God's presence and to never want to be outside it is what this gift is all about.

COMMENT

ALTERNATIVE SLAY, 5th June, at
the C.P. Centre,

BABY'S FUTURE IS NOT AN ISSUE

I HEARD A Doctor talking about the sexual habits of teenagers. A sizable number are not sexually active. They come to his notice as the people who come seeking contraception at the time of marriage. Younger teenagers, he said, are often reassured that you can be normal and not sexually active as are many in their peer group.

His biggest problem is getting his sexually active single teenagers to use contraception. "They all want babies", he said. "Babies bring esteem to an otherwise colourless life. They also bring presents, status, entry to a new peer group and often entitlement to housing." Distraught and overworked grandparents, depressed trapped single parenthood are not visible at this stage." Baby's future is not an issue.

I was going to ask about the desirability of contraception. I didn't.

I heard a teacher tell about taking a group of schoolgoers away for a weekend and they were intrigued (but not attracted) by the phenomenon of boiled potatoes. They'd never seen them. Chips were now the staple diet.

In terms of morality, I was worried that we, the church, are now serving boiled potatoes to a generation who can only digest oven chips.



OUR VISITING MISSIONER WRITES

The Holy Spirit

JESUS WAS a person of enormous vitality... "No one ever spoke like this... no one ever did the things he has done... ". But when Jesus ascended into heaven, the apostles found that his power had gone too. They went back to Jerusalem and waited.

Soon after the Ascension they realised - specially on that first Pentecost Sunday - that they too shared in the Power and Spirit of Jesus.

The Apostles went out and preached Jesus Christ with great courage in spite of opposition and persecution. They understood people and had the happy knack of saying the right thing at the

right time. Unlearned and "unschooled" as they were, they argued with the best and took the Gospel to the ends of the earth. They combined intimacy with God ('Our Father') with respect for God and each other.

In later years we called these qualities the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord.

The Holy Spirit still offers those same gifts to us if we are willing to avail ourselves of them - and we all need them if we wish for a fuller happier life.

Fr. Jim Dunleavy, O.P.

OUR NEW MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Last Sunday new Ministers of the Eucharist were commissioned. Congratulations to all, and to those who were re-commissioned. Here are the names of our new Ministers:

JIMMY BARRY-MURPHY, Kenley Road
JAMES BOWEN, Kenley Drive
MARY BUCKLEY, Bishopstown Park
JOAN BURKE, Laburnum Lawn
MARY CONDON, Convent Avenue
SHEILA CROWLEY, Lynbrook
MARY FLEMING, Kenley Crescent
MARIANNE FLOYD, Bishopstown Ave.
MARGARET FOLEY, Leeddale
PAT KELLEHER, Lynbrook
JOHN KENNEDY, Wilton Road
ROBERT MCGOWAN, The Manor
PEGGY MOLONEY, Liam Lynch Park
BRIDIE MURPHY, Laburnum Park

MICHAEL LONG, Bishopscourt Hill
TED O'DONNELL, Bishopstown Ave.
STEPHEN O'DONOGHUE, Lynbrook
DOREEN O'DONOVAN, Kenley Close
VERA O'DONOVAN, Farranlea Park
ANN O'FLYNN, The Manor
DEIRDRE O'HERLIHY, Leeddale
MARIE O'SULLIVAN, College Road
JEREMIAH TWOMEY, Orchard Road
KEVIN TWOMEY, Bishopstown Ave.
SHEILA YOUNG, Cherrygrove

IN SYMPATHY

We offer sincere sympathy to
RENEE LONG, Bishopscourt Hill,
on the death of her father.



NOTICE BOARD

Creche

Creche will close for a few weeks for the Summer. The last day will be 14th June.

We will notify you when it will be starting again.

Photographic Exhibition

At Toghher Community Centre on Sunday, 7th June, from 2.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Admission £1, children accompanied 25p.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Our Annual Festival begins on Saturday, 13th June, and continues to Sunday, 21st June. The official opening will be by the Lord Mayor and there will be many and varied events during the course of the week.

Our Sports will be on Saturday, 20th June, at 2.30 p.m. Events from Under 4's to 16's.

Congrats to the Bishopstown Camogie Feile U-14 on winning the Cork championships. They will now represent Cork in the All-Ireland Feile in Galway.

Natural Family Planning

Weekly lecture on the Billings Method -

Where? Bon Secours Maternity Hosp.

Time? 11.00 a.m.

When? Each Thursday

Husbands and wives;
pre-marriage... all welcome.

Eucharistic Procession

The Annual Procession will take place on Sunday, 14th June. The Ballineaspaig group will assemble in the churchyard at 2.45 p.m. leaving at 3 p.m. sharp.

**PASTORAL
COUNCIL**

Meeting on Monday, 8th June, at 8.30 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

JUNE 'FOLD'

now on sale - 50p.

- The media - the inside story•
- Cork's famous Capuchin, Fr. Koch•
- The Eamonn Casey saga•
- Readers' views on Maastricht•
- Children's page•Crosswords•And more...



QUESTION: Why are the huge Lotto funds not used to ease the plight of those who cannot afford to be sick? I find the Lotto game and draw an occasion of sin, of envy, greed, self-pity and anger.

ANSWER: Surely an unusual observation on the very popular game. But the question needs addressing. Vast sums of money are taken in weekly. Some of it is disbursed to prizewinners and various organisations.

Are the most deserving getting their share? Is it moral? Could the money be more wisely used?

Do our readers have a view? Letters to the Bulletin, please, or to Mr. Ray Bates, National Lottery Director, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1.

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