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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Sr. Ursula writes

GUS WAS a very wild young fellow. You name it, he did it. The streets of the city where he lived were strewn with the wreckage of vehicles in which Gus and his gang of friends had been joy-riding. In his late teens and early twenties, "wine woman and song" became his motto. His father, a rich merchant, took pride in the 'matcho' image of his son and willingly used money and influence to bail him out after his many escapades.

His mother, Mon, was a pious woman. She spent many a sleepless night worrying about her son whom she loved dearly in spite of all his faults. She had long since given up trying to reason with him. She contented herself with being as loving and caring as she could whenever Gus was at home, and she prayed. Few women prayed as much as Mon did as she asked the Lord to help her wayward son and to give her the strength and the courage not to reject him no matter what he did.

Years went by and the situation became more and more hopeless. Then the change came. One day Gus heard some children singing, "take and read, take and read". He opened the scriptures and read

Romans 13. He realised he had to face himself and his God. Slowly the change came and Gus became a different man and ultimately a saint. Have you guessed? I'm writing about the great St. Augustine of Hippo, of course, the man who said, "You can make of your sins a ladder reaching even to the stars". His mother St. Monica must surely be the patron saint of all mothers who worry about and pray for their wayward children.

Ursula O'Mallaghan R. B. 17.

Pastoral Council Profile



PAT O'CONNELL, who represents Parkway, is married and has three children. She has lived in the parish for eleven years.

Pat says it was an honour to be asked to let her name go forward for election and her hopes for the Pastoral Council would be to continue the good work of the previous Council.

the
editor
writes.....

Dear readers,

This is the last Bulletin of the season. On behalf of the Bulletin team, my sincere thanks to all who work at folding, distributing, and who in any way help to keep the Bulletin circulating. Thank you also to the Dean, Fr. John, Fr. Finbarr (who happily is now affiliated to our editorial team) and Sr. Ursula, for their spiritual input to the Bulletin, and to our regular contributors. Finally, where would we be without Ann, who does more than the typing - general co-ordinator par excellence!

We hope to resume on August 30, and wish you all a happy holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Elsie Harris



IS YOUR HEDGE OUT-STANDING?

If it is, have a thought for the poor passer-by. There is nothing more annoying than to be walking along, minding your own business, and to be assailed by a protruding hedge, especially brambles. Even nettles have been known to peep through the most respectable hedges! So the message for the summer is - control that hedge.



JOHN CASEY, 'Innsbruck', Farranlea Grove, died unexpectedly last Thursday on the Feast of Corpus Christi. He is remembered as a quiet and reserved man who was a true and loyal friend. He quietly helped many in their need and spent long hours with the sick when they needed company. A loving husband and father, he will be missed at home and in the community. Our sincere sympathy to his wife Mary, daughters Patricia and Catherine, and son Willie, and to all his family.

SEAN O'LEARY, 'Arundel', Wilton Road, died at Douglas Nursing Home last week after a prolonged illness.

Sean spent his working life in Local Government - rising to executive rank. A former colleague was heard to remark as his funeral left the Church of the Holy Spirit, "He was a dedicated and absolutely just man towards all people, high and low."

We extend sincere sympathy to his dear wife Marie, his sons John, Denis and Peter, his brother Derry, and all his relatives and friends.

Happy Holidays



Point to Ponder

CONVERSATIONS
WITH A FRIEND

'Lord?'

'I'm listening.'

'I'm confused. Life doesn't seem so simple any more.'

'It never was simple.'

'You know what I mean.'

'Perhaps you'd better tell me.'

'Well, for example, we have famine, floods, earthquakes, AIDS....'

'Are you blaming me for all those things?'

'Well no, not really, Lord, but ...'

'You want me to wave a magic wand and revert back to the Garden of Eden, is that it?'

'No, but you did promise to feed the hungry, free captives...'

'I also asked you to love God and love your neighbour. Two thousand years on people are ignoring God and I see less and less neighbourly love. People are pre-occupied with money, possessions, sex, leisure. I recommend sharing with the less well off. When did you last share?'

'Now Lord, that's hardly fair. I wanted to talk about society, Lord, and you are talking about me.'

'So I am. So I am.'

'But you're not suggesting, Lord, that I go out and change society, surely?'

'You're part of society anyway,

so why not make your mark? You can't stop those famines and floods you spoke of earlier. But you could stand up for the victims of injustice and poverty.'

'I'm beginning to regret this conversation, Lord.'

'You'd rather say the odd prayer, go to Mass on Sunday, is that it? That would make you feel comfortable? Not for you the challenge of being a Christian? You disappoint me.'

'Lord, you were right when you said that life was never simple.'



NEXT TO GODLINESS

It is said we only notice the dirt, but we take cleanness for granted. This could well apply to our church which is so unfailingly clean that it might escape our notice. So, to the two ladies who do not wish to be named, but who do the back-breaking job of Hoovering and cleaning, your work IS noticed by some and is much appreciated.



First Friday

Next Friday, 3rd, is the First Friday of the month. Calls will be made to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Evening Mass

This is our last week of 7.30 p.m. Masses from Monday to Friday. As usual, the weekday evening Mass will return in September, commencing on Friday, 4th. The Saturday Vigil Mass will continue right through the Summer; there will also be a 7.30 p.m. Mass on Friday 7th August (First Friday) and Friday 14th August (Vigil Mass for Feast of the Assumption).

JULY-AUGUST 'FOLD'

on sale next weekend - 50p.

- Celibacy - what our readers think •
- Travellers talk about their needs •
- Meet 'the hurling priest' of Carrigaline •
- Prayer groups •

Reviews • Crosswords • And much more....

St. Vincent de Paul

The usual monthly collection has been changed to Sunday, 12th July.

BISHOPSTOWN GARDA STATION

Opening Hours:

Monday to Saturday (incl.)

9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

2.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Sundays and Public Holidays

10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Bishopstown (during opening hours) 541012/542323.

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In an emergency, dial 999.

Our Visitors Bulletin - aimed at tourists and others passing through - will be available in the church during July and August. The regular weekly Bulletin will resume on 30th August.

Library

The Parish Library will close during July and August. Our thanks to all our helpers. The Library did not draw a huge membership, but we hope those who do avail of it, find it valuable.

Some books still haven't been returned. Please hand them in at the C.P. Centre, or put them through the letterbox.



**THE FOXES HAVE
LAIRS, THE BIRDS HAVE
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Catholic Papers

During the months of July and August, the Legion of Mary kiosk will be open at the 7.30 p.m. Saturday Mass.

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