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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
GERRYSTOWN CROSS, COBK

# BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

24th Sunday In Ordinary Time



## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

*Fr. John writes*

### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

In recent months you may have noticed new prayers being used at funerals. This is happening because, last year, the Bishops approved the Order of Christian Funerals for use in Ireland. It's not a new Order; it has been under preparation since 1969.

What are we to expect from it? The short answer is, better funeral liturgies. There is a wide selection of prayers, suitable for different funeral needs. The relatives of the deceased are encouraged to participate in the prayers, as far as possible. Great emphasis is placed on the Christian dignity of the deceased person and the Christian community which gathers to pray. Loud talking in Funeral Parlours is deemed to show a lack of respect for the deceased and the grieving family. Funerals should be carried out with joyful solemnity, which both respects the sadness of the occasion and recalls Christ's victory over death.

Family members are encouraged to take an active part in the funeral liturgies. They will

not be asked to assume any role that their grief or sense of loss may make too burdensome. What can they do? They can lead the rosary. The priest will be present, but doesn't have to lead it all. They can read the lessons at the Removal and at the Funeral Mass. They can write out and read the Prayers of the Faithful. They can organise music for the Funeral Mass.

The Mass is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral. There are other symbols and actions used which should not go unnoticed.

The Pascal Candle, a reminder of Christ's victory over death, is placed near the coffin.

Holy Water is sprinkled on the coffin to call to mind the deceased's baptism and initiation into the community of faith. As the coffin leaves the Church, the gesture of sprinkling signifies our farewell.

Incense is used during the funeral rites as a sign of honour to the body of the deceased and as a sign of our prayers for the deceased rising to the throne of God. It recalls the words of the psalmist, "Let my prayer come like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands, like the evening sacrifice." (Psalm 141:2).

A Cross is placed on the coffin to remind us that the Christian is marked by the cross

in baptism and through Jesus' suffering on the cross is brought to the victory of his resurrection.

A Bible may be placed on the coffin as a sign that Christians live by the word of God and that fidelity to that word leads to eternal life.

From now on, the use of a Pall is recommended. A pall, from the Latin pallium, a cloak, is a white covering for the coffin. It recalls the white garment of the newly baptised and is a sign of the Christian dignity of the person. The use of the pall also signifies that all people are equal in the eyes of God. In our church, relatives of the deceased are free to decide to use or not use the pall.

I hope these observations keep you in touch with what is happening and help to explain the elements of the Funeral Liturgy. Of course, we, the priests of the parish, will always do what we can to help you at a time of bereavement or in preparation of the Funeral liturgies.



JEAN McNALLY of Farranlea Grove passed peacefully away last weekend, supported during her illness by her loving husband Joe and family.

Many will remember Jean (Cousins) for her beautiful voice. She thrilled many an audience in Cork and further afield with her lovely singing. Our sincere sympathy to her husband Joe, and to Martin, Paula, Brian, Orla and Sharon.

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to CHRISTOPHER McCARTHY, 'Woodfield', St. Clares Ave., on the death of his brother.

To JAMES and AGNES IRWIN, College Road, on the death of their grandson.

To TOM O'HANLON, Wilton Avenue, on the death of his brother and niece.

To PADDY ROONEY, The Circle, Kenley, on the death of his mother.

To ELMARIE O'SULLIVAN, Mount Eden, Kenley, on the death of her brother.

To HELEN BARRY, The Crescent, Kenley, on the death of her mother.

To MARY POWER, The Crescent, Kenley, on the death of her sister.

To TOM O'SULLIVAN, The Crescent, Kenley, on the death of his mother.

To BREEDA KELLY, Laburnum Park, on the death of her father.

To NED MURPHY, Laburnum Park, on the death of his brother.

To GERALYN BUTTIMER, The Drive, Kenley, on the death of her brother.

To EAMONN YOUNG, Woodleigh Park, on the death of his brother.

To JOAN LEONARD, Wilton Road, on the death of her sister.

To the CLARKE FAMILY, Bishoptown Avenue on the death of their granddaughter.

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## FINAL PROFESSION

BULLETIN readers who are familiar with the La Retraite Sisters will be happy to know that one of their community, Sr. Barbara Stafford, made her Final Profession on Saturday, September 5.

Supported by her family, her sisters in community and a gathering of friends, Sr. Barbara made her final vows at a ceremony in the Sacred Heart Church. The sense of joy at her profession and in the Eucharist that followed was made all the more so by the beautiful music, song and dance from some of her U.C.C. friends/graduates.

All gathered afterwards at the La Retraite Hostel on College Road where the sense of joy and happiness continued during the reception there.

Sr. Barbara, who spent some time on the Chaplaincy team at U.C.C., leaves shortly to work among the young people of Birmingham. We wish her well.

## LETTER

c/o Cork Corporation,  
Water Works,  
Lee Road.

Dear Editor,

I refer to the letter of Mr. Paddy Ryan in Bulletin of September 6. I stand fully behind the statement concerning those engaged in homosexual activities (perverts as one of the Pauline letters calls them), as attributed by the media to the Vatican.

I do not believe that the further development of children in matters of faith ought to

be delegated to those who deny quite openly and unrepentantly the guiding principles of that faith. It is unbecoming of any of us to disregard the teaching of God regarding love, whether they come to us through scripture, church tradition or our conscience. It is reprehensible for anyone seeking an office such as to nurture and inculcate faith in our children, to advocate a path of sin (ie., homosexual actions), as being anything other than what they are. These acts are destructive of the wholeness of the individual, of the community of which he claims to be a part and they invert a free, open clear and pure relationship with God (as made known personally to us through Jesus Christ) into one which searches out self-glorification through indulgence in harmful sensual experiences.

May I briefly give my thoughts upon your Bulletin's Media Comment, which implied that goodwill towards ecumenism ought to be directly translatable into giving Holy Communion to all (Christians).

Holy Communion is the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is inappropriate to invite participation in this communal feast and intimate meeting with Jesus to those who either:

- a) deny this reality, and/or
- b) have as their pastors those who deny, ignore or obscure this reality.

I am happy to discuss those and other matters with anybody.

I remain yours in Christ,  
A fellow (often wayward) pilgrim,  
Gearoid R. O Dubhtaigh



# Newsnotes

## Parish Library

The library is now back in business in the C.P. Centre. We appeal to any of our members who forgot to return books to please do so. Our stocks are somewhat diminished because so many books have gone missing.

We would remind you that the library is available to everyone - and it's free. (That is not to say you can keep the books!)

## Bulletins to the Homes

Next weekend is the third weekend of the month and bulletins will be delivered to all the homes in the parish. We are grateful to all our distributors for their help each month.

## Aifreann le Gaeilge

Leifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a raic a chlog. Tagaigi agus bigi pairteach linn.

## Pastoral Council

A reminder to members that there will be a meeting this Monday in the C.P. Centre at 8.10p.m. Minutes of the last meeting are now available.

## Creche

The Creche has re-opened in the C.P. Centre on Sunday mornings during 11.00 and 12.15 Masses.

## Gramophone Circle

May we remind all our supporters that we shall be resuming our monthly recitals on Wednesday September 23 at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend at the Crypt on above date.

## Cuanlee

A Thank You Mass Bouquet has been sent to us from Sr. Reginald of Cuanlee for the intentions of all the kind people who helped to make the August 15th Churchgate collection such an outstanding success.

## Aware

A voluntary organisation to help people suffering from depression. "Daisy Day" is a fund-raising day to support the organisation. It will be held in various retail outlets in the city and county on 17/18/19 September. Anyone wishing to sell daisies on those days, please contact Jean at: 343736. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

## Cake Sale

In the Crypt after 10, 11 and 12.15 Masses this Sunday, in aid of "CHILD" baby care unit at St. Finbarr's Hospital.

## Adoration

Daily at the Poor Clare Convent. Pay a visit or organise a rota of your friends to keep Him company.

## Calcutta Fund

A Supper Dance will be held at Jury's Hotel on Tuesday, 22nd September from 8 to 12 midnight. Music by Ceoltoifi Cois Laoi. Tickets £5 available in the C.P. Centre.

## Friendship Club

Starting up again this Monday, 14th September in the C.P. Centre.

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