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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

29th Sunday In Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, DUBLIN

Important

Church Notices

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If people wish to receive Holy Communion on Sundays, special ministers of the Eucharist are available. Please contact a priest or the parish sister.

To prepare for the visit, please have a table ready with:

- 1) a white cloth
- 2) a candle or two
- 3) crucifix
- 4) holy water
- 5) bowl of water and hand towel.

MARRIAGE

Three months' notice must be given.

BAPTISMS

One week's notice if possible. Please contact priest of your area.

CERTIFICATES

Baptismal, Confirmation and Marriage certificates are available at the C.P. Centre (Tel. 344452) or Sacristy during the following times:

9.30-12.30 Monday to Friday
7.30p.m.-8.00p.m. in Sacristy.

PARISH TEAM

Dean Denis O'Connor, P.P.,
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Fr. Finbarr Crowley, C.C.,
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274888

Did You Know?

Q. I am presently unemployed and will shortly be going on to Unemployment Assistance. My wife works part-time as a home help with the Health Board. What effect would this have on my Assistance?

A. Since the Social Welfare Act 1991 came into effect, earnings from casual employment as a Home Help on behalf of a Health Board are disregarded in the means-test. However, if your wife earns £55 or over per week she will not be regarded as your dependant and in this event you would only be paid your own personal rate plus half rate for your child dependants.

Generally, this would not arise as Home Helps usually don't earn that much, but it could arise if they were dealing with a difficult case and their hours were extended. So, ideally, they should keep their earnings below £55 per week.

This column has been compiled by Togher Citizens Information Centre at Girls' Old School, tel. 312427. It provides a free and confidential service to the public.

Opening Hours -

Monday morning: 9.15 - 11.15 a.m.

Tues/Wed/Thurs: 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.

Other Centres at:

6 Camden Place, tel. 506922

Mon-Fri: 10.30-12; 2.30-4.30.

Wilton Shopping Centre - First & Second Thurs. of month. 7.30-9p.m.

Ballyphehane Library - First Sat. of month. 11 - 12.30p.m.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
The Dean writes

MISSION SUNDAY

WHEN JOHN the Baptist sent some of his followers to Jesus to ask him was he really the long-awaited Messiah, Jesus did not answer 'Yes' or 'No'. Instead he quoted the prophets of Israel who had painted a pen picture of what the Messiah would do - and this was exactly what Jesus was doing - he preached Good news to the poor, proclaimed liberty to captives, gave new sight to the blind, and freedom to the downtrodden.

Before he ascended into heaven Jesus left a solemn commitment to his followers to go and do the same - "Go, teach all nations, and baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit" - bring good news to those who are marginalised, and discriminated against - the child labourers, and degraded slum dwellers. All people need to know that they are special and precious to God, and as such deserve to be treated with justice, respect and love.

We pray that this message will find a home today in the hearts of all who have power - and those who have none.

IN SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to NOREEN BOLGER, 38 Greenfields, on the death of her mother. To Sister Gabriel, Poor Clare Convent, on the death of her brother.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE NEED FOR TOLERANCE

THE MEDIA are full of comment on the forthcoming Abortion Referendum - and will remain so until polling takes place on December 3. Some of the debate will be calm, some hysterical. Some will be constructive and well thought out. Some will be 'off the wall':

As Catholic Christians, we believe that abortion is morally wrong in all circumstances. While the other Christian Churches reject abortion on demand, they reluctantly concede the mother's right to a termination of her pregnancy in a small number of specific instances.

So, on the one hand we have the Christian Churches standing firm against abortion. This would indicate that the majority of Irish people reject it also.

On the other hand, we have a very vocal minority who insist on the 'Woman's right to choose'. They maintain that, in a

pluralist society, all shades of opinion must be accommodated.

How is a Catholic Christian to vote - on the question of abortion and in the matter of information and the freedom to travel?

We need to pray. We need to inform ourselves. There is a great need for tolerance. We may well condemn the act of abortion. But we would do well to remember that God loves the abortionist and those who choose abortion - as He loves you and me.

If we bear this in mind, our Christian example of love and restraint and tolerance may do more to keep abortion out of Ireland than a highly-charged, emotional and overly-judgemental campaign.

WILTON UNITED F.C.

Last Sunday saw our U-17 team qualify for the next round of the FAI Cup after an excellent 3-1 victory over Ringmahon Rangers. Kieran Kelly scored a brace with Alex O'Donovan completing the scoring.

The junior team showed good form defeating Blarney Street 6-1 in Knocknaheeny. Our senior team lost 3-1 to Springfield in Cobh.

The U-15 team drew 2-2 away to Mallow. Brendan Bowen played a captain's part and undoubtedly was 'man of the match'. The U-14 team beat Douglas Hall 7-1 in the National Cup with Martin English superb in midfield.

Lotto Numbers 1,6,13. Not won. £550 next week.

This Sunday at 10.45 sees our junior team play Toghher Rovers in the AUL League.

NOVENA OF MASSES FOR THE DEAD

November is the time for remembering our dead. Our Novena will run from 2nd-10th November. Novena Envelopes are available at the church doors. Please return the envelopes (containing your offering and list of dead you wish to have remembered) to the box at the Sanctuary Rail before the 2nd November.



Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will visit the Magazine Road/College Road area during the coming weeks.

Still in Need

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

As winter comes, we are forced to remind you that the poor of the parish need coal. Please give what money you can to our priests or any member of the society.

Attention 16-18 Year Olds

Bishopstown Venture Group are seeking new female and male members. Meetings Wednesday nights at 8.30 p.m. in Bishopstown Scout Hall, Murphy's Farm.

Human Life International

Love, Life & the Family Conference weekend at Blarney Park Hotel, on 30th October - 1st November. Join Fr. Paul Marx, OSB, President and Founder, plus a panel of international speakers. For further information, phone 270472.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Best wishes to our Minor Footballers who take on St. Michaels in the City Championship Final (replay) in Ballinlough at 12.15 p.m. on Sunday, 18th.

Next Sunday, 25th, our Intermediate Hurling Team play Cloyne in the County Final in Pairc Uí Chaoimh at 3.30 p.m. Please support.

Our sincere thanks to all those who supported the Disco in aid of Somalia - it was a tremendous success.

The usual Disco event continues each Saturday night. Concessions for the earlycomers!

Anyone for Afternoon Bridge?

Bridge Club starting in the C.P. Centre on Tuesday 27th October at 2.30 p.m. All welcome - just turn up on the day. Any enquiries to Pamela at 542064.



Bake Sale

Cake Sale

Our Church Choir will hold a cake sale at the 10, 11 and 12.15 Masses on Sunday, 25th, to raise funds for a Christmas Carol Recital.

Take a break during the holiday weekend and treat yourself to a cake!

Toys Wanted

St. Laurence Cheshire Home annual sale of work is being held at Vienna Woods Hotel, on the afternoon of Sunday, 15th November.

The sale for this very worthy cause will include a toy stall. New and used toys in good condition are needed. If you can help, please bring them to the C.P. Centre any morning between 10 and 12.30.



Music

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our usual monthly recital will take place next Wednesday afternoon, 21st, at 3 p.m. in the Crypt. Tom Cox, our Presenter, has chosen unforgettable music. Everyone is invited. Be there.

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