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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

- 22 - 27 September (6 days, 5 nights).
- £358 fully inclusive.
- Hotel Mediterranee
- 50 seats available ex Cork (if number under 50, the flight will be ex Dublin).
- £60 deposit to be paid by 6th March to Joe O'Reilly Travel, Western Road, Cork.

First come, first served!



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

Have you ever noticed how we tend to move towards the friends that really listen to us? We want to be with them as though it did us good. It makes us happy and free. When we are listened to, it creates us, makes us unfold, blossom. Ideas actually begin to grow within us and come to life. You know how if a person laughs at your jokes you become funnier and funnier, and if she does not, every tiny little joke in you weakens up and dies.

Who are the people, for example, to whom we go for advice on personal dilemmas? Not to the hard, practical ones who can tell us exactly what to do, but to the listeners; that is, the kindest, least bossy people that we know. It is because by pouring out our problem to them we then know what to do about it ourselves.

There is a little creative fountain inside us that begins to spring and cast up new thoughts and unexpected laughter and wisdom. Have you ever noticed how if we are tired, strained, have no solitude, this little fountain is muddied over and covered with a lot of debris. The result is we stop living from the centre, the creative fountain, and we live from the



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11,100-00 - average Sunday
872-00 - average Holyday

periphery, from externals. That is, we go along on mere will power without imagination. It is when people really listen to us, with quiet fascinated attention, that the little fountain begins to work again, to accelerate in the most surprising way. You know, I have come to think listening is love, that's what it really is.

To love means you want the other person to be recklessly herself, her honest self, even at its worst. To love another means delighting in the simple presence of the other. And it's big enough to include the bad times.

For true love knows that if she is bad tempered now it does not mean that she is always so. True friends don't love us just when we are nice; they love all of us.

Some suggestions I find helpful: Try to learn tranquility, serenity. Try to live in the present a part of the time every day. Sometimes say to yourself: "Now, what is happening now? This friend is talking. I am quiet. There is endless time. I hear it, every word." Then suddenly you begin to hear not only what people are saying, but what they are trying to say and you sense the whole truth about them. And remember it is not enough just to will to listen to people. One must really listen. Only then does the magic begin.

Fr John Newman

INCOME

	£
Sunday and Holyday collections	60,277.00
Poor Clares' Chapel collection	3,026.00
Shrines	4,448.00
Bank Interest	489.68
Subs. for new Heating Unit	14,466.00
Surplus from Parish events	214.50
Folds, Directories & Booklets	1,328.00
Various donations	1,110.00
Flowers and Miscellaneous	353.00
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Sunday Collections:

Highest (27/12/92)	£1,394.00
Lowest (2/8/92)	£ 913.00

Holydays:

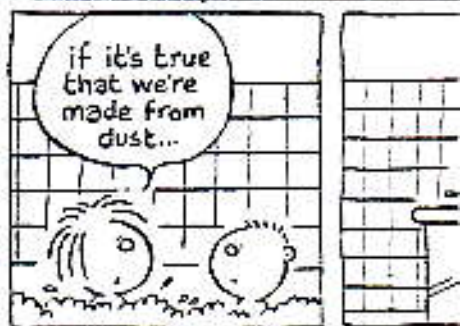
Highest (17/3/92)	£1,074.00
Lowest (15/8/92)	£ 571.00

Comparison between Church door collections (1991 - £61,123; 1992 - £60,277) shows a reduction of £846.00.

SUMMARY

Income for 1992	£85,712.18
Expenditure	£84,290.63
Credit Balance for year	£ 1,421.55
Credit Balance for 1991	£17,509.34
Credit Balance on 31/12/'92	£18,930.89

The words of saints





<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
Wages, salaries & P.A.S.I.	22,812.47
Heating and Lighting	6,425.05
Insurance	2,100.25
Balance on new Heating Unit	20,345.80
Painting Church (Crypt and porches)	2,825.79
Printing, Stationery, Bulletins and Missalettes	4,398.98
8% levy to Diocesan Office	5,064.00
Sub. to Retired Priests' Fund	3,843.00
Poor Clares' Repair Fund	1,000.00
Government Levy (£7) on each child attending Primary Sch. from Parish	4,172.00
New typewriter for CP Centre	517.28
Phone in CP Centre	289.83
Repairs and maintenance	1,370.87
Fees (legal and other)	865.90
Folds, Directories, Booklets	1,370.16
Church requisites (shrine lights, candles, Altar breads, etc.)	3,685.94
Paging System	436.08
Bank charges	336.63
Miscellaneous expenses	2,430.60
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	84,290.63



CAKE SALE AND APPEAL

Those of you who lived in Baile an Easpaig when it was one large Parish will remember Jo and Mick Mulderrig. Mick played Gaelic Football with Mayo and Jo hails from Rosscarbery.

Their son, Gerard, was badly injured by an uninsured driver in the U.S. He faces a long rehabilitation; his family a horrendous medical bill.

Their friends in Baile an Easpaig want to help. There will be a cake sale in the crypt of the Church of the Holy Spirit after all the Masses on this Sunday, 21st February. Cakes, jams, etc. may be handed into the crypt after the vigil Mass on Saturday or at any time to Lemasneys, Bishopstown Shopping Centre.



Gramophone Circle

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle
For our Recital on Wednesday next, 24th, our guest presenter will be the eminent and wellknown broadcaster, Dan Murphy.

All lovers of good music are assured of an afternoon to remember, at the crypt of the Church at Dennehy's Cross. Everyone is welcome to attend at 3 p.m. sharp.





SEASON OF LENT



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at 7.30, 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. Masses

The 7.30 evening Mass on Ash Wednesday - 24th February, will be offered for deceased collectors at this Church.



Cork Stroke Support Scheme

"Stroke - a G.P.'s Perspective".
Speaker Dr. Ciaran Donovan, Family Doctor, on Thursday February 25th at 8.15 p.m. in the SHB Buildings, Grattan Street.

All welcome. Admission free.

"Come and See Weekend"

From February 27th to 28th in Bantry. Do you find yourself wondering about religious life? Join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection and a chat. (transport can be arranged).

For further information, contact Sr. Julia, (Mercy Sisters) at 270400.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will continue his visitation during the coming week at Wilton Avenue and Bishops court.

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME

- * Extra morning Mass:
Monday - Friday at 7.30a.m.
- * Sunday Devotions at 5.30p.m.
- * Thursday 8.00 - 8.30 p.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- * Friday during 9, 10 and 7.30 p.m. Masses -
Reflections on one of the Stations of the Cross
- * Guided Prayer at La Retraite beginning Sunday March 28th.

Senior Citizens

A Mass for senior citizens will be held at St. Francis Church on Sunday, February 28th, at 3 p.m. The Chief Celebrant will be Bishop John Buckley, and Canon Micheal O Dalaigh will preach the homily.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Our senior Footballers will play the Barrs in the Tadhg Crowley Cup semi-final in Ballygarvan at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 21st.

Cycle Helmet Disappears

A young lad came out from 10.00 Mass last Sunday and found his cycle helmet had disappeared from the handlebars of his bike. It couldn't have been stolen (could it?), not from outside Mass!

So, if anyone has found it - pink and white covering, would they hand it in at the C.P. Centre please.

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