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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
CEMENT'S CROSS, COOR.

BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

6th Sunday of Easter

ASCENSION



A little while
and you shall
see me
no longer,
ALLELUIA!
and again
a little while
and you shall
see me,
because I go to the Father;



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. John writes

LOVE, LOVE

"I don't think it's going to work out" a young woman said at the door as she left my house. "I'll have to give him up. I must get on with my life."

As I returned to my sitting room Roy Orbison's song "Love hurts" was on the radio. It resonated with the feelings of that young woman.

Love hurts, love scars,
Love wounds, love mars.

Tearfilled she had told me her love for a young man who now seemed uninterested. The hurt and wound was obvious.

I know of many like her who have the scars of love. How much easier if we humans were unfeeling scarecrows before each other.

Blessed indeed are those who love and risk the pain.



We offer our sincere sympathy to
MAY SOWERSBY, Merlyn Lawn, on the
death of her brother.



Eileen O'Riordan, Leedale, died
unexpectedly at home recently.
She was a native of Donegal.
Her family and neighbours were
deeply saddened by the death of
someone so young and well liked.
Our sincere sympathy to her
husband Edward, daughters
Kathleen and Denise and family.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Pamela
Gilligan, Helen O'Hea, Marianne
O'Sullivan and Mary Quinn. These
four parishioners received
diplomas from Maynooth having
completed the two-year course in
Catechetics at the Bishopstown
Community School. Well done!

We are delighted to hear that
Mary Murphy, Secretary of our
Pastoral Council, is to be
Principal at Mount Mercy.
Congratulations, Mary, and our
very best wishes in your new
post.

Parish News

Wednesday 5th May was certainly
"One Enchanted Evening" as almost
sixty of our Senior Citizens
gathered in the Crypt to enjoy an
afternoon of Golden Oldies on the
gramophone with Tom Cox, and a
trip down memory lane with George
McSweeney on the piano.

The afternoon included a
marvellous spread of tea,
savouries and cakes with a "deoch
an dhorais" for those who wished.

Congratulations and sincere
thanks to the Friendship Club for
organising and hosting such an
enjoyable event.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

SPIRITUALITY is one of those words which feature regularly in the media. We believe we know what it means but we find it difficult to define.

But let us move on for a moment and look at other subjects of great interest in the media. Abortion. Divorce. Financial Scandals: will we ever see the end of them? The demands of a minority to exclude any mention of God or religion from school subjects other than religion itself. Suicide.

Is there a connection between all of these and spirituality? I believe that there is. If God is considered irrelevant, if the Good News of Salvation is sidelined, then there is no need for spirituality. A relationship with God depends on prayer and the Eucharist. Neglect this and God goes out the window. Then all those subjects so dear to the media become acceptable, maybe even inevitable.

A priest friend recently claimed that one of the greatest witnesses to the current lack of spirituality all around us is the foul-mouthedness of so many of our people. He could well be right.

On a clear night when you look up at the stars, you wonder if there's intelligent life out there - or are they just like us?

COMING*UP...

Bishopstown G.A.A.

County Final U-14 Hurling, Bishopstown v. Courcey Rovers in Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Sunday 23rd May at 2.30 p.m. Please support.

Gala Fashion Show & Cabaret

at Bishopstown GAA on Tuesday 18th May at 8 p.m. in aid of Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland. Tickets £3 on sale at door on night. Spot prizes. Bar available. Please support this worthy cause.

Teenage Disco

Teenage Disco to be held at GAA, Bishopstown on May 21st, 8-11 p.m. Admission £2. All welcome.

Cork Stroke Support Scheme

Topic - 'The Role of the Social Worker' by Eileen Sheehan, at SHB Buildings, Grattan Street, on Thursday 28th May at 8.15 p.m. All welcome. Free admission.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The Final Recital of the season will take place on Wednesday next, 19th at 3 p.m. sharp in the Crypt of the Church at Dennehy's Cross. Our Guest Presenter will be Eileen Morrison. Everyone is welcome.

We thank everybody who supported the circle during the season.



Ascension Thursday

Next Thursday, 20th, is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. and Masses on Thursday at 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m.

Confessions on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

Mass for the Sick and Housebound

On Saturday 29th May, at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass.

A reminder to the Contact People to ensure that transport is available where required.

As always the organisers are dependent on the wonderful response from Contact People and parishioners who supply sandwiches and cakes, to ensure that those who attend the Mass enjoy the social aspect afterwards.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will visit Model Farm Road during the coming weeks.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

As announced some weeks ago in the Parish Bulletin, it is proposed to hold a referendum on the Mass time for the Saturday/Holyday Vigil Mass.

There is a ballot paper with this Bulletin and parishioners are asked to express their preferences by completing the ballot paper and returning it on or before Sunday, 30th May.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
NUMBER: 274888**



EDUCATION NEWS

Cursa Gaeilge Mount Mercy

One week Irish Course for Boys and Girls, 10-16 years. July 5-9, Timetable 10a.m. to 1p.m., 2p.m. to 4p.m. Catering for V and VI class Primary and First and Third year Post Primary. Tuition based on Junior Cert Course guidelines. Seisuiuin teagaisc, dramaiocht, ceili. Apply Sec. Mount Mercy College, tel. 542685.

Computer Course in June

For second level students in wordprocess/graphics, desktop publishing. One week duration Monday-Friday, 9-1p.m. Contact Mike Foley, Computer Centre, Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh, tel. 543790.

Second Chance Education

21 years of age or older? Unemployed for 12 months or longer? Keen to improve your qualifications and training? Courses will begin next September at Scoil Stiofain Naofa, Tramore Road. These courses are full time and will prepare students for examination or qualifications suited to their interests and ability such as pre-leaving cert., leaving cert. or City & Guilds.

Courses are free of charge. Books and other requirements will be supplied free and all entitlements and allowances will be paid while on the course.

Public meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday 19th May at 8 p.m. Entrance is from Connolly Park.