

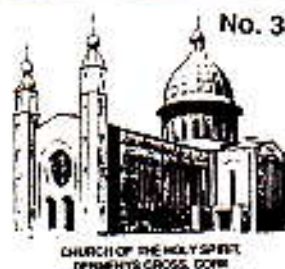
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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Pentecost Sunday



CELEBRATING A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY IN OUR PARISH



A mother's birthday has a special appeal. It usually evokes a significant response in family members, especially in the strays and in the black sheep. There is an awareness of the life she has given and nurtured. The blessings she has bestowed are remembered, at least fleetingly. There is gratitude for the past, even if there is now a realisation that she was not as perfect as was once thought. The bonds between a mother and those she has formed rarely die totally no matter how they may be neglected.

Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of our faith mother - the church. At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples to begin a new life between them, a life that bound them together as a community of believers, who sustain each other in hope and generous service, and who through that shared faith make God's love present in the world for succeeding generations.

From this mother we have all received life and grace. She has cradled saints and forgiven sinners. She has inspired heroism and battled against selfishness. She has been served

by the faithful and manipulated by the ambitious. She has been trusted by the poor and exploited by the powerful. Through it all, she has kept faith in Jesus alive over the centuries and handed on to us baptism, reconciliation and eucharist despite persecution, sin and failure. This achievement shows that God is truly with her and lives within her.

Over the years, our response to you has varied but this weekend we claim you, own you, and return to you. We rejoice on your birthday and hope that all the family make contact soon, especially those who have been away. We are happy to share your birthday, and hope to share all your birthdays in life and in eternity.

With compliments -
Fr. Tom Clancy, Maynooth

(Acknowledgement to Cork Examiner)



Choir News



Last Sunday, 28th May, our senior choir, under its musical director, Patrick Killeen, won the Whitten Maslam Cup in the Sacred Music section at the A.I.M.S. Choral Festival held in New Ross.

The adjudicators were very complimentary in their remarks and praised the excellent standard set by all ten choirs which competed in this section.

The honour which Patrick Killeen and each member of our church choir has brought to our parish is a reward for talent, dedication and many long hours of practice.

Heartiest congratulations to all.



Rest in Peace

SR. DECLAN McSWEBNEY, another veteran of the Infant Jesus Missions, who spent her life in Malaysia, Australia, and latterly in Upton, passed to her reward peacefully at St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road, on 11th May. May she rest in peace. We extend our sympathy to her community, her sisters, Mrs. Chrissie Buckley, Sr. Vincent and Sr. Ita, her brothers Dan and Kevin, relatives and friends.



We offer sincere sympathy to our Sacristan, CHARLIE LEAHY, on the death of his sister.

Let not your heart be troubled.

John 14:1



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

LIGHTWEIGHT READING?

FR. PETER, in promoting the Redemptorist magazine REALITY during the week recommended it as thought-provoking reading. So much of what we read, he claimed, is lightweight. He's right, of course.

So much of the content of our daily and Sunday newspapers is extremely lightweight. The vast array of fashion magazines and those magazines aimed at our young people must make fortunes for their publishers who weekly and monthly insult the intellect of their readers with so much rubbish. But they sell!!!

Is the marketing of good Catholic - Christian? - literature faulty? I believe that it is. I am convinced that the Church in Ireland is missing out on the media explosion. There are exceptions. I'm sure Fr. Peter would claim that REALITY is one!!

Perhaps this is as good a time as any to pledge to buy (and read!!) a weekly Catholic paper and/or a Catholic monthly magazine. It could be a useful exercise in broadening the mind and, perhaps, in preparing one to read more critically the lightweight material.

It's a challenge worth responding to.

Kind words are like honey - sweet to the taste and good for your health.

Proverbs 16:24



Bishopstown Social Services

The Annual Summer Outing for senior citizens and friends took place on Thursday 13th May.

Despite rather showery weather conditions, 125 people left Bishopstown and headed west, via Glandore to Tragumna, where some visited the knitwear factory and the beach, and one brave soul went for a 'dip'!

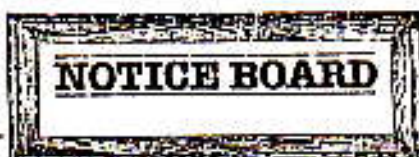
Finally, to Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty, for a meal followed by a raffle, music, singing, dancing and a few drinks. A great day was had by all.

Many thanks to all our sponsors and supporters.



Education Forum of Ireland

Invites you to a lecture by Prof. Wm. Kirk Kilpatrick at UCC Geography Building, Donovan's Road, on Monday May 31st at 8 p.m. Title - "Why Johnny Can't Tell Right from Wrong" (moral illiteracy and the case for character education).



First Friday

Next Friday, 4th June, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Liturgy

There is a meeting of the Liturgy Group this Monday evening (31st. May) in C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

St. Joseph's Young Priests

Society

The monthly meeting will take place next Thursday, 3rd June, in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection takes place at all Masses next weekend.

Visitation

Fr. John will visit the homes in Sheares Park and Lynbrook this week.

Fr. Finbarr will continue visitation on the Model Farm Road.



Southern Health Board

Wishes to announce that clinic times have been extended at Wilton Park House, tel. 343875. The Community Welfare Officer is Mr. John Lyne.
Tues/Wed: 9.30 - 12.00 noon.
Thurs: 9.30-12.00; 2.30-4.00.

Jenny Garde - Fundraising

Vivian and Denise Garde wish to thank all those who supported their recent coffee morning at the Glengarriffe Hotel. Between those who attended and those who donated separately, £1,857 was raised. The generosity of friends, relatives and neighbours was overwhelming. The good news is that Jenny and Denise have settled into their new environment in Budapest and Jenny is working well at the Peio Institute. A special word of thanks to Deirdre O'Callaghan who organised the event and to Barbara Deasy and all the staff of the hotel.

Irish Wheelchair Association

Appeal for collectors to help at the annual Flag Day on June 10th (over 16 years). Funds are urgently needed to maintain the service and provide transport for wheelchair bound persons.

Cork City Branch aims to support some members to have a holiday, to hold social activities and to visit the housebound. Volunteers/Helpers of all age groups urgently needed. Names, addresses and phone number to Joseph P. Murphy, Chairman Cork City Branch, 8 Melbourn Road, tel. 542471.

Trocaire

Wishes to acknowledge, with grateful appreciation, £1,871 collected recently at the church doors.

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