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# BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
DENNYSCOOGUE, COBK



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**  
*The Dean writes*

Tuesday last was Reunion Day at Maynooth College. I travelled up for the day with two other Cork priests. It was a pleasant experience. We prayed together, walked through the College which had been so familiar for the seven (long) years we spent there. We renewed old friendships with other priests from all parts of Ireland - north and south. Renewing friendships - this really made the day - in fact it was all too short for all we had to share.

Since then I have been reflecting on how precious real friends are, not just acquaintances. The kind that really rally around in a crisis - an illness - people who give their support when you make a fool of yourself and find yourself out on a limb.

Last week I listened to John Creedon read out a request on his radio programme from a lady in London. She wanted it played for people at home for their loyal friendships over the years, which had meant so much to her. It was so touching to hear her express her appreciation, and sending her love to people who had so enriched her life.

Of course it can happen, and

sometimes does happen, that a friend is betrayed, and the tender beauty of friendship is traded for a few minutes of cheap gossip - thereby spoiling something lovely.

Jesus called his disciples friends, and valued friendship during his life. We are privileged to be numbered among the friends of Jesus too.

We all crave friendship. Do you know how to find one? "If you want to have a friend - you must be a friend." Think on that one, and enjoy the friendship of the Lord, and those you are privileged to have as friends among your relatives and neighbours.

## **TAKE NOTE:**

### PARISH PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

There will be a pre-marriage course held in the C.P. Centre on the four Thursday nights of November from 8.00 - 10.00. Any couple from the Ballineaspaig or Wilton parish who have made marriage plans should apply immediately, as places are limited.

The course is being run by a team from the parish here in Ballineaspaig under the auspices of C.M.A.C., Paul Street. It is advisable to do the pre-marriage course well in advance of your wedding day. Contact your local priest.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL News

The result of the referendum on the Saturday/Holyday Vigil Mass times was as follows:

- a) 6.15 p.m. Mass - 122 votes
- b) 7.00 p.m. Mass - 40 votes
- c) 7.30 p.m. Mass - 53 votes

Suggestions:

- 6.30 p.m. Mass - 4
- 7.15 p.m. Mass - 3

The Pastoral Council discussed the results at its meeting on 14th June. The Council was disappointed at the low poll. There are nearly 1800 homes in the parish and only 222 voting papers were returned (about 12%). In the circumstances it was decided that, because of the small poll, it would not recommend any change to the Mass time for the present, but instead would hold a further referendum later in the year, in the hope that a much more representative response would be forthcoming from the parishioners.

There were some other suggestions from a few parishioners, eg. 7.30 a.m. Mass each day, 12 noon Mass on Sunday, 7.30 p.m. Sunday. There is a 7.30 a.m. Mass each day in the Poor Clare Convent.

One person also suggested an induction loop for hearing aid users be installed in the Church. This can be examined again, but when it was looked at on the last occasion, the demand was so small that it would not justify the expense involved.

The Pastoral Council would like to thank those who took the opportunity to forward suggestions and to thank those who returned the voting papers.

## Focus On..... *The Poor Clares*

We, the Poor Clares, are preparing to celebrate the eighth centenary of the birth of St. Clare, 1194-1994. August 11th 1993 begins the centenary year until October 5th 1994.

We would love all the people of this parish to unite with us in spirit during the coming year.

We hope to make this a special year of prayer to our holy Mother St. Clare for the needs of our parish and diocese, the church and the whole world.

The sick, the unemployed, the housebound (our 'Link-a-Prayer' friends!), students doing examinations, families with problems... only God, through the power of prayer can answer so many needs.

Please God, this year of St. Clare will help us all to be better 'prayers' - that she will share with us all, young and old, something of her great spirit of faith in the power of prayer, something of her love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and for His Blessed Mother, and something of her Franciscan love for all God's creation.

### Was He putting us to the test?

Well done to all who participated in the Eucharistic Procession on Sunday last, despite the bad weather - and a special thanks to our Altar Servers.



## COMMENT

### IS OUR GOD A SOFTIE?

THE GOD of the Old Testament was seen as a stern God, a God who commanded respect, instilled fear. Remember Sodom and Gomorrah? Think of Lot's wife.

Those of us who experienced pre-Vatican II sermons at parish missions will recall the fire and brimstone, the hell and damnation homilies. Getting into heaven was very much a Russian roulette affair.

Nowadays, even an avowed

radical like Sinead O'Connor promotes, according to the media, the idea of a God whose love is unconditional.

She's right, of course. His love IS unconditional. He is totally forgiving. So does this mean that we choose our own lifestyle? Live as we wish, in the knowledge that all will be forgiven? Or are we back to Russian roulette again? I fear so.

So often we want God on our terms, not His. HE has provided us with the guidelines, the markers to help us on the journey. The free will is ours to live within the guidelines or not. The consequences are ours, too.

I don't think our God is a softie. But there must be many a time when He feels like giving up on the lot of us and saying: Let's just cancel the whole experiment and begin all over again!!

- "LUKE"

## CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our congratulations to the following parishioners who were commissioned as Ministers of the Eucharist:

Michael Canty, Bishopstown Ave.W.  
Noreen Donnelly, Sheares Villa  
Fidelma Earley, Wilton Gardens  
Eugene Fitzpatrick, The Manor  
Declan Flynn, Bishopstown Ave.W.  
Sr. Celine Glacken, St. Catherines  
Sr. Catherine Golden, St. Josephs  
Eileen Cough, Parkway Drive  
Sheila Hayes, Laburnum Drive  
Catherine Hegarty, Laburnum Lawn  
Sheila Higgins, Leeddale  
Eileen Hyland, St. Francis Avenue  
Catherine Karney, Cherrygrove  
Anne Kelly, Westgate Road  
Eileen Lecane, Kenley Crescent  
Sarah Lehane, Kinloch Court  
Peggy McCarthy, College Road  
Mary McDonogh, Farranlea Park  
Sr. Ita O'Connor, St. Josephs  
Donal O'Leary, The Manor  
Liam O'Leary, Woodleigh Park  
Maurice O'Shea, Kenley Avenue  
Noreen Ryan, Kenley Crescent  
Rita Shaw, Model Farm Road  
Noelle Twomey, Wilton Avenue  
Nuala Whelan, Rossbrook

## Rest In Peace

MARGARET (PEG) WALDRON, Derry-moore, Wilton Road, died last week after a long illness. Peg was a native of that beautiful countryside beside the sea near Harbour View. She exemplified all that was best in the Irish and Catholic tradition - staunch faith, honesty, and hard work.

We extend sincere sympathy to her sons, brothers, grandchildren, and all who were enriched by her good life. May she rest in peace.

We pray for the late Philomena Dano, late of Kenley Road, who died last week. We offer our sympathy to her husband, son and daughter-in-law.



## THANK YOU

Our Parish Social was held in Jury's Hotel on Thursday May 13th. A great night was had by all. We would like to give a special word of thanks to all our sponsors.

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Wilton Stores  
A.I.B. Western Road  
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Guinness & Co.  
Mayfair Hair Salon  
Eurofoto  
Rendezvous Bar  
Economy Shop  
Lee Garage  
Leggett's Shop  
Tennis Village  
Viscount Bar  
Quinnsworth  
Doyle's Delicatessen  
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Pat Lemasney  
Richard Hogan  
Noel O'Flynn Commercial Centre



### A YEAR IN FLORIDA

Do you hold a Donnelly or a Morrison Visa for U.S.A? Would you like to work for one year in Florida as an au pair? If so, phone No. 545529.

### Ministers of the Eucharist

Would current Ministers please hand in their certificates to the C.P. Centre for updating. Thank you.



### Parent & Toddler Group

Starts Thursday 24th June at 10.15 a.m. in the Church Crypt.

Have a cup of tea and a chat while the toddlers and babies play. For details contact Mary at 344764 or Catherine at 341977.

Any offers of TOYS for the group would be greatly appreciated. Please contact above.

### SOUTHERN HEALTH BOARD

South Lee, Area 14 - Bishopstown/Curraheen/Model Farm Road/Wilton.  
Community Welfare Officer Mr. John Lee.

Offices of Attendance - Wilton Park House. Tel. 343875.

Tuesday: 9.30a.m. - 12.00 noon.  
Wednesday: 9.30a.m. - 12.00 noon  
Thursday 9.30a.m. - 12.00 noon  
2.30p.m. - 4.00p.m.



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