



Sunday, June 27th, 1993

**BALLINEASPAIG  
BULLETIN**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DEWING'S CROSS, COBKFROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM***Sr. Ursula writes*

WE COME to the end of another year and it's my turn to wish you a happy holiday. As I thought about writing I was very conscious of the weather we have had up to this. "June is the month of roses" the headline in the old copies used to say. This year it was the month of torrential rain, floods, grey skies, cold and depression. Thankfully that seems to be over and we end on a much brighter and more cheerful note. It's wonderful what warm sunshine and bright skies can do to lift our spirits.

I found the following old Irish Blessing. I think it is very beautiful, so peaceful, calm and full of hope. Even the "Great Rain" can point to blessings and to God. I offer it as food for thought during the holidays - no matter what the weather brings.

May the blessing of light be on you, light without and light within.

May the blessed sunlight shine on you and warm your heart till it glows like a great peat fire so that the stranger may come and warm himself at it, and also a friend.

And may the light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in two windows of a house bidding the wanderers to come in out of the storm.

And may the blessing of rain be on you, the soft sweet rain. May it fall upon your spirit so that all the little flowers may spring up and shed their sweetness on the air.

And may the blessing of the Great Rains be on you; may they beat upon your spirit and wash it fair and clean and leave there many a shining pool where the blue of heaven shines and sometimes a star.

And may the blessing of the earth be on you - the great round earth. May you ever have a kindly greeting from those you pass as you're going along the roads.

May the earth be soft under you when you rest upon it, tired, at the end of the day, and may it rest easy over you, when, at the last you lay out under it. May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly

and up,  
and off,  
and on its way  
to GOD!



We offer our sincere sympathy to  
FINOLA O'DONOVAN, Wilton Avenue,  
on the death of her brother.  
To MRS. PHIL MYERS, 90 Leedale,  
on the death of her mother.  
To MRS. KATHLEEN O'CONNOR, 5  
Parklea Court, on the death of  
her mother.

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THE EDITOR

WRITES



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AS THIS is the last Bulletin of  
the season I would like to thank  
all who are co-operating in  
keeping the Bulletin going - the  
editorial team, the folders, the  
handers-out after Mass, the army  
of helpers who see that the  
Bulletin gets to the homes on the  
third Sunday, Fr. Finbarr for his  
support and advice, the Parish  
Team for the spiritual input, our  
regular columnists and our parish  
secretary who does the typing for  
us.

A thank-you to yourselves, our  
readers, for showing an interest  
and giving us encouragement. We  
hope to be back on the road, D.V.  
on September 5th.

Sincerely,

*Uisic Harris*



The first session of the parent  
and toddler group was held this  
week, and it was a huge success.  
All parents (and a grandparent)  
present agreed that something  
like this has been needed in our  
parish for quite a while. The  
toddlers were loud in their  
praise (whoops of joy!!) when they  
saw all the toys. Thanks to  
those responsible for getting it  
off the ground.

Margaret McCarthy

Reminder: Thursday mornings  
10.15 a.m. in the Crypt.  
Donations of toys gratefully  
accepted.



#### HAZARDOUS HEDGES

Please check your hedge to  
see if there are brambles or  
nettles protruding that could  
be a danger to passers-by.

We made this plea last  
year, particularly on behalf  
of blind people. But such  
protrusions can be a nuisance  
to children too and indeed  
all pedestrians. So if your  
hedge has got out of hand do  
cut it back and be a good  
neighbour.



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## MUMBO JUMBO OR ?

WATCHING the Sr. Briega McKenna video "Called to Evangelise" at the weekend I was struck by her enthusiasm for the power of prayer, especially Eucharistic prayer. She encouraged her audience of priests to be free of sin through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, thereby empowering us, their flock, to be freed also.

I was reminded of two full-page advertisements I saw during the week in a well-known magazine.

One advertised a book claiming to reveal "The Prayer System that Never Fails". It claims to have the guaranteed formula for reaching God's heart. "Nothing", says the ad. "is unattainable through the mighty power of this Prayer System."

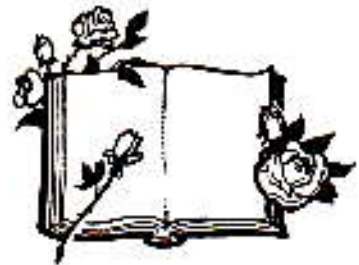
The second advertisement was even more bizarre. The book advertised claimed to reveal "absolute and positive proof that we all have a guardian angel" who can help us pass exams, solve love problems and (I like this one!) win lotteries and prizes. All this for £6.00. The Prayer System book costs more!!

Presumably people buy these books? Or do people really believe this mumbo-jumbo?

And then I remembered something else. I recently came across a prayer leaflet on Holy Water, distributed by a well-known missionary convent. Among

other claims, it suggests that "The Holy Souls nearest to Heaven may need the sprinkling of only one drop to release their pining souls".

While not taking away from the Sacramental value of Holy Water, it strikes me that this sort of pious belief is based on very shaky theology. Is it, in fact, so very far removed from the outrageous claims of the Prayer System and Guardian Angel books? I fear not.



## A Book for the "Ordinary Walker"

Professor Sean Teegan has recently written a book entitled "25 Scenic Walks in West Cork".

This is a book for the not-so young as well as the young and takes the walker along valley shoulders, through mountain passes and high above river valleys. It has maps and tips for walkers and interesting bits of information throughout.

We are delighted the much travelled Professor Teegan is giving us the benefit of some of his walking experiences.

(Mercier Press £6.99)





**NOTICE BOARD**

First Friday

Next Friday, 2nd July, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Evening Mass

There will be no 7.30 p.m. Mass as and from Monday 5th July to Thursday 2nd September. It will re-commence on Friday 3rd September (First Friday). One exception - there will be Mass at 7.30 p.m. on 6th August - the First Friday of the month.

The Saturday Vigil Mass will continue right through the Summer.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection will take place on 10th/11th July.

Irish Course

For Fifth Class Primary, First and Second year post-primary, boys and girls from July 5-9, at Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road. Application forms available from School Secretary, phone 542366.

Summer Camp

At Colebrook Montessori School, Glasheen Road, Monday-Friday, 10-1 p.m. for children 3-9 years. Contact 343631.

Irish Summer Camp

July 12-23. Contact Runai, Colaiste Samhraidh na Dige, 13 Paraid na Dige. Fon 274110 (after 8 p.m.).

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Soc. of St. Vincent de Paul,      Etc.,  
Sick-Poor Soc.,

ALWAYS REMEMBER:  
FINANCIAL PROBLEMS DON'T GO AWAY. THEY ONLY  
GET WORSE.

~~~~~ **NEVER FORGET.** ~~~~~

**HELP IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE.**

**Never be Afraid to Ask.**

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