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# BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
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## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

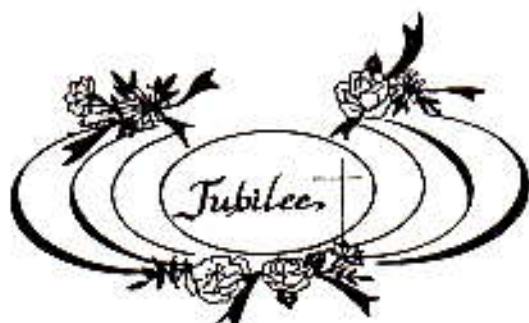
*Fr. Finbarr writes*

During the week I came across two young ladies who had just received the CAO/CAS offers; one was over the moon and the other bitterly disappointed. Two girls whose lives for the coming year will be so different. Perhaps older people can identify better with both the ups and downs of life. We tend to see it as a cycle. Good and bad times are part of everyone's life.

From a Christian point of view it's important to allow Christ be part of the joys and sorrows of life. We can often be angry with God when things don't go our way. However, we turn to Him when we are in need. But to have a good relationship with the Lord we must never forget to say 'thanks'. Thanking the Lord allows us not to focus on ourselves but on the many blessings and gifts that we have received and been given the opportunity to use in life.

An Irish verse says, "Only a fool would fail to praise God in His might, when the tiny mindless birds praise Him in their flight."

*Fisone Crowley c.c.*



### POOR CLARES - WE HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN THEIR PRAYERS

A word of gratitude from Mother Abbess and the Poor Clares to all in our parish who helped to make August 11th 1993 a wonderful start to the 8th centenary of the Birth of St. Clare. Such generosity and support within the parish is deeply appreciated by the Poor Clares, and they wish to assure all our parishioners of a special place in their prayers.

May St. Clare look after all our needs of body and soul, and share with us something of her re-discovery of the simple Gospel message of - Poverty, Prayer and Peace.





JULIA CROWLEY, Sheares Park, died early in the summer. A popular character in her community, she is missed by her family and friends, and all who knew her.

We pray for JIM MORRISON, late of 'Shanakiel', Model Farm Road, who died during the summer. He taught for many years in St. Francis National School. Jim had a great interest in sport and loved quoting poetry to those who knew him well. To his family we offer our sympathy.

We pray for the late BRID MURPHY, Bendemeer Park, who died during the summer. Brid was one of the earliest residents of the Park, a gentle and good humoured woman, who loved her daily Mass. We offer our sympathy to her family.



## time is short

### TIME

Suppose your bank credited your account each morning with £86,400, carried over no balance from day to day, and allowed you keep no cash in your account. Then suppose that every evening the bank cancelled out whatever you failed to use during the day. All of us have such a bank. Its name is time. Every morning it credits us with 86,400 seconds. Each night it rules off as lost whatever time we have failed to invest for good during the day. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdrafts. Each day it opens up a new account. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you failed to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back with time. There is no drawing against tomorrow. You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it in order to get from it the best in health, happiness, and success.

### **40 YEARS OLD BUT WITH A NEW LOOK!**

The "new look" FOLD is on sale this weekend. It has been redesigned and updated with a wide variety of articles and photos.

Meet the man who can't stay out of prison; find out how parents cope when a baby dies. And get the inside story on one of Cork City's parishes. All this and more for just 50p.





# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## THE SILLY SEASON

MARATHON runners 'hit the wall' at a certain stage of the race and find it hard to continue. The media, during the summer months, hit the 'silly season' and are forced to 'invent' news. So consider yourselves fortunate that the Bulletin was on holiday these past two months!!

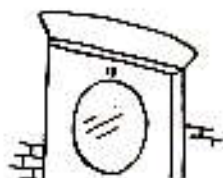
Try to imagine saying something constructive about the alleged sex scandal in Hollywood which pre-occupied the media for weeks. Or how does one deal with the obsession of so many commentators with the crude exploitation of women in the case of the topless dancing pub in Ballyferriter?

As the season closes, the emphasis is changing to a

guessing game on papal matters. "Will the Church try a taste of Martini?" asks a Sunday newspaper, tipping Cardinal Carlo Martini, Archbishop of Milan, as a possible contender for the papacy.

The contents of the forthcoming Papal Encyclical "Veritatis Splendor" seem to be an open book to the media, fuelling all kinds of speculation, especially in the area of sexual morality. Bridget Anne Ryan, the new editor of the IRISH CATHOLIC has been quoted as saying: "I think the Pope is seeing beyond the Pill - and if the rest of us did that as well, it wouldn't do any harm".

Meanwhile, the problems of Bosnia, Cambodia, Somalia, the Sudan and the Middle East continue with almost predictable regularity. Heroic work is being done by some - but are we any nearer a solution? Man's inhumanity to man is a terrible thing to behold.



## SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to Mrs. SHEILA TWOHIG, Laurel Cottage, Model Farm Road, on the death of her brother.

To MARTIN RYAN, c/o Laburnum House, Model Farm Road, on the death of his sister.





Visitation

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

**Welcome  
New  
Members**



Bridge Club

Reopening Tuesday September 7.  
Two sections - Beginners and Ordinary Members. All welcome! Refreshments included. Turn up at 2.30 p.m. to C.P. Centre, or contact Pamela Gilligan at 542064.

Set Dancing Classes

At Bishopstown G.A.A. Club, commencing Wednesday September 15th at 8.30 p.m. All welcome. Enquiries 344265.



Cork Adult Education Council

**Retired Peoples Network**

**Public Lecture Series**

in  
**Council Chamber, City Hall**  
Daily at 2.30 pm. 6th - 10th Sept. (Incl.)

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| <b>Monday 6th</b> | Meeting The Challenge of Retirement<br>Tim McCarthy,<br><i>Retired Staff Services Officer, E.S.B.</i> |
| <b>TUES. 7th</b>  | Social & Caring Services<br>Sr Kathleen (Daly)<br><i>Community Services Worker</i>                    |
| <b>WED. 8th</b>   | Exercise & Fitness<br>June Platts, <i>Exercise Teacher</i>  |
| <b>THURS. 9th</b> | The Educational Contribution<br>Dr. Martin O Falghaigh<br><i>Director, Adult Education, U.C.C.</i>    |
| <b>FRI. 10th</b>  | Network Activities<br>Con Lehane<br><i>Chairman, Retired Peoples Network.</i>                         |

**Admission Free !!!**

All Are Welcome, especially Older & Retired People  
Organised as a contribution to European Year of Older People  
& Solidarity between the Generations.



BULLETIN NOTICES

Now that the summer holidays are over, the bulletin returns for another year. We hope that our readers will enjoy it!

Notices for inclusion in the bulletin should be left in the C.P. Centre by Thursday morning at the latest.

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Meeting will take place in the Crypt on Wednesday September 8, from 6.00 - 7.00 p.m. All between 12 - 18 years are welcome to attend.

Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual C.I.E. Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine is on Sunday, 17th October. Coach departs Bus Station at 07.00 hours. All-in price £21 includes full breakfast and evening dinner. Contact J.C. Hennessy at 506976.