



BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, DENMEYS CROSS, CO. RM



FROM OUR
PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

Dear Parishioner,

It can happen, and sometimes does happen, that a bright-eyed young couple will pay their first visit to a priest to announce their forthcoming marriage. "We just managed to get a cancellation on a flight to Las Palmas in three weeks time and would like to get married the previous Saturday." The priest says, "I'm sorry, you have to give three months notice for marriage" - and immediately he sees he has lost two friends for life. "Who made this silly rule?" "Why weren't we told about this?", etc., etc.

More frequently we receive the anguished complaint: "I called to all three priests this afternoon, and not one of them was in"! "Through my fault, through my most greivous fault." Sincerely though, we regret this inconvenience to anybody. (Let me whisper - the afternoon is usually the worst time to find us.)

To facilitate everybody, please note the following:

- 1) **Baptisms** - At least one week's notice (if possible).
- 2) **Marriages** - Three months' notice. (We are not free to alter this - it's worldwide).

- 3) **Sick Calls** - Or any urgent business. Priest always available. If not at home, contactable through 'Bleep' (number printed in Bulletin each week).
- 4) **In future** - a priest will attend at Church/or Sacristy each evening, 7.00-7.30 p.m. for forms, Mass cards, booking baptisms, marriages, etc.
- 5) **Certs. are available** each morning in Sacristy or C.P. Centre, 9.30-12.00 and again 7.00-8.00 p.m.
- 6) Finally, you are most welcome to call to any priest's house whom you wish to see, or call to the Sacristy after Mass.

Here's hoping we find each other more easily for 1993-94.

Please Pray

On Wednesday next 57 parishioners will leave on the first parish pilgrimage to Lourdes.

While we are there we ask you at home to pray with us. Each day we will have a special intention. Pray with us for that intention.

Thursday 23rd: For all our sick at home.

Friday 24th: For the needs of our parish community.

Saturday 25th: For all who seek the presence of God in their lives.

Sunday 26th: For peace and justice.

Monday 27th: For the needs of those on pilgrimage.

SATURDAY/HOLYDAY VIGIL MASS

Parishioners were asked in May last to express their preferences regarding the time for the Saturday/Holyday Vigil Mass. Ballot papers were issued to each household in the parish (1740 houses). 215 ballot papers were returned.

Because of the small number returned, the Pastoral Council decided to conduct a further sampling among those who will attend Mass at the Church on Saturday/Sunday 25th and 26th September. Church attenders will be asked to show their preference by filling in an options sheet provided at the church doors. We ask you to show your preference. Please take time to fill in the options sheet.

The Pastoral Council thanks parishioners who brought back the ballot papers from their homes in May. The options expressed at that time, together with the sampling that will take place on 25/26th September will help the Council to make a recommendation on the time for the Saturday/Holyday Vigil Mass that will reflect the expressed options of our parishioners.

Here is a sample copy of the options sheet.

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SATURDAY/HOLYDAY VIGIL MASS

Present Time	Preferred Time (Please tick)
7.30 p.m.	6.15 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/>
	7.00 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/>
	7.30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/>

Rest In Peace

We pray for Dolores Mullins, late of Cherrygrove. Dolores died at home after a brief illness and was cared for lovingly by her husband and sons. She was well known to the student body of U.C.C. as she and her husband Gerard were the owners of the 'Western Star' pub. To her husband and sons we offer our sincere sympathy.

We pray for the late Frank Walley who died last week. Frank had been living in the parish for just a year and suffered from continuous ill-health. We offer our sympathy to his brothers, and especially to his sister, Jo Dunning, Wilton Avenue.

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to GRETTA KIELY, Highfield Lawn, on the death of her sister.

To VIVIAN FOLEY, Wilton Gardens, on the death of his sister.

To CYRIL FOLEY, Wilton Avenue, on the death of his sister.

To BERNIE FITZPATRICK, The Manor, Model Farm Road, on the death of her brother.

To MICHAEL BURNS, 21 Leedale, on the death of his mother.

To MICHAEL, CATHERINE, ALAN and DAVID WALSH, 20 Parkway, on the death of baby Ian.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council, at its meeting on 13th September discussed the following topics:

- 1) Saturday/Holyday Vigil Mass
- 2) Novena 1994
- 3) Parish Insurance
- 4) Church car park and accessibility at Masses.



ST. FINBARR

Many of the facts of St. Finbarr's life have not been established with certainty. Unlike St. Patrick, he seems to have left no personal writings which would describe either the events of his life or his character. Such accounts as were written date from several hundreds of years after his death and were greatly unreliable.

However, there is agreement that his father came to Cork from Connacht, that Finbarr was born some miles from Bandon near Garranes, that he travelled to various monasteries in the country and returned to found one of his own at the lake of Gougane Barra.

Later he went east along the valley of the Lee and made his final and greatest foundation, out of which the city and diocese of Cork developed. Most likely this was on the site where at present stands the Church of Ireland Cathedral.

Finbarr died around 623 and is buried in Cork City. He is fully recognised as a canonised Saint and is included in the Church's official liturgy. Devotion to him has survived over the centuries. His feast-day is on 25th September (Saturday next) and as usual the pilgrimage, which still draws large crowds, will take place on Sunday at the Island and Oratory of Gougane Barra.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR EDUCATION FUND

The annual collection for the education of students for the priesthood will be taken up at Masses on September 25/26.

We currently have 18 students in the seminaries at Maynooth, Carlow and Thurles, who are preparing to be priests in Cork & Ross.

The cost per student is approx. £4,000 a year. In addition to these seminary fees, there are costs here in the dioceses, as we are continually increasing the direct diocesan input into the training of seminarians to ensure that our priests get the best preparation possible. We have a diocesan priest working fulltime with our seminarians and young priests. Courses are organised in the dioceses during the holiday period to complement the work being done in the seminaries.

Part of this collection is also used to support the Mater Dei Institute for the formation of lay people who wish to serve as catechists in the Church.

Those preparing for priesthood need our prayers. God always calls to his priesthood as many as are needed. But they need our prayers and support if they are to wrench themselves free of the self-indulgent culture, that is gaining pace in Ireland, to pursue the call of the Spirit.

Think About It!

"Allegorical it may be, but isn't it time to drop the Apocalypse reading for the Assumption with its red dragon, complete with seven heads and ten horns and star-dragging tail? What do you suppose the young mass-goer makes of all this?"

(Recent letter in Catholic Herald)



TAKE NOTE:

Very important meeting on Tuesday Sept. 28, 8 p.m. in Crypt for all groups who use the Crypt or C.P. Centre. If any group is not represented we will presume they will not be needing Church premises in 1993-94.

Visitation

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



Tuesday Coffee Morning

Back in business! Looking forward to seeing old friends and new.

Bridge Club

Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Crypt. Still some vacancies.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

We resume our monthly recitals on Wednesday next at 3 p.m. in the Crypt. The recital will be given by Michael Cotter and everybody is welcome to this and every recital (monthly) during the season.

Kenley Residents Association

A.G.M. will be held at Bishopstown G.A.A. on Wednesday 22nd September at 8.30 p.m. All residents are asked to attend.



Creche

Re-opening next Sunday 26th during 11 and 12.15 Masses.

Church Collectors

Short meeting in C.P. Centre on Monday 20th September at 8 p.m.

Computer Courses

On Apple Mac - Wordprocessing, Database, Spreadsheet - at Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh. Beginners - Tues. 28 Sept. Intermediate - Wed. 29th Sept. Advanced - Thurs. 30th Sept. All courses 7.30-9.30 p.m. Tel. 543790.

Aged Between 18 - 28?

Anyone interested in community activity please contact Mairead Cronin at 507775 or 542946.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

The Irish Weavers in concert on Saturday 25th September. Also Ballyphehane & District Pipe Band. All proceeds of night will go to Band's fund. Adm. £2.50.

Scrabble

Any interested in forming a Scrabble Club contact Maura at 544141.

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Youth Club will hold a meeting in Crypt on Tuesday 21st September from 6-8 p.m. New and old members between 12-18 years welcome to attend.

Readings for Sunday 26 September
Ex. 18:25-28. Ps. 24. Pm. 2:1-11. Mt. 21:28-32.

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