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# BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
DENEHYS CROSS, DUBLIN

Baptism of Our Lord



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



and fidelity.

As I write this I am reminded in the news bulletin that not all families enjoy the warmth, caring, security, togetherness and acceptance that is given to us.

"Lord make us instruments of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is sadness, let us give joy."

And may the peace of Christ ever dwell in your homes.

May the angels of God protect you.

And may the Holy Family of Nazareth be your model and inspiration.

Welcome 1994 - and the first edition of our Parish Bulletin for the New Year. Did you know that the United Nations designated 1994 the International Year of the Family? So what? Like so many other specially designated years, does it mean anything? I think it does.

To start with I'd like to thank my own family for the wonderful love and support they have given me all my life.

I want to state publicly too how much I appreciate the welcome I have received from so many families in this Parish and elsewhere during my life as a priest.

I would like to say 'Well Done' to all the families of this Parish for the love, care, unselfishness, and total giving of yourselves for the good of family members.

I want to thank you for handing on the Faith with love

**-YOU ARE  
MY BELOVED SON.**





Sean Casey, Wilton Gardens, died peacefully at home with his family on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Sean's quiet and gentle way of life endeared him to family, neighbours and friends. He has gone to join his beloved wife Nora, and son John, all three of whom died within ten weeks of each other. Sean and Nora passed on a rich heritage of life and learning to their family and students, for whom they laboured tirelessly. May they be at rest in the Lord. Our sincere sympathy to the Casey family. O bhas go haois, Is o sois go bas, Do dha laimh a Chríost anall tharainn.

Mona Corcoran, Lima Lawn, died peacefully in the Bon Secours Hospital recently. She was the last surviving member of the prominent Vaughan family of Kealkil who were noted as teachers, sportsmen, musicians and public representatives. Vaughan's Pass near Bantry is named after a brother. Mona is remembered as an energetic, kindly and caring person. Our sincere sympathy to her daughters, son and family.

Denis O'Sullivan, Leedale, Model Farm Road, died peacefully after a courageous struggle with failing health. His untimely passing leaves us without a man who lived life to the full, enjoyed family and friends, and helped out in the community. He

showed exceptional bravery and peace in the final weeks of his heavy suffering. He is remembered too as a talented craftsman and carpenter. We offer support and sympathy to his wife Mary, daughters Christina and Denise, family and wide circle of friends.

Kathleen Murphy, Riverside Farm, Model Farm Road, died just before Christmas. Kathleen was well into her nineties and had been unwell for some time. She was the last of her family, and with her died some of the beautiful features of an age that has passed. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Sister Imelda Collins, St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, received her call to heaven during Midnight Mass on Christmas Night. Sr. Imelda was a native of Co. Mayo and joined the Sisters of the Infant Jesus at Drishane in 1914. She spent practically all her life in Mission work - for the most part in the Far East. Then she prayed and prayed. We thank the Lord for the example of her life.

Marie O'Leary, Wilton Road, died quite unexpectedly just after Christmas. She had been a loyal and dedicated member of our Altar Society for years - working for the Lord quietly and efficiently. We extend sincere sympathy to her sons, sister, brother and grandchildren, and her many friends. May she rest in peace.





# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

If you were the Editor of a newspaper, what would you print? Would you go for the happy news that would make your readers smile? Would you try to shock your readers? Or would you try for a balance in presenting today's news?

If you were controller of programmes in RTE, would you go for the lowest common denominator? Or would you attempt to raise standards by presenting worthwhile cultural or academic or educational programmes?

Who buys newspapers? Who listens to radio or watches television? Are they all people of taste? Are they all moral people? Is it any of your business as newspaper editor or controller of programmes on radio or TV to make a moral statement through what you allow to be printed or heard on radio, or seen on television? Or is your duty only to help sell newspapers or keep RTE in business?

Daily, we make moral decisions - as they affect our own lives and those of our family and community. Oftentimes, it requires courage to make the right decision. Perhaps, where the media is concerned, we might be more vigilant in 1994?

It seems to me that the media, print, radio and TV, is being used very successfully by a

number of people whose views and opinions are anathema to the Christian way of thinking. We must not allow ourselves to be too passive. The early Christians had very little opportunity to speak for themselves when they were herded into the Colosseum in Rome. The opportunities are somewhat better today!! Let us not waste them.

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to MICHAEL O'CONNELL, Wilton Gardens, on the death of his brother Daniel.

To HUMPHREY MURPHY, Lima Lawn, on the death of his sister Eileen.



### Life & Work in U.S.A.

Seminar on Life and Work in U.S.A. from Morrison to Schumer Visa Programmes. Main Speakers: Fr. Tim O'Sullivan (Director Irish Pastoral Centre, Mass.) and Mr. Sean Minihane (Chairman Irish Immigrant Reform Movement) will be held on Wednesday 12th January at 7.30 p.m. in Presentation College, Mardyke. For further information please contact Diocesan Emigration Service, 34 Paul Street, Tel. 274520.



## THE MAGI TO-DAY

The message of the Magi does not end with the Feast of the Epiphany. During 1994 let us look at their relevance in our lives.



The Magi did not travel alone. They travelled together. Throughout our faith journey we travel with others, our family, friends and parish community. Our faith is nourished when we pray together and when we get involved in all sorts of work for the good of others and of the world we live in.

The Magi entered 'the house' and 'saw the child with his mother, Mary'. Where do we find Christ today? In what situations do we see Christ's presence at work? Where do we try to make Christ's real presence felt in our lives and in the lives of others? Where would you look in today's world to discover what Christ is like?

One purpose of the journey which the Magi made was to offer gifts. Everyone has a gift to offer the world for the sake of others. What gift can you offer the world?

For all their learning the wise men were totally unaware of how Herod was tricking them until they had their dream. We must take a look at all our thoughts and actions - have we any misconceptions? Do we need to take a closer look to discover the meaning behind the things we do and say?

The Magi returned 'another way'. Very often, if we want to be Christians we must search for another way - a way other than that which is presented to us by the world. Can you think of any situation where you need to search for another way?



### Thank You

Our thanks to the St. Catherine's pupils who stapled and folded the Christmas Bulletins, and to Sr. Ailbe and teachers who allowed them the time to do it.

### Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 10th January at 8.10 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

### Bulletins to the Homes

Each home in the parish will receive a Bulletin next weekend. Thank you to our ever reliable distributors.

### Aifreann le Gaeilge

Leifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaigi agus bigi pairteach linn.

### Liturgy Group

Meeting on Monday 10th January at 8.10 p.m. in Sacristy.

### '45' Card Game

Resuming on Thursday 13th January at C.P. Centre. All are welcome.

### G.A.A. A.G.M.

The Bishopstown under-age G.A.A. A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday, 12th January at 7.30 p.m. in the Club Pavilion.

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