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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

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Women's Day



of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer is celebrated on the first Friday in March each year.

The Day of Prayer begins at the International Date Line in the Pacific as women in Tonga, Fiji and New Zealand rise to pray. So it continues through continents, islands, cities and villages until 40 hours later when the Sun sets over Alaska. In Cathedrals, wayside chapels, in all weather conditions from freezing ice to baking heat -

everywhere, the Day goes on.

The same service is used, same Bible passages read and the prayers offered in 60 languages, 1000 dialects.

This year the service will be held in our own Church of the Holy Spirit. The speaker, Lady Piona Hannon, will be travelling from Coleraine. We hope as many men and women as possible will come. All are welcome.

Date: Friday 4th March, 11 a.m.
Coffee afterwards.

LINK-A-PRAYER

In 1992 a link of prayer between the Poor Clare Sisters and the old and infirm people in the parish was begun. With this "Link-a-Prayer" the sisters and our housebound pray for the needs of the parish and people elsewhere. Each housebound person is specifically prayed for by the sisters at an arranged time each day. A leaflet is available. If you are housebound or some member in your family is unable to leave home please let the priest of your area know, or contact Carmel O'Shea (545781) or Anne Moloney (342938). The Poor Clare Sisters will enrol you in the "Link-a-Prayer" and send the leaflet on to you.

ST. KIERAN

St. Kieran of Saigir was born in Cape Clear. His father Lugna came from Ossory and married Liadain of Cape Clear. He is one of the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the Continent where he was baptised and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father's territory, Ossory, and seems to have lived as a hermit in the Slieve Bloom Mountains where disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a well-known monastery. In the stories about him he associated with wild animals who were obedient to his commands. There are still substantial ruins of the monastery he founded. He is honoured as the first bishop of Ossory, and his feast day is next Saturday 5th March.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. John writes

If today is a typical day on Planet Earth, we will lose 116 sq. miles of rainforest, or about an acre a second. We will lose 72 sq. miles to encroaching deserts. We will lose 40 species. We will add 2,700 tons of chlorofluorocarbons and 15 million tons of carbon to the atmosphere. The numbers are staggering.

It is worth noting that this is not the work of ignorant people. It is largely the work of the B.A.'s, B.Sc., Ph.D.'s of this world. Elie Wiesel recently made the same point about the Nazis. The Germans of the 1920s and 1930s were among the best educated people, but their education did not serve as an adequate barrier to barbarity. What was wrong with their education? In Wiesel's words, "It emphasised theories instead of values, concepts rather than human beings, abstraction rather than consciousness, answers instead of questions, ideology and efficiency rather than conscience."

Can the same be said about our own educational system in regard to the natural world? Education is no guarantee of decency, prudence or wisdom. This is not an argument for ignorance, but rather a statement that education must now be measured against the standards of earth stewardship and human survival. Education alone will not save us, only education of a certain kind.

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to MRS. CATHERINE GRANT, Roger Casement Park, on the death of her sister Sheila Walsh.

To MAUREEN BOYLAN, College Road, on the death her sister.

PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

The Parish Library is to be relocated from its present small room to the main room in the C.P. Centre in the hope that it will stimulate greater interest and attract more borrowers.

This year the Novena will be held from 12-20th May - more details later.

The question of providing a ramp at the side door (C.P. side) was discussed. Because of the number of steps and the height, a ramp would not be a very feasible proposition. It was decided, however, that the side door at the mortuary side where there is a ramp, will be opened on weekdays for the 9 and 10 a.m. Masses for persons who may wish to use the ramp.

A suggestion from a parishioner to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays from after 10 Mass to 7.30 p.m. Mass was discussed. The Council felt that Exposition as at present in the Poor Clares Chapel, College Road, meets the needs of the parish in this regard.

A special sub-committee of the Council is examining the car parking arrangements in the church grounds, particularly in relation to the Saturday Vigil Mass and the later Masses on Sundays.



BRING LIFE TO YOUR FAITH!

In the March FOLD, we ask:
"IS CONFESSION A THING OF THE PAST?" THERE ARE TIPS ON GETTING A VISA TO WORK IN AMERICA. COLM O'CONNOR REPORTS ON THE WORK OF THE CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL. AND WE TAKE A TRIP TO WEST CORK.

All this and more for just 50p.

PLEASE PRAY *for*

Tess Cullinane, Laburnum Lawn, was taken from the tender, loving care of her husband and family to her new home in heaven on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - 11th February. Tess was no stranger to her Lord. She had spent many hours lovingly decorating the altar - especially for special liturgical events. We extend sincere sympathy to her husband Jack, her family Iris, Ann, Tim and Orla, her brothers, grandchildren and her many, many friends.

Sr. John Desmond, St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road, passed quietly to her Lord on Saturday 12th February. Sr. John was a member of a distinguished family from Mossgrove, Bandon. She joined the Drishane sisters after completing her secondary education at the Convent boarding school, and left for Singapore in 1921. There she taught for 40 years and later filled such responsible positions as Superior for Malaysia and foundress of two new convents in Australia. Then she returned to Ireland to pray her final preparation for heaven.

Lenten Action

NURTURE OTHERS

Each of us is unique but we are all products of our upbringing, our schooling and the people who have loved us.

- * I will think about the positive good in each of my relationships.
- * I will expect the best of others and let them know of my trust.
- * I will try to understand where others are coming from. I will practise forgiveness.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH

"That all nations work together effectively to help the victims of hunger and misery."



A PIECE OF LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

A new Bill has just been passed to legally recognize babies who die before or at birth. It's been a ten year campaign by members of ISANDS (Irish Stillborn and Neonatal Death Society).

A very active member of the Society is one of our own parishioners, Anne Moloney. It was Anne who assembled a patchwork quilt with the names of 593 remembered stillborn babies to commemorate this poignant occasion. Congratulations, Anne, on your beautiful handiwork and your dedication to this cause.



First Friday

Next Friday 4th March. Visits to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection at all Masses next weekend.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Soc.

Monthly meeting next Thursday at 8 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Altar Society

Meeting next Tuesday, 1st March in the Sacristy at 8.00 p.m.

Liturgy Group

Meeting this Monday 28th in C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

Bishopstown Community Association

Monthly meeting will take place at Wilton Park House on Tuesday 1st March at 8 p.m.

Concelebrated Mass for Peace

At St. Francis Church on Sunday 6th March at 3.30 p.m. Preacher of the Homily will be Fr. Denis Paul, Dungannon. All are welcome.

Slide Show

On the development of the unborn child will be given by Finola Keohane, SRN, "Nurses for Life" on Wednesday 2nd March at the SMA Parish Centre at 8 p.m.

Monastic Afternoon

At St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh on Sunday 6th March, 2.30-5.30p.m.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will commence visitation at Model Farm Road this week, and Fr. John will commence visitation in Upper Leeddale.

PEACE EXHIBITION

Following on the live broadcast of Mass from LEBANON on Christmas Day, there will be a DEFENCE FORCES PEACEKEEPING EXHIBITION at the EXHIBITION CENTRE, CITY HALL, from Monday 28th February to Sunday 6th March, both days inclusive. The Exhibition will be open daily from 10.30 to 4.30 p.m. Admission free. The Exhibition will include realistic replicas and live demonstrations of typical peacekeeping activities and scenarios plus video recordings and a photographic montage of the Defence Forces global peacekeeping.

SUNDAY READINGS

Ex. 20:1-17. Ps. 18. 1 Cor. 1:22-25. Jn. 2:13-25.

IRISH GIRL GUIDES

On Saturday 19th February at the South-West Regional Table Quiz the Bishopstown District swept the boards with a three-fold victory. The Brownies' team from the Marian Pack at St. Catherine's School won the Brownie award. The Pack were represented by the Pixies six and included Carmel O'Herlihy, Eavan Coughlan, Ruth Moloney and Jennifer O'Sullivan. The Guide section was won by the Guides from St. Joseph's Company and the team members were Helen Moloney, Terri Ranshan, Deirdre O'Donovan and Tracy Kilgallon. The Senior Branch section was won by the Bishopstown Rangers, who were represented by Fiona Barrett, Rosemary O'Driscoll, Breda Lenihan and Emma O'Sullivan. Congratulations to all the teams and we wish them success in Dublin at the National Final next month.