



Pentecost Sunday

**BALLINEASPAIG
BULLETIN**

Sunday, May 22nd, 1994

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENEHETS CROSS, CO. DK.

Manuel Cabellero was a 17 year old Peruvian young man, who was nicknamed 'Brains' by his friends. He was top of his class at school, a soccer player with a future in the professional ranks, good personality, good looking, and above all what we would say here "sound".

For two years he faithfully came twice a week to Confirmation preparation class. Nearing the big day, he called to tell me he was not going forward as a candidate to receive the sacrament. I was shocked. Then I said to myself what will all the others think who look up to him! So I asked him why and his answer was, "I'm not worthy". No amount of talking to him could convince him otherwise. Three months after the ceremony, he came to me and asked to be Confirmed. I asked him what changed his mind. He told me that for him Confirmation was making a commitment to live the Christian life and he felt that he couldn't live up to that ideal. But over the three months he came to realise that

above all living the Christian life was putting one's trust in God. He also was afraid he would fail to live up to the standard that we all had set for him, and previously he had lacked that trust in God to be his support in his life.

I was glad I shared in Manuel's journey of faith. Irish Missionaries do the same day after day all over the world.

Next weekend we will have our annual Diocesan collection to maintain our missions in Peru and Ecuador. We ask you to give generously so that the people we serve will have the opportunity find God as Manuel did.

**PARISH SOCIAL**

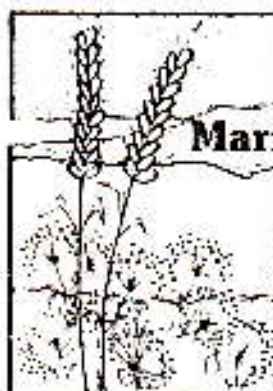
Don't forget - big event!
It's on Thursday 26th May.
Time: 8.00 p.m.
Venue: Jurys Hotel.
Sit-down meal.
Music by The Shades.
Great value at £6.
Tickets available at C.P. Centre
or from members of the Pastoral
Council.



ADULT STATUS

"When one in three of all first time births is non-marital, some dramatic change has surely taken place in the pattern of family life and values in Ireland. While the increase in non-marital births is due to some extent to increasing patterns of cohabitation and second unions after separation, it is also related to unemployment and achieving of adult status. For many teenage girls living in a poor family where no one may have worked for years, and with no hope of success in school or in a job, life prospects can be particularly grim. If one cannot become an adult by earning a living and moving from the family home, one can at least achieve some independence, some income and perhaps some status by having a baby. It is not that a girl rationally and calculatingly wants to get pregnant. Rather it is that she has no great incentive to prevent pregnancy. Indeed, in such a deprived world, pregnancy is in any case traditionally a preliminary to getting married. Pregnancy may not be planned but, once it happens, it is often no longer unwanted. It is, unfortunately, for some girls, the only alternative path to achieving independence and adult status."

Liam Ryan, *The Furrow*, April 94



Marriage—
Two
Shall
Become
One

We congratulate parishioners who were married during the year:
PAUL CONDON, 58 Leesdale, who married JENNIFER O'REILLY, 11 Greenfields.
ELAINE JORDAN, 'Whitegates', Woodleigh Park, who married Timothy Crowley, Mallow.
MICHAEL McCARTHY, 'Padstow', Wilton Avenue, who married Birgit Lessman, Germany.
FIONA O'DONOVAN, 2 Woodleigh Park, who married Paul Joseph O'Sullivan, Ballinlough.
ANNE PARKINSON, 7 Kenley Road, who married John Widger, Ballinakill, Co. Waterford.
GILLIAN SUPPLE, 9 Bishops court Road, who married Alan Fitzgerald, Douglas.
CLARE FENTON, Fernhurst Terrace, to John O'Sullivan, Aghabullogue.



The Value of Experience
There's nothing like experience;
it helps you recognize a mistake
the second time you make it.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

**FOOLS (and MEDIA COMMENTATORS)
RUSH IN WHERE ANGELS...!**

So much has been said, but much more will be said, in the media coverage of the debate on the forthcoming Divorce Referendum.

Archbishop Desmond Connell of Dublin has stated emphatically the Catholic Church's position on divorce.

Bishop Brendan Commiskey of Ferns upholds the Church's position but concedes that we may very well have divorce in a short while.

Church of Ireland Bishop of Cork, Cloyne & Ross, Roy Warke, takes a softer line, saying "Divorce would be a sign of compassion for those caught up in the tragedy of broken marriages."

Are we, in the Catholic Church, too legalistic in our approach to divorce? Christ took people 'where they were at', forgave them, affirmed them, encouraged them. Should this be our approach?

Although not entirely relevant, I'll conclude with an extract from a letter to the IRISH TIMES from Norman Ruddock, Church of Ireland Rector of Wexford. He says, "Priests of all traditions in Ireland today face the common struggle of an increasing apathy towards organised religion. People no longer patronise poor restaurants - they are still spiritually hungry and seeking The Living Bread, while we often regurgitate yesterday's manna."

There is surely food for thought there.



*holy Spirit come and shine
On our souls with beams divine
Issuing from your radiant bright
Come, O father of the poor
Ever bounteous of your store
Come, our hearts on failing light.*



SYMPATHIES

We offer our sincere sympathy to SIOBHAN RYAN, Robinhill, Magazine Road, on the death of her father. To JOHN YOUNG, Cherrygrove, on the death of his mother. To BRIDGET BRADLEY, Bishopstown Avenue, on the death of her father. To the O'MAHONY family, who print our Bulletin, on the death of their mother.



Annual Eucharistic Procession

Takes place next Sunday May 29th. We will gather in Churchyard at 2.45 p.m. and leave promptly at 3.00 p.m.

On the night of the Procession a challenge Hurling Match will be played between Glen Rovers and St. Finbarra at Pairc Criostoir Ui Rinn (Flower Lodge). Admission £2 in aid of Procession Fund. Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Conference on Evangelisation

'Gathering People to Christ and to one another', at Wilton Community Centre on Friday May 27th to Sunday May 29th. Speakers: Fr. Benny McHale, Eileen Kennedy and Dymphna Sheehan.

Adoration for Peace

Vigil continues in the Poor Clares Chapel each Wednesday. Book in usual place and all are welcome.



CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the members of Blue Belles Young Enterprise Company in Mount Mercy College on participating in the National Enterprise Competition in Dublin on May 17th. Their performance was excellent and was featured on the Evening Press newspaper.

All Irish Preschool (Naionra)

At G.A.A. Bishopstown four mornings a week, 10-12.30. Enquiries 961222. Enrolling now for September.



HELP WANTED

St. Catherine's Travelling Children Holiday Fund. Flag Day on Thursday 26th May. Helpers are needed. If you can spare an hour please phone Sr. Margaret at 546868. Your support for this Flag Day will be much appreciated.



Parish Social

Tickets for the parish social on Thursday May 26th are available from the C.P. Centre or from Pastoral Council Members. Price £6.00 - Great Value.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
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