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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

10th Sunday In Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

"SIOL CHANGED MY LIFE"

Last Sunday was a beautiful day and early in the morning St. Catherine's Bus and a couple of cars set out for Myross Wood in West Cork. The passengers were all people who at one time or another had done a Siol Retreat here in Ballineaspig. Sr. Mary O'Donovan, a Mercy Sister who teaches seminarians at St. John's College in Waterford, gave the day's Retreat which was entitled "Listening to the Word in Scriptur  and in Life". There we met with Siol groups from other parts of the diocese. At the end of the day everyone agreed that it was a very spiritual and prayerful experience.

Some years ago Bishop Murphy said that he felt nuns were privileged in having a great tradition and experience of contemplative prayer and he challenged us to find a way of sharing that experience with ordinary people who had not had the same advantages. I think that we have found the answer to that challenge in Siol and I know

that the Bishop is very happy to support it in the diocese.

What is Siol, you may ask. Siol is a Retreat of Contemplative Prayer based on scripture which takes place in a small group (maximum eight members) one morning or evening for 13 weeks. Sr. Frances and Noirin Jones introduced it to this parish. I have taken Sr. Frances' place as Leader with Noirin and we hold our Retreats at St. Columba's Convent. Sr. Margaret and Carmel O'Shea have also trained as Siol Leaders. They hold their Retreats at St. Catherine's Convent. It is estimated that over 100 people have made a Siol Retreat since the Retreat began in this parish.

Another development of Siol has been four prayer groups of ex Siol members who meet regularly to pray and reflect on the Sunday Gospel, which is the heart of the Lectio Divina. I was at one of those groups on Tuesday night last. I was struck by what one person said when we were talking afterwards. She has had quite a big cross in her life in the last few weeks. "I couldn't have coped if I hadn't done Siol," she said. "It changed my way of praying, my thinking and my life." I think that says it all.



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Rest in Peace

We pray for John Cosgrave, late of St. Clares Avenue who died recently and had been unwell for the past number of months. John was a former Teacher in the School of Commerce. A member of the Pastoral Care Team in the Bon Secours Hospital said that "she seldom had met a person so prepared for death". To his sons and daughters we offer our sincere sympathy.



Baptism

We welcome into our Christian community the following who were baptised during the past months:

- DAVID GERARD MINIHANE, 90
Rossbrook, Model Farm Road, son
of Denis and Maeve.
DAVID JOSEPH KILCOYNE, 5
Rossbrook, Model Farm Road, son
of Michael and Mary.
CLODAGH MARIE SPILLANE, 21
Farranlea Grove, daughter of
James and Jacqui.
AISLING EILEEN FLYNN, 'Menton',
Laburnum Park, daughter of
Bernard and Mary.
KYLE DAVID RAMSELL, 18 Roger
Casement Park, son of Alan and
Kim.
SEAN EUGENE O'SULLIVAN, 15 Kenley
Drive, son of John and Martina.

JEREMIAH PATRICK ALDRICHAM
and other members of voluntary
groups, are encouraged to attend.



We extend our sincere sympathy to
ROBIN COURTNEY, College Road, on
the death of his father.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

If you wish to purchase a copy of
the new Catechism at the special
price of £10 (normal retail price
is £11.99) please leave your name
at the C.P. Centre as soon as
possible.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

That the spirituality of the
Heart of Christ be at the centre
of the formation given to the
faithful, and especially to
religious and future priests.
That the witness and intercession
of Blessed Josephine Bakhita
foster respect and dialogue
between Christians and Moslems in
Sudan and elsewhere.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

OUT OF LINE ?

It can't be easy being a bishop these days. Perhaps it's even more difficult being an archbishop. But then it's not a bed of roses for parents either, nor is growing up in the 90's all that great either, with the unemployment situation as it is. There are so many socio-economic problems that we all have to deal with.

For all of these reasons, I found the remarks of Dr. Desmond Connell, Archbishop of Dublin, gratuitously insulting to the many parents who wish to plan their families in a responsible manner. I believe he was insensitive and out of line. I quote: "If, under the influence of the contraceptive culture, society accepts a view of marriage that releases the married couple from all commitment to procreation, it opens the way to the final debasement of marriage, the recognition of co-called homosexual marriages."

Whatever about the economic climate, we have plenty of time to sort out the problems. According to Professor Stephen Hawking, lecturing at the RDS in Dublin on "The Beginning of Time", he claimed that "the end of the Universe won't be for another 20 billion years."

But then, maybe God has other plans!!

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St. Colmcille

St. Colmcille was born in Gartan, Co. Donegal in 521 and was of royal lineage. He studied under St. Finnian of Moville and St. Finnian of Clonard. He founded monasteries in Derry, Darrow, Iona and possibly Kells. Iona became his principal foundation. From it missionaries undertook the conversion of Northumbria. He is Ireland's most popular saint if one is to judge from Gaelic literature where he is noted for his great personal love of all, humans and animals. He died in 597 and his cult is still very much alive today.

His feast is celebrated on Thursday, 9th June. On that day we should all ask him, who turned away from violence to a life of holiness and peace, to inspire the Irish people to follow his example.

Saints...



... have lots of heart



Bishopstown Community Association

A list of Residents' Associations in the community area is being compiled. If your Road or Estate has one please let us know. Details may be sent to Frank Mulvihill, PRO, B.C.A., Wilton Park House.

Concerns regarding the safety of the Regional Hospital Incinerator continue to increase. The Association met a large group of public representatives and links have been established with the SHB who kindly provided up-to-date information on the incinerator.

A date has been set by the Corporation to have the incinerator replaced. However, a decision has yet to be made by the Health Board as to the most suitable type of replacement equipment. The present incinerator has been fitted with smoke-monitoring equipment, but residents continue to express their dissatisfaction with dust particles and emissions which are causing a nuisance and may well contain toxic products of incomplete combustion. The matter concerns all living in the Bishopstown area and, indeed, in the entire city. If you have any views on the subject please come along to the June meeting of the BCA which will take place at Wilton Park House on Tuesday 7th at 8 p.m. All living in the area, or members of voluntary groups, are encouraged to attend.

Camp



Summer Camp

At Colebrook Montessori School on Glasheen Road for children aged 3-8 years, commencing June 20th for 4 weeks (mornings). Tel. 343631.

June "Fold" now on sale

This month's issue includes articles on

- * The new Freeman of Cork
- * Exam Stress
- * The travellers - a people apart?
- * Diocesan Appointments 1994

Ministers of the Eucharist

New rotas are ready for collection at the Altar Rails this weekend.

Ministers of the Word

Please collect your copy of the latest rota from the Altar Rails.

Readers



Readings for Sunday 12th June

Gen. 3:9-15. Ps. 129. 2 Cor. 4:13 - 5:1. Mk 3:20-35.

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