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DENWYD'S CROSS, CORK

# BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Sr. Ursula writes*

## THE IMMORTAL DIAMOND

Have you ever noticed how radiant a girl looks when she becomes engaged? I was struck by it the other day as I admired the solitaire on a young friend's finger. The experience of being loved as someone special shone from her eyes and danced in her smile. The gem sparkled and glinted as it caught the sunlight and my exclamation at its beauty was very genuine.

I have since remembered being once that an uncut diamond

looks very like any other stone. Its lustre is not in any way evident before it is cut. It takes the discerning eye and the sure hand of a master craftsman to uncover the beauty that lies hidden in what appears, at first glance, to be a very ordinary stone.

Hopkins speaks of this "poor potsherd" as "immortal diamond" and St. Paul says, "The secret is simply this: Christ in you." (Col.1.27). God can see beyond weakness to what is precious. He has chosen each one of us for our inner worth in spite of our faults and failings, because he knows us through and through and loves us "with an everlasting love." Jer.31.3.

Perhaps we all need to remind ourselves of this from time to time.

## R.P.A NEWSLETTER AWARDS 1994

The 1994 Religious Press Association awards were presented at All Hallows College in Dublin on Wednesday, September 21st. Prizes are distributed in two categories, one being for religious magazines and the other being Parish Newsletters. As announced last week, we were awarded the prize for Best Cover in the weekly/fortnightly category for our Easter 1994 bulletin.

Irene Connolly and Colm Linehan accepted the prize on behalf of all the people who help

in the preparation and distribution of the bulletin, who now number about 150, and the Poor Clare nuns who designed the winning cover. The presentation was made by Bishop Brendan Comiskey and Dean Maurice Carey. Cork had another winner with "The Fingerpost" from Douglas winning the prize for Best Editorial, and Lucan (Co. Dublin) Parish Newsletter won the prize for best newsletter for the third year in a row.

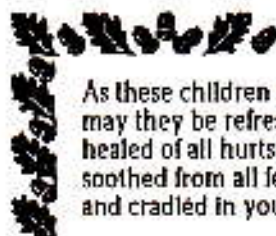
Our thanks and congratulations go to all the people involved.



We welcome the following into our Christian community:

THOMAS MICHAEL HEALY, 'Cragmoher', Farranlea Park, son of Richard and Aine.  
NIALL STEPHEN MURPHY, 'St. Davids', Laburnum Park, son of Kevin and Assumpta.  
AOIFE ANNE O'NEILL, 54 Rossbrook, daughter of John and Sheila.  
SHAUNA MONICA MURPHY, 'Yeoville', Farranlea Park, daughter of Frank and Patricia.  
ROISIN MARY O'CONNOR, 'St. Josephs', 15 Woodlawn, daughter of Charles and Sheila.  
CIARA AOIFE QUaid, 74 Rossbrook, daughter of Michael and Christine.  
ELIZABETH CLARE MARY COSTELLO, 'Ardnalee', Bendemeer Park, daughter of Michael and Brigid.

LISA MARIA LEI-SAN WONG, 20 The Manor, daughter of Michael and Ann.  
KEVIN HUMPHREY MURPHY, 39 Greenfields, son of Tony and Claire.  
TAVIFTA COSTINASI, Bishopstown House Lodge, daughter of Leon and Maria.  
CARA RUTH O'MAHONY, 14 Kenley Close, daughter of Michael and Ruth.  
CIARA PATRICIA HANNAH CADOGAN, 12A Mount Eden, daughter of Brendan and Teresa.



As these children sleep, dear Lord,  
may they be refreshed for tomorrow,  
healed of all hurts,  
soothed from all fears,  
and cradled in your arms of love.

Amen



### *On This Day*

*Take Pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Gladden the heart of a child.*

*Mend a quarrel. Search out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust.*

*Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate, be kind, be gentle. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Express your gratitude. Worship your God.*

### PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

Don't forget this Sunday is the last day for your nominations for the Pastoral council

There's still time - drop your nomination in today. Thank you!







## St. Finbarr, Patron of Cork

Accounts of St. Finbarr's life abound in legends and myths, but there is an outline which is substantially true.

Soon after his father came to Cork from Connacht, Finbarr was born at Garranes, near Bandon. He was saintly in his youth and went to Kilkenny with some monks to study and live as a hermit. He returned to Cork to found a monastery at the lake of Gougane Barra, where many disciples joined him.



We pray for the late Fidelma MacHale, Bishopstown Avenue, who died during the week. Her brother Fr. Finbarr, speaking at her funeral Mass, said, "She was a quiet gentle lady, who always had a listening ear for others." We offer our sympathy to her brothers and especially to Eithne who took great care of Fidelma and was always at her side to help her.

### **IN SYMPATHY**

We offer our sincere sympathy to MAURA DUGGAN, Laburnum Lawn, on the death of her sister.

From this spiritual retreat he travelled east along the course of the River Lee through Inniscarra and made his greatest foundation. This increased and flourished and the diocese and city of Cork began.

Finbarr spent 19 years as bishop, preaching teaching and building churches. On a visit to one of his churches he fell ill and, surrounded by many followers, he died in 623. With great reverence he was brought back to Cork for burial.

His feast day is on 25th September and each year special ceremonies in his honour take place at the Island and Oratory of Gougane Barra.



### **THE ANNUAL FARRANLEA CLEAN-UP**

This Summer's "meitheal" hardly drew the crowds. It might seem a bit late in the season to refer back to this non-event, but those that did chip in deserve to be congratulated.

A certain few families did trojan work, not just the bit we were all expected to do outside our own houses, but they took on the back-breaking job of trying to clean up Farranlea Road.

All credit is due to them for effort and civic spirit.



### Sung Vespers

This Sunday (25th) at 5 p.m. Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be sung in our Church. This is the first of a series of nine liturgical Services to be held in various churches in the city on the last Sunday of each month.

All the faithful are welcome, especially singers and choir members.

### C.I.E. Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

On Sunday 16th October. Coach departs at 7.00 hours, full breakfast in Limerick, arrive Knock 12.30 approx. Evening dinner at Claremorris. Cost £21. Booking and enquiries from John Hennessy at 506976.



### Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh (Boys)

Parents' Association A.G.M. will be held in the school on Tuesday September 27th at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

### Art Classes

For Seniors resuming on Thursday 29th September at 2.30 p.m. in Crypt.



### Senior Camogie Final

Bishopstown -v- Kilbriittain at Ballygarvan on Saturday October 1st at 4.30 p.m. Your support is needed.

## Coffee Morning

### National Coffee Morning

In aid of Marymount Hospice will be held on Thursday 6th October. Details of locations in our area will be on next week's Bulletin.

### Monastic Afternoon

The Benedictines of Cloyne warmly invite you to their Priory in Cobh on October 2nd, 2.30 to 5.30, for a talk and display on monastic life, vespers, refreshments and slides. Come and bring your friends. Held every first Sunday of the month.



### Supper Dance Reminder

In Jurys Hotel on Wednesday 28th at 8 p.m. in aid of Calcutta Fund. Tickets £6 available at C.P. Centre.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY  
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