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**BALLINEASPAIG
BULLETIN**

31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DERRIEMYS CROSS, CORKFROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM***Fr. Finbarr writes*

Growing up as a child and adolescent, whenever I resisted a request to do something I didn't like, I was always told by my parents, "Offer it up for the Holy Souls". I heard that phrase so often I felt all the Holy Souls had to be saved.

November is a time when we think of our dead in a very special way. We are told in scripture, "It's a good and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." We want our loved ones to be part of God's kingdom of peace, love and joy, so we pray for God's mercy and compassion on them.

Thinking of our loved ones who have pre-deceased us, the month of November can be sad and lonely. It must also be a time of hope for us, because Christ suffered, died and rose from the dead so that we can all share in His kingdom.

When we say, "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them", let us do so in faith and trust that God will grant all our dead eternal happiness.

V. Lane Curley c.c.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Next Tuesday, 1st November, is the Feast of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Monday at 7.30 p.m. Masses on Tuesday at 9, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m.

Confessions after Vigil Mass on Monday.

ALL SOULS NOVENA

Masses celebrated in the Parish Church between 2nd-10th November will be offered for the Holy Souls. Envelopes are available at Church doors.

There will be a Holy Hour after the 7.30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday 2nd.



We offer our sincere sympathy to ANYA McMAHON, Summerstown and formerly of Farranlea Grove, on the tragic death of her son, Jean (18) in Germany.

To SEAN CASEY, Wilton Gardens, on the death of his sister Sheila Milner, in the States.

To JOHN BROWN, Leesdale, on the death of his father.

To ANNA O'BRIEN, Merlyn Lawn, on the death of her father.

To ANN O'FLYNN, Bendemeer Park, on the death of her mother.

To CIARAN KELLY, Westgate, on the death of his mother.

CHILDREN - A REFLECTION

Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you,

And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,

For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls,

For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.

For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

- Kahlil Gibran



Our New Ministers

NEW MINISTERS OF THE WORD

We are happy to announce that the following people have joined the Ministers of the Word at Sunday Masses:

Salette Murphy, Frances Keohane, Colette Spicer, Ellis Condon, Dave Condon, Catherine Heffernan, Aideen Murphy, Michael Lehane, Aileen Golden, Martin McDonnell, Adrienne McDonnell.

We wish them well and hope they will benefit personally from the reading.



A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Have you ever noticed the spick and span condition of our church? Maybe not. We don't usually notice very much when a place is clean and tidy - only when it's not!

On behalf of all parishioners we would like to pay tribute to two ladies who work quietly, unseen, never drawing attention to themselves, cleaning and hoovering the church. A back-breaking job. Thank you. We do appreciate you.



NAOMI WRITES:

The Pope's "Crossing the Threshold of Hope" went on sale over a week ago. In marked contrast to other fairly recent "best-sellers" which remained largely unsold, business was brisk as far as this was concerned.

That people are obviously interested in what the Pope has to say, in an informal setting, is a measure of the strength of his personality, despite the lack of popular appeal of most of what he says or writes within formal structures.

The book is the Pope's response to a wide-ranging series of religious questions put by an Italian journalist who does not take an aggressive line and is at pains to be deferential throughout. The material is, on the whole, fairly predictable as John Paul II has expressed himself in strong terms throughout his Papacy. He is a man deeply schooled in traditional thought processes of the Institutional Church.

For me points worth noting were the Pope's continual reference to Scripture; his perception of his role as Bishop of Rome in joint service of Christ with his fellow Bishops; his opening encouragement to "Be Not Afraid" (Lk.1); his interpretation of suffering through his portrayal of Christ.

Proceeds of the sale are for charities nominated by Pope John Paul. If you don't altogether like what you read, at least it is a good cause.



Altar Servers

WELCOME ALTAR SERVERS

We extend a warm welcome to a new group of altar servers who began last weekend:

Mary Herrick, Ruth O'Hara,
Matthew Ryan, Daniel Ryan,
Jennifer Neade, Thomas Flynn,
Paul O'Neill, Diane Whelan, Maria O'Donovan, Grainne Curtin and Elaine Whelan.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE!

With Halloween only around the corner, we urge parents to ban all such mindless activities as egg-throwing and the like. This is not fun. To many people it is upsetting, frightening and wasteful.

Remember, Halloween should be a fun time and while its great fun to knock on doors and say 'trick or treat', it is not quite fair to annoy or frighten older people who may live alone.



Announcements



Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue visitation at College Road next week.

Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Will be held on this Sunday 30th at St. Vincent's Church, Sunday's Well, at 5 p.m. All are welcome.

Memorial Service

For all Babies who have died around the time of birth, will be held at the ISAND'S Memorial Stone in St. Finbarr's Cemetery on November 6th at 3 p.m. All are welcome.

All Welcome

Monastic Afternoon at St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, on Sunday 6th November, 2.30-5.30. Talk and display on monastic life, refreshments, slides, Vespers.

First Friday

Next Friday, 4th November, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday, 3rd, in the Sacristy at 8 p.m.

Grinds Available

Junior and Leaving Cert. French, German, Maths and Science. Contact Caitriona or Coleen after 6 p.m. at 319091.

"The Holy Show"



At Everyman Palace on Sunday 6th November at 8 p.m. Tickets £5, in aid of conductive education group for physically disabled children. Tickets available from Fr. Lawton 385163, K. O'Leary 381132 or D. Garde 541722. Please support.

Abuse and the Church?

Is there any hope after the recent news stories. Read one priest's detailed response in **THE FOLD**.

Read about the positive side of sex, too, in Cork's brightest magazine ..

The FOLD is just 60p

Readings for Sunday 6th November
1K. 17:10-16. Ps. 145. Heb. 9:24-28. Mk 12:38-44.

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