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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. John writes

Friends were in town for the Jazz. She's eight months pregnant. We got to talking about music to get her through the pain (euphemistically called contractions) of the big day. We put together tunes that fall into the little-recognised subgenre known as labour and delivery songs.

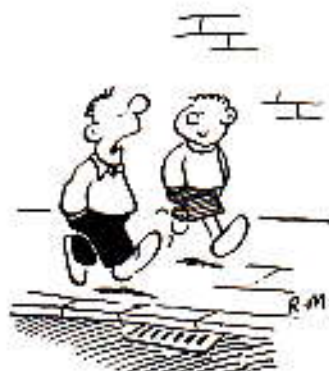
For starters, Marvin Gaye's "Too Busy Thinking About My Baby" ("and I ain't got time for nothing else") says it all in a wonderfully uplifting way. The Beach Boys "Don't Worry Baby" should comfort the kid. Talking Heads will remind the soon-to-be-mummy and daddy of how they got to this point ("Creatures of Love"), as well as the fun they'll have with the baby when they get home ("Stay up Late").

She wanted songs to help her through the various stages of labour. He suggested to kick off with Dave Wakeling's "She's Having a Baby." For the endless hours of early labour we try out "Patience" by Guns N'Roses.

"Seems Like a Long Time" by Rod Steward, "The Waiting" by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, "Can't Hardly Wait" by the Replacements, or "Tired of Waiting for you" by the Kinks. When it finally comes time to bear down, there's nothing more appropriate than "Push It" by Salt-N-Pepper or "Push" by Tisha. At this stage she was getting a bit fed up with all the admonitions. He truck on one she appreciated - Karyn White's "Superwoman".

And when its time for the big moment, only one song really fits the bill, another one from Tom Petty. What could be more appropriate for mom and baby than "Deliver me"?

What we get up to on long weekends!



"MY MUM SAYS HER PRAYERS EVERY NIGHT - SHE SAYS 'THANK GOD' AS SOON AS I'VE GONE TO BED ..."

Ballineaspig Parish Pastoral Council

Congratulations to those who were recently elected to the Parish Pastoral Council. They are as follows:

Area 1: Farranlea

Mary McDonogh

Area 2: Model Farm Road

Mary O'Herlihy

Area 3: Kenley Lower

Doreen O'Donovan

Area 4: Parkway

- to be co-opted

Area 5: Leesdale 1-68

Mary O'Sullivan

Area 5A: Leesdale 69-152

Kathleen Browne

Area 6: Bishopscourt

Brian McCarthy

Area 7: Bishopstown Ave.

Peggy Twomey

Area 8: Laburnum

Padraig Tyers

Area 9: Wilton Gardens

Mary Egan

Area 10: Wilton Road

Carmel Murphy

Area 11: Glasheen

Anne O'Brien

Area 12: Magazine Road

Irena Connolly

Area 13: College Road

Sinead Twomey

Area 14: Rossbrook

Tony Herrick

Sincere thanks to all the unsuccessful candidates who went forward for election. Your interest, commitment and support is much appreciated.

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

MR. NICE GUY ?

Hugh Leonard called him a hypocrite and a murderer. Jim Kemmy described him as "a cool customer who has developed a facility for deflecting questions or sometimes not answering them at all."

Gerry Adams' appearance on the Late Late Show was inconclusive. He appeared cold and calculating in contrast to the passion of Austin Curry and Hugh Leonard. But his composure won him audience support, and, it would appear, support from the wider audience too.

He refused to be pinned down by Michael McDowell. Despite his accusation that Hugh Leonard's contributions were "theatrical", Adams' own performance was theatrical - smiling disarmingly, feigning hurt, laughing mockingly. "I'm basically a nice guy," he claimed, "who has been deprived of media appearances for the past twenty-five years." Nobody reminded him of the reasons why.

Dermot Ahern was disappointed that the discussion wasn't more forward looking. Yet it seems to me that there is a lot of purging left to be done. Why is it, I wonder, that, in company with many others, I haven't yet quite managed to entirely trust the self-proclaimed Mr. Nice Guy?

I hope that time will prove me wrong.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Curator's House,
Waterworks,
Lee Road.

Dear Editor,

It has frequently been said that the Catholic Church has a very good message, but a very poor P.R. team. I think that when the history of the twentieth century is written it will be seen that the church had two major P.R. successes.

1) The pastoral visits by the Pope to all corners of the world, allowing people to experience his presence among them on their own native soil, and

2) Pope John Paul II's book, "Crossing the Threshold of Hope" which gives 'the man in the street' an insight into the person behind the white robes.

Let us hold our heads high.

Yours in Christ,
Gerry Duffy

Dear Editor,

Eamonn Young hit the nail on the head: we don't sing in church. He followed up with two entirely practical suggestions. May we offer a few more?

We believe it is absolutely ESSENTIAL that hymn books are provided and that they are ready in the seats. It is, by now, obvious that the vast majority of us do not know the words. We need leadership and encouragement from the priests and cantors. Each hymn needs to be introduced clearly and by number.

It is IMPERATIVE that we sing in a key that is attainable by all. There are very few Mary

Hegartys or Finbarr Wrights among us!! It would be helpful if the presiding priest waited after Mass until the final hymn has been sung. Leaving sooner is a cue to the congregation to follow suit.

Given all of these things, I believe we could give praise to God in song in a meaningful way. Otherwise we should do the decent thing and admit defeat. For an up-and-doing parish like the Holy Spirit that would indeed be sad. So, how about it?

Yours sincerely,
(name and address with Editor)

THANK
YOU!

Special thanks to 5th year art students of Mount Mercy, especially Corianne Buckley, and to their teacher, for the beautifully designed memoriam to our parishioners who have died during the year which is on display before the altar.

We would also like to congratulate our Sacristan on the lovely basket arrangement to hold the lists sent in by parishioners.



SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to PADDY and ANNE FALVEY, Laburnum Lawn, on the recent death of their daughter-in-law Marjorie.



Ministers of the Word

There is a meeting in the C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m. on Monday 7th November. The topics at the meeting include use of microphone, the Lectionary, preparing a reading.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will continue visitation at College Road this week.

St. Oliver's Cemetery

A Mass will be celebrated in the cemetery at 3 p.m. on Saturday 12th November.



Cake Sale

Before and after all Masses on Sunday in aid of senior choir's trip to Lourdes. Please support generously.

NOTE OF Thanks...

The Cork Spastic Clinic wish to thank the residents of Wilton Gardens for their generous contributions in the recent house-to-house appeal.

THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY CONSECRATION



Important - Family Consecration

Reminder to keep Sunday 20th November free for the special Mass and Family Consecration Ceremony. The Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. in the Church of the Holy Spirit.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 13th November: Day of Prayer for Prisoners.

Sunday 20th November: Mass at 4 p.m. Consecration of families to the Sacred Heart.

Monday 28th November: Mass at 7.30 p.m. for deceased parishioners of the past year.

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1 January: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

1 March: Ash Wednesday

16 April: Easter Sunday

25 May: Ascension Thursday

4 June: Pentecost

15 June: Corpus Christi

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