



Sunday, 19th February, 1995

**BALLINEASPAIG
BULLETIN**

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DEENHYS CROSS, COOHFROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM***Fr. Finbarr writes*

If I were a parent passing on my Catholic faith to my children, how would I go about it?

A good starting point for me would be the Baptism Ceremony. I, as a parent, take on the responsibility of passing on the faith at that time. During the ceremony the psalm "The Lord is my Shepherd" is read. One line says, "my head you have anointed with oil", and later the child is anointed with the oil of chrisem, in the same way as the priests, prophets, kings and Christ were "anointed" with perfumes, symbolising their uniqueness, being chosen by God and the people to be witnesses. So I would try to instil in my children a sense of being chosen, uniqueness, God loving them.

I would try to create within my home a sense of God amongst us as a family. I would try to dedicate a time every day, possibly before or after meals, for just a few silent moments of thanksgiving for the blessings that we, as a family, have received - good health, work, food, togetherness. Once people are comfortable with that, they would share their prayer of thanksgiving with the remainder of the family.

For me that would be just the beginning.

**Children's Mass**

The 10.30 Mass on February 26th will be a children's Mass. Rehearsal on Saturday 25th at 2.30 p.m. for interested children and parents.

Prayer Orientations (4)

"Pray as you can, do not pray as you can't."

O God, you are both Mother
and Father,
You are more than I can imagine,
I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you:
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me,
and in all creatures.
I wish no more than this, my God,
my All,

Into your hands I commend my soul:
I offer myself to you with all
of my heart.
I love you, my God, and so need
to give myself,
to surrender myself
into your hands
without reserve,
and with boundless confidence,
For you are my Lord and my God.



Rest in Peace

The death occurred recently of Mary Sheppard, late of Wilton Gardens and Rosenalee Nursing Home, where she spent the last five years. Neighbours recalled Mary with affection and spoke of her kindness and faith. Our sympathy to her family.

John Sreenan, Highfield Lawn, had been unwell for a few weeks, but his death came quite unexpectedly last week. John served in the R.A.F. during World War II and subsequently took up a business career here at home. He was highly regarded as a referee with the F.A.I. Requiem Mass was concelebrated by brothers-in-law, Canon Ml. Cahalane, Ballyphehane, and Fr. Val Cahalane of the English Mission. We extend sympathy to his wife Peg, his family Paul, Carmel, Cormac and Pearse, and all his relatives and friends.

Professor Tadhg Carey, late President of U.C.C. died on 9th February. Tadhg attained the highest academic qualifications in his time and was endowed with rare administrative ability, yet he never lost the 'common touch'. Indeed, he will probably be remembered best for "that best portion of a good man's life - his little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and love." Hugh numbers came to pay their respects from the highest academics to his friends in the bowling fraternity. He is missed by his wife Irene, their family, brothers and sisters, and his many, many friends.

THE PARISH FINANCE FINANCIAL.

<u>INCOME</u>	£
Sunday & Holyday collections	68,931
Poor Clare Chapel collection	4,012
Shrines	5,464
Bank Interest	380
Folds, Directories, Booklets	2,330
Refunds	718
Bequest	2,010
Subs. and Insurance for use of parish property	1,942
Flowers and miscellaneous	286
TOTAL INCOME :	86,073

<u>SUMMARY</u>	£
Income for 1994	86,073
Expenditure	83,549
Credit Balance for year	2,524
Credit Balance as at 1/1/1994	24,367
Credit Balance on 31/12/1994	26,891
<u>Church Collections</u>	<u>1993</u> <u>1994</u>
Sunday Mass	£61,384 £64,831
Returned from other Churches	- £4,100

	<u>SPECIAL CHURCH</u>
C.M.A.C.	£595
Holy Places	£334
Episcopal Commission	£503
Trocisire	£2,804
Rwanda	£6,815
(special collection)	



Parish Visitation

Fr. John will continue visitation of Roger Casement Park and begin Sheares' Park.

Fr. Finbarr will visit Wilton Avenue/Bishops court/Merlyn Lawn during the coming weeks.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Some places still available. It would be advisable to book immediately.

Christian Meditation

Each Thursday evening 7 p.m. sharp to 7.30 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.



Coffee Morning

May O'Connell, Mary Crean and Dorothy O'Connell organise a "coffee morning" every Tuesday after 10.00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a chat. A small donation of 20p. is usual. Would you and a couple of friends organise a "coffee morning" on another day of the week? Tel. 344452.

Access to Education

New Courses for unemployed adults and lone parents of 21 years of age or over. Public meeting on Wednesday 22nd February at 3 p.m. at Coláiste Stiofain Naofa, Tramore Road, or contact William McAuliffe at 961020 to arrange interview.

Table Quiz

In aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland 200 TABLE QUIZ, Silver Springs Conference Centre, 22nd February at 8.00 p.m. Questions by Ger Canning, RTE. Team entry - 4 people - £20. Contact Joe Johnson, 10 Brookville Estate, Glanmire, or the C.P. Centre.

Catechism Course

A short course (4 sessions on Tuesday nights, 14, 21, 28 March, 4 April) on the New Catechism will be held during Lent in the C.P. Centre. Participants will be helped to read this important text and to discuss its meaning and implications for everyday living. Sign up in C.P. Centre if you are interested in taking part. Tel. 344452.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The February recital will take place on Wednesday next 22nd, at 3 p.m. in the Crypt of our Church. Everybody is welcome to hear Jim Ahern present his favourite music.

Talent Competition

For over 60's on Sunday 5th March at 8 p.m. in the S.M.A. Parish Centre. If you can sing (Solo or Duet), Dance, Recite, Tell a Story, etc. contact Jim O'Connor (341875), May Barriscale (344666) or hand in your name at the S.M.A. Parish Centre.

Readings for Sunday 26 February

Stk. 27:4-7, Ps. 91, 1 Cor. 15:54-58, Lk. 6:39-45.

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