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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SEASON OF LENT

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday: 7.30, 9.00, 10.00
and 7.30 p.m.

Lent: Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and two light meals each day, nothing between meals, and abstinence means not eating meat. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence only. Abstinence begins for those who are 14 or over; fast begins for those who are 18 and extends to age 59. Catholics are invited to take these recommendations seriously. It makes no sense to abstain from meat and eat lobster. The spirit of the exercise calls for personal denial for the good of others. The work of Trócaire in feeding the hungry will greatly benefit from your contributions.

Catholics are asked to keep the penitential character of Lent, by attending daily Mass, prayer at home, Bible reading, or some such exercise. Traditional penances like abstaining from alcohol and tobacco are encouraged.

Bible Corner [5]



Relief: Nineveh; palace of Ashurbanipal
626B C

Holding a common round shield the bearer protects his general against missiles hurled from above. To call on God as shield-bearer presupposes that intimacy which permits one to ask a friend to perform a lowly service without in any way offending him.

*The Lord is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts;
so I am helped, and my heart exults.*

Psalm 28,7 JN

CORK'S BRIGHTEST MAGAZINE

In the March *Fold*, Anne Cahill reports on Cork's drug problem. The focus is on Blackrock Road Parish. And *Fold* prize-winner Anne Clarke argues that it's time for women priests.

ALL THIS AND MORE FOR JUST 60P

The New Catechism (5)

2384 Divorce is a grave offence against the natural law. It claims to break the contract, to which the spouses freely consented, to live with each other till death. Divorce does injury to the covenant of salvation, of which sacramental marriage is the sign. Contracting a new union, even if it is recognised by civil law, adds to the gravity of the rupture: the remarried spouse is then in a situation of public and permanent adultery.

If a husband, separated from his wife, approaches another woman, he is an adulterer because he makes that woman commit adultery; and the woman who lives with him is an adulteress, because she has drawn another's husband to herself.

If you wish to comment, drop a note to the CP Centre.

Prayer Orientations (5)

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

let me be crazy with you, lord...
crazy, in love with you,
and spend some time
alone on the roads
that lead to the sun and the stars;

let me sing, let me dance,
let me rest in your arms,
let us be, let us share,
let us run with the wind.

let me be me
and be crazy with you
totally crazy, in love with you, lord.

let me jump on your shadow
let me blow on your ear,
let us dream, let us touch,
let us laugh through the tears.

let me be crazy with you, lord...

totally crazy and in love with you,
totally crazy, in love with you.

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

JOIN THE REST OF EUROPE?

Censorship is an emotive word. Even the manner in which the subject is presented can be emotive and controversial. In the Dail, Democratic Left's Eric Byrne, while accepting the need for controls "to prevent obscene, violent and potentially damaging material entering the country," goes on to muddy the waters by talking about Victorian notions, books on contraception and abortion, novels by Simone de Beauvoir and Barbara Cartland as if they were all part of the same problem.

He added the snide comment that Ireland might join the rest of Europe as we enter the twenty-first century. Join them in what, one wonders.

Perhaps, still on the subject of censorship, self-censorship is still the best? Put away the book if it offends. Press the button if you don't like what you hear or see. But this requires maturity. Sometimes it takes courage. It calls for discernment. And this only comes with maturity and experience.

How do young people acquire these attributes? Should they be protected along the way? By some form of censorship? Who applies it? I certainly don't have all the answers. Maybe you have some of them?

EXTRA!



Cuanlee Hostel For Battered Wives

Sr. Reginald is seeking volunteers for the Flag Day to be held on Friday, 3rd March at Wilton Shopping Centre. Just one hour per person. Please contact 543166 if you can help.

24 Hour Fast for Third World

Trocaire will hold a Fast, March 3 & 4 as part of its Lenten Campaign. The Fast is aimed primarily at those in second and third level schools and colleges and at young people in the workplace. Further information can be had from Trocaire at 9 Cook Street, tel. 275622.

Peace & Reconciliation in Ireland

The Annual Mass will be concelebrated at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday 5th March. Bishop Michael Callan, Down & Connor, will preach the sermon. All are welcome.

Ceili Set Dancing Old Time

At Highfield R.F.C. on Friday 3rd March, 10.00 - 1.00, Tadg Kearney Ceili Band, Joe McCarthy Master of Ceremonies. Admission £3.50.

Naionra Gaeilge

All Irish Pre-school for children 2 1/2 to 4 years, Tuesday to Friday, 10.00-12.130 at Bishopstown GAA Club. Conducted by a fully qualified native Irish speaker. Enquiries to 961222 (evenings).

Thank You

To all parishioners who contributed to the annual collection for the combined Counties Association, which amounted to £567.44.

Line Dancing Classes

At Bishopstown GAA Club every Tuesday at 9.30 p.m. All welcome.

i PLEASE PRAY *for*

We pray for the late Leo Whyte, Bishops court Road, who died recently. For almost forty years he dedicated his life to U.C.C. and in later years he dedicated himself to caring for her wife during her illness. To his sons and daughter we offer our prayers and sympathy.

Mrs. Gertrude McCarthy, late of Edelweiss, Wilton Road. Bertie was a special person - much loved by her son Edwin, daughter-in-law Phil, and family, and indeed by all her neighbours on the Wilton Road. She was pre-deceased by her husband Frank, and her son Fr. Michael, a highly respected member of the Dominican Order. She retired to Rosenalee Nursing Home about eighteen months ago, where she died peacefully on 12th February. We extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn her passing.

A Holiday Break - Can You Help?

The Brothers of Charity Services, Lota, hope to arrange a supported break scheme for children. They would like to contact families who are prepared to give the children a holiday in their home for one week in July 1995. Previous experience has shown (proved) that there is great benefit, challenge and stimulation for both sides as well as a new learning experience.

Should you or your family be interested, please contact Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, Lota, at 821010, ext. 225, when you will be given details of an information meeting to be held in the Imperial Hotel, on Monday 6th March at 8 p.m.



New Catechism Course:
8.00p.m. C.P. Centre. Names
please to the C.P. Centre.

Half-Hour Taize Prayer:
After 7.30 p.m. Mass each
Thursday.

Benediction:
Sundays at 5.30 p.m.

Please collect your Trocaire
Boxes at the end of the Church.

First Friday

Next Friday, 3rd is the First
Friday of the month. Calls to
the sick and housebound at the
usual times.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection at all Masses
next weekend.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 2nd
at 8 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue
visitation at Bishopscourt/Merlyn
Lawn this week.

Christian Meditation

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

Sunday Creche at C.P. Centre

On the last Sunday of every
month, the Creche will be at the
earlier time of 10.30 a.m. to
facilitate parents who want to
bring older children to the
Children's Mass.

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Will be sung on this Sunday
evening, February 26th at 5.30
p.m. at the Church of the
Immaculate Conception (The
Lough). All are welcome to
attend.

Parish Visitation

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

Catechism Course

A short course (4 sessions on Tuesday
nights, 14, 21, 28 March, 4th April,
8.00 - 9.13pm) 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.

Liturgy Group

Meeting, this Monday in CP Centre at
8.10pm.

Pioneer Association

The Pioneer Association invites people
to freely abstain from intoxicating drink
in solidarity with those who must avoid
drink altogether. Meetings are held on
the last Thursday night of the month at
8.00pm in the Crypt. Information from
Judith Coffey, 345281 and Liam
O'Driscoll, 544682.

Temporary Pioneer Pens for Lent or a
longer period are available in the CP
Centre after 10.30am and 12.15pm
Masses.

Highfield RFC

Congratulations are in order to Highfield
RFC on the opening of the New
Pavilion. It has been a major
undertaking and its successful
completion marks a decisive step in the
development of the club.

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