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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

4th Sunday in Lent

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
BALLINEASPAIG, DUBLIN

LENT

PRAYER

for the good
of your soul

FASTING

for the good
of your body

ALMSGIVING

for the good
of your
neighbour

Prayer Orientations (9)

My Beloved is the mountains,
And lonely wooded valleys,
Strange islands,
And resounding rivers,
The whistling of love-stirring breezes,
The tranquil night
At the time of rising dawn,
Silent music,
Sounding solitude,
The supper that refreshes and deepens love.
- John of the Cross

The day of my spiritual awakening was the
day I saw - and knew I saw - all things in God
and God in all things.
- Mechthild of Magdeburg,

It is in God that we live, and move, and
have our being.
- Paul in Acts 17,28.

The New Catechism

2491 Professional secrets - for example, those of political office-holders, soldiers, physicians and lawyers - or confidential information given under the seal of secrecy, must be kept, save in exceptional cases where keeping the secret is bound to cause very grave harm to the one who confided it, to the one who received it or to a third party, and where the very grave harm can be avoided only by divulging the truth. Even if not confided under the seal of secrecy, private information prejudicial to another is not to be divulged without a grave and proportionate reason.

Comment: What is missing here is a reference to the daily lives of ordinary people and a suggestion about how people can deal with questions of "truth". How should we as Christians respond to the "little white lie"? What does one say to a host who has served a meal that was really awful? How does one answer questions related to income in a place where tax evasion is considered a national sport? How does one negotiate an arms agreement without "playing with the truth"? These are the kinds of questions that concern most people, but one looks in vain for an answer in the Catechism. JN

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to
PHILIP DELAHUNTY, Farranlea
Grove, on the death of his
father.

To MARY LONG, The Ridgeway, on
the death of her sister.

To RITA O'KEEFE and TERESA
KIELY, 30 Kenley Close, on the
death of their sister.



We welcome into our parish the
following children who were
baptised recently:

AISLING KAREN HIGGINS, 3
Greenfields, daughter of James
and Mary.

STEPHEN WILLIAM QUIRKE, 27
Rossbrook, son of Kevin and
Jacqueline.

AIDEEN CRONIN, 68 Rossbrook,
daughter of John and Mairead.

KILLIAN RONAN DAVIN, Carrigleagh,
Farranlea Park, son of John and
Mary.

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY



WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN CHINA - A CALL TO PRAYER

The Women's Caucus in Copenhagen
celebrated Women's Day (March
6th) as a rallying point in
preparation for the fourth United
Nations Conference to be held in
Beijing next September. The
caption read

180 Days / 180 Ways

Immediately, the 'International
Coalition on the Family' based
in Copenhagen inaugurated a '180
Days of Prayer' campaign for the
women in China who are deprived
of all civil rights including
reproductive rights. This call
to prayer is being supported by
all religious denominations who
plan to adapt the logo to their
own religious traditions.
Delegates, N.G.O'S. and Women's
organisations... were urged to
raise their voices in defence of
their Chinese 'sisters' forced to
abort their babies as required
by family planning programmes.
Female babies are readily aborted
or die from infanticide or
neglect due to the 'one child
only per family' policy.
Naturally we supported the motion
and now call on everyone to
recite the 'Memorare' and 'Hail
Holy Queen' daily for China.
Corkmen, Bishop Calvin and E.J.
McCarthy, played a major role in
establishing what was originally
the Maynooth Mission to China and
later the Columbans. It was
good to be able to speak of
Ireland's contribution.

Jane Quinlan

Prayers travel faster when said in unison.

Latin proverb



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

The media coverage of the opening of the new £1/2 million L'Arche Workshop & Administration Centre at Togher emphasised the £12 million commitment of the Department of Health to the mentally handicapped. And this is very welcome. Tributes were paid to L'Arche by Bishop Murphy and Church of Ireland Bishop Roy Warke, by the Minister of State at the Dept. of Health, Brian O'Shea, by Batt O'Keeffe, T.D., by Lord Mayor Tim Falvey and others.

The beautiful building was blessed by Bishop Murphy and Bishop Warke in the presence of Tim Kearney, Director of L'Arche in Cork, residents of the two L'Arche communities in Cork and the assistants responsible for their care and the many friends of L'Arche.

What the media could not capture was the personality of Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche. His disarming smile radiates love and serenity. His effect on those whom he meets is extraordinary. Often, with no words spoken, there seems to be total acceptance, total trust on both sides.

The love of the man for everyone he touches is hard to describe. But it is a total giving and, in our materialistic world, it is a beautiful thing to behold. Equally beautiful to behold is the reverence (I don't think that's too strong a word) of those whom he has called to share his vision, both givers and receivers.

Prayer Orientations (8)

*Keep us, O God, from all pettiness.
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding
and leave off all self-seeking.
May we put away all pretence and meet each other
face to face, without self pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment,
and always be generous.
Let us always take time for all things,
and make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses, to be
straightforward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize that it is the little things
of life that create differences, that in the big things
of life, we are as one.
And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind!
Amen.*

— Mary Stewart's Prayer

Bible Corner (9)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night." Psalm 1,1-2.



Statue, basalt, 9th c. B.C. Aleppo Museum.

The juxtaposition of Psalm 1 with this illustration may seem startling at first glance, but the combination is not so out of place as one might think. The Jewish reverence for Scripture owes a great deal to the wisdom movement, which in itself was strongly affected by Egyptian influences. Above, an Egyptian wise man, under the tutelage of the scribal god Thoth, studies the latter's writings, believing that such study will ensure him a share in the saving powers which uphold and rule the world. Likewise, in Judaism the study of Scripture was seen as a means of salvation.

NOTICE BOARD

Monastic Afternoon

At the Benedictines of Cloyne on
2nd April, 3.00 to 5.30 p.m.

Indoor Bowls Club

At Highfield Rugby Club. Now
open for membership - a limited
number of vacancies available.
"New" members especially welcome.
Contact the Club at 344920 or Ray
Barrett 541467.

Attention Ladies

Aerobics Fitness classes with
Line Dancing at Lough Community
Centre Monday and Wednesday 8-9
p.m. Also modern Disco dance
class Wednesday 4-5 p.m. for
children and teenagers. £1.20 per
class. All welcome.

Deaf Enterprises

At 2A Sundrive Park, Ballinlough
Road, give a service in re-
upholstering, restoring, and
French polishing, caravan
cushions and curtains made, and
new furniture also made to order.
Tel. No. 294111/294100.

Mobile Library

The City Library (Tel. 277110)
has a Mobile Unit ("Big Brown
Van") on the Curraheen Road on
Tuesdays from 10.00 a.m. - 1.00
p.m. and 2.00 - 5.30 p.m.

CORK'S BRIGHTEST MAGAZINE

In the April Fold, Tom Hayes reports
on the power of the Media. The
focus is on Ballinora Parish. And a
woman who had suffered from
domestic violence talks from her
experience.

ALL THIS AND MORE FOR JUST 60P.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue
visitation at Magazine
Road/College Road during the
week.

Bulletins to the Homes

As Easter falls on the third
Sunday of April, we would ask all
those involved in the
distribution to the homes to
deliver them on the second
Sunday, 9th April.

Thank You, "45" Club!

The ladies arriving for cards
last Thursday were somewhat taken
aback to find that the bulletin
folders had taken possession of
the C.P. Centre. However, with
extreme graciousness, they
adjourned to Criona Barry's
house. Thank you, ladies. We
did appreciate your co-operation.
Thank you, Criona.

Lough Derg

One-day Retreats will be
conducted on Lough Derg in May
and September on certain dates.
Details may be had at the C.P.
Centre or in the church porches.

Life Pregnancy Care Service

LIFE is a voluntary, non-denominational, non party-political, association. We believe that all human beings have the right to life from the moment of conception, so we offer a service that cares for both you and your child. We are at 77 Grand Parade, tel. 270445.

2 Sunday. Is. 43:16-21. Ps. 125. Phil. 3:8-14. Jn. 8:1-11.

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