



6th Sunday of Easter

**BALLINEASPAIG  
BULLETIN**

Sunday, 21st May, 1995

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
DEANERY'S OFFICE, CO. DN.FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM***Fr. John writes***ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR  
PERU AND ECUADOR**

Please remember it's next weekend. They deserve our support.

SCANDALS IN the sanctuary and defections from the priesthood have altered people's perception of the priest. In these uncertain days more people, especially the young, tend to look at the priest with the raised eyebrows of suspicion. This is especially the case in the Church of a Sunday morning.

It sets me thinking. Do we priests really use our product, the Gospel of Christ Jesus, or do we merely advertise it? Do we really spend our lives in the house of God, or do we merely conduct a professional guided tour on Sunday mornings?

In the back of the congregation's mind may easily rise the thought, as they hear the priest deliver his homily, "After all, he has to say that. He is supposed to say it. But does he believe it? And does he live up to it himself?"

Help thy brother's boat across, and lo!  
thine own has reached the shore.

*Old Hindu proverb*



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**WEEK OF PRAYER AND RENEWAL  
MAY 20-26**

Fr John Manley O.F.M. Cap and Fr Matthew Hoey O.F.M. Cap will lead our parish in the Week of Prayer and Renewal. It begins with Mass on Saturday evening, 20th and continues until evening Mass on Fri 26th. The Mass schedule is:

Date	Mass	Mass
Sat 20	-----	6.15pm
Sun 21	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>7.30pm</u>
Mon 22	10.00am	7.30pm
Tues 23	10.00am	7.30pm
Wed 24	10.00am	7.30pm
Thur 25	<u>10.30am</u>	7.30pm
Fri 26	10.00am	7.30pm

Note the extra Mass on Sunday evening. There is a special Mass for the Sick and Housebound on Thursday at 3.00pm in the Crypt. Confessions daily after Mass.

DO WE APPRECIATE  
OUR SISTERS?

Ronald Rolheiser, in a recent edition of the Catholic Herald, has this to say in praise of nuns.

During the past thirty years, the years between Vatican II and today, within Roman Catholicism in the Western world, nuns, as a group in comparison to other groups, have done the following:

- 1) Taken the teaching of Vatican II the most seriously.
- 2) Risked the most in terms of money and institutional security in the type of commitments they have chosen to make on the basis of gospel principle.
- 3) Taken the most seriously the gospel demand to make a preferential option for the poor.
- 4) Sustained a life of prayer and private morality as well, or better, than any other group.
- 5) Given more to the Catholic community and received less in return.

Yet these, our Sisters, are short on vocations, and short on being understood by the secular world.

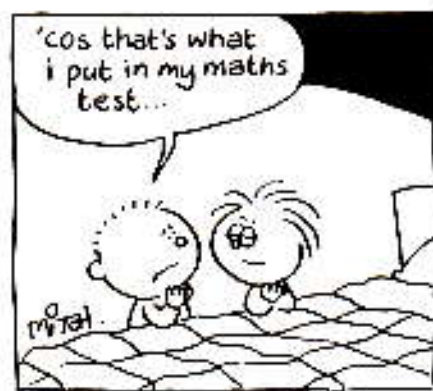
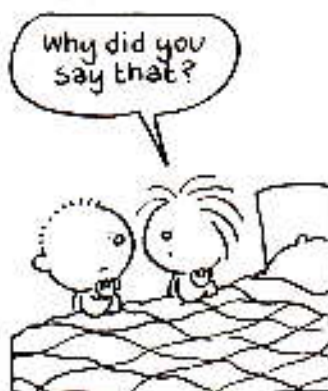
# Point to Ponder

## These Other Sins

At a recent meeting of our Bulletin team, for some reason the subject of honesty came up. We all agreed that those of us who were middle-aged (or middle-aged plus!) were brought up to believe that there was really only ONE SIN. Even our younger members agreed. As for honesty, tell the girl at the cash desk that you seem to have been under-charged and see the look of surprise.

We went on to cite what we in this day and age saw as sinful - the person who discards the supermarket trolley against the back of your car, the motorist who ploughs through the muddy puddles at speed without a thought for pedestrians, the person who 'puts down' another person insensitively....

If you have any thoughts on these modern day sins, write and let us know.







# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## SOULS PINK AND BLUE?

The visits to Cork and elsewhere by Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B. were well covered by the media.

In a TV interview, she answered questions on a wide range of issues, feminist spirituality and women's role in the Church included.

An only child, her father died when she was only three and she was adopted by her Presbyterian stepfather. She entered the Benedictines at an early age. There she was encouraged to develop spiritually and intellectually and was encouraged to respond to the social inequalities in the world.

Her spirituality was based on her Benedictine background: forty years of praying and singing the Psalms three times a day as well as praying and meditating on Scripture. All the answers were to be found there.

She spoke out strongly against the homelessness and the hunger of so many women in Third World Countries who are treated like pack animals to carry water and produce.

She was critical of the exclusion of women from any meaningful role in the Church and was certainly not impressed by tokenism.

She could not, she said, believe in a God who created pink souls and blue souls! Surely God's grace was available to women and to men in equal measure. I don't know of any theologian who could disagree with that!



We offer our sincere sympathy to MARIE STOUT, Mount Eden, Model Farm Road, on the death of her father, Michael Barrett, whom Marie had been caring for in her home for the past few years.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS

With Jerry our friendly coach driver and the sun shining beautifully, twenty-five ladies of the Friendship Club and three Sisters from St. Joseph's Convent, set out on Tuesday 9th May at 1 p.m. for the Model Railway Village in Clonakilty. The guide there took us on a tour of the Village and explained everything to us as we went along. It was very interesting and well worth a visit.

We then went to O'Donovans Hotel where we had a beautiful afternoon tea, after which we boarded our coach and off to Inchydoney. We walked about and enjoyed the fresh sea breeze and beautiful fresh air.

On then to the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon, for a wonderful meal. It was then time to board the coach for our return home.

Thanks to Jerry for taking care of us, and thank God for the beautiful day.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to all the children from St. Catherines and other schools who made their First Holy Communion in recent weeks.



**Mass for Sick and Housebound**

On Thursday, 25th May, at 3 p.m. in the Crypt. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass.

A reminder to the Contact People to ensure that transport is available where required.

As always the organisers are dependant on the wonderful response from Contact People and parishioners who supply sandwiches and cakes, to ensure that those who attend the Mass enjoy the social aspect afterwards.

**Ascension Thursday**

Next Thursday, 25th May, is a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Masses on Thursday at 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m.

**Children's Mass**

Will take place on Sunday 28th at 10.30 a.m. Practice for those who wish to participate will be held on Saturday 20th and 27th at 2.30 p.m. in the Church.

**Visitation**

Fr. Finbarr will visit Model Farm Road this week.



**PARISH-DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO  
LOURDES 11-16 JUNE**

If you wish petitions to be brought to Lourdes, leave them in the Sacristy, or contact Fr. Finbarr.

**Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle**

Our final Recital of the season 94/95 will be given by the eminent broadcaster, Dan Murphy, on Wednesday next 24th May at 3 p.m. in the Crypt of our Church at Dennehy's Cross. Everybody is welcome.

We thank all those who supported us during the season.

**Help Needed**

The U.N.I.C.E.F. Shop, Market Parade, seeks volunteers to help for a few hours each week. Tel. 278010.

**Irish Guide Dogs Association**

Would like to thank all those who helped with the recent church gate collection.



**Festival of Music**

At 8 p.m. on Sunday May 28th at St. Joseph's Church S.M.A. Wilton. Taking part will be Austin Gaffney - Baritone, Matt Cranitch - Fiddle, Polyphonics Barber Shop, Bealtaine Traditional Trio, Jazz Trio, Cork Airport Singers, Margaret Fradgley (M. Soprano), Liam O'Toole (Tenor), Noel Taguey (Baritone), Karl Fradgley (Singer/Songwriter), and accompanied by Michael Casey, R.T.E. Tickets £5 at door, or phone 541381 after 6 p.m.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY  
NUMBER**

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