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Emigrant Sunday



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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

The ecumenical movement which has blossomed within Christianity in the past thirty years has attuned us to the rich diversity of our religious heritage. Instead of focusing on what divides the various Christian Churches, today we recognise and appreciate what we have in common: prayer, scripture, reverence for silence, working together for justice and world peace.

"Christians Together" is a short course devised by the Parish Education Group in conjunction with Cork Bible Society to further this ecumenical spirit. It is designed to bring Catholics and members of other Christian traditions together, to share insights, to study scripture, and to pray together.

Mrs Jean Ritchie, a member of the Methodist Church will give the first presentation of the course on Tuesday next, October 10th, in the Crypt at 8.00pm. Jean is a very prominent lay member of her Church and has lots of experience both on the missions and here in Cork. We are fortunate to have her.

On successive evenings members of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Society of Friends, and Catholic traditions will present insights into the ordinary life of their Churches. It should prove an ideal opportunity to discover for ourselves something of the flavour of ecumenism at local level.

Fr John

FEAST OF HOLY ROSARY OCTOBER 7TH

We are asked to pray the Rosary daily - especially between now and Referendum date - for guidance and wisdom in our voting decision.



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER

Ballineaspaig Parish in conjunction with Cork Bible Society is holding a five-week programme called "Christians Together" on Tuesday evenings (Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Nov. 7) in the Crypt Room of the Church of the Holy Spirit, from 8.00-9.30 p.m. sharp. Guest speakers from Methodist, Presbyterian, Society of Friends, Church of Ireland and Catholic denominations will lead sessions of sharing, study and prayer. There is no fee but a small donation on the night is welcome.

Please sign the sheet in the C.P. Centre, or telephone 344452 between 10.00 and 12.30 p.m.



Congratulations to NORMA TWOMEY, "Meadows", Bishopstown Avenue, who married Michael Zieger of Germany at the Honan Chapel in June last.



DO YOU KNOW

That a little group of children (minimum age 8) meets at St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road, on Saturday morning, and each child offers 15 minutes in prayer between 9.00 and 10.00 a.m.?

Known as THE LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS they offer their prayer in love to make reparation for the hurts which the Body of Christ suffers and pray for the special needs of the Parish.

If you wish to join them or if you have a special intention you wish them to pray for, please contact the Sisters, St. Joseph's, tel. 342348.

The October FOLD

"Divorce" — a many sided question? Mission in today's Church. Changes to First Communion? Dunmanway focus. News from parishes.

ALL THIS AND MORE FOR
JUST 60p.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To celebrate the award of the Nobel Prize to Seamus Heaney we reprint below one of his less well-known poems, which appropriately blends religion and poetry.

Saint Francis and the Birds

When Francis preached love to the
birds
They listened, fluttered,
throttled up
Into the blue like a flock
of words

Released for fun from his holy lips.
Then wheeled back, whirred above
his head,
Pirouetted on brothers' capes.

Danced on the wing, for sheer joy
played
And sang, like images took flight.
Which was the best poem Francis
made,

His argument true, his tone light.

St. Francis





COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

TRUSTED WITH THE TRUTH?

These have been difficult times for the Church in Ireland. The Fr. Brendan Smyth and the Bishop Brendan Comiskey affairs, in particular, have caused trauma and hurt throughout the Church.

While accepting that the media has a duty to reflect what is going on in all of society, their treatment of both these incidents can hardly be described as balanced. The continued presentation of Fr. Brendan Smyth, especially in slow motion on TV, as a grotesque ogre, is not helpful to healing this particular wound in the Church.

But Church leadership is not exactly blameless in the matter either. Today's Christian is educated, intelligent and deserving of openness. Half-truths, evasion and patronising statements are not enough.

The numbers leaving the Church are staggering. Those remaining need to be trusted, trusted with the truth, trusted with the Good News. If we, the People of God, are not to be trusted by our leaders, then has the time come to say, "Will the last to leave please turn out the light" ?

I hope not and I don't believe so. But are we getting nearer that time?

Let not your heart be troubled.

John 14:1

EMIGRANT SUNDAY

This weekend we remember our emigrants. They are in our thoughts and in our prayers. Perhaps we will telephone them? Write them a letter? Tell them we miss them? Remember them in so many other ways?

Please visit our Emigrant Board in the Church. Look at the World Map. Add the names of 'your' emigrants. They are part of our extended Christian Family of Ballineaspig Parish. We care about them.

THE BULLETIN

Would anyone who wishes to send in items for inclusion in the Bulletin please submit them by Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning.



They Do as Parents Do

Parents should remember that children will probably follow their example rather than their advice.



NOTICE BOARD

Pastoral Council

Meeting next Monday 9th at 8 p.m.
in C.P. Centre.

Bulletins to Homes

Next weekend every home in the
parish will receive a Bulletin.
Our thanks to our distributors.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Leifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an
Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a
chlog. Tagaigi agus bigi
pairteach linn.

Industrial Peace and Job Creation

The 17th Annual Mass will be
celebrated at St. Mary's, Pope's
Quay, on Sunday 15th October at 4
p.m. Preacher will be Fr.
Michéal MacGreil, S.J., St.
Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Irish Girl Guides

Girls aged 10½ - 16 years,
welcome to join the fun and
adventure. We meet on Tuesday
nights in Bishopstown Community
School from 7.15 - 8.30 p.m. For
further details contact Rosemary
at 544529.

Bridge the Gap

Bridge sessions every Thursday
afternoon from 2.15 till 5.00
at the Glengarriff Hotel. All are
welcome - with or without a
partner.

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97:2;
Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19.

Retired Workers Association

The second Annual General Meeting
of the Association will take
place on Wednesday 18th October
at Connolly Hall, Lapps Quay, at
2.15 p.m. New members are very
welcome to attend.

Altar-Servers

The new rota and revised team
lists are available on the
sanctuary rail in the church this
weekend. Please collect your
copy. If you are reading this at
home and you have not collected
your copy, then, it is still
waiting for you on the rail. So,
drop into the church and collect
it today.

A sincere thanks to the altar-
servers who have completed their
term and welcome to the 17 new
servers. Altar server captain:
Ciara Healy, and vice-captain
Sinead Ni Dhonnchu. Altar servers
co-ordinated by Patsy Curtin,
Nora Healy and Fr. John Newman.

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The emergency number is to be used
when you can not contact the priest
at his home