



Sunday, November 26th, 1995

**BALLINEASPAIG
BULLETIN**

Feast of Christ the King

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DEANE'S CROSS, CO. WICKFROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM***Fr. Finbarr writes***WE ALL BELONG TO THE
KINGDOM OF GOD**

There once was an image of the Church (maybe there still is) that it was full of pomp and triumphalism. One would have received that impression mainly from the magnificent ceremonies which created such pageantry and colour that were often only matched in the secular world at the installation of a King or Queen or a royal wedding. I would find that model of Church very hard to accept. So it begs me to ask the question, why do we celebrate the feast today which we call 'Christ the King'.

The word King for me often implies pomp, power, pageantry. Yet the way we celebrate this feast should be seen as the opposite. We celebrate today's feast to highlight that we all belong to the Kingdom of God, rich and poor, male and female. Unlike the kingdoms of old, we hope that we are here as equals, and can bow before Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist and say humbly, 'My Lord and my God', knowing that he loves us for what we are,

and who asks us to love Him and love our neighbour.

To highlight this feast of 'humility', as acknowledgement before Jesus 'Lord and God' we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1.00 to 5.00 p.m. finishing with Benediction this Sunday. There will be times displayed in the church when we, the children of God, will be able to commit ourselves to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour, or just drop in and receive support and give thanks to Christ who is 'King' to all of us in so many different ways and for as many different reasons.

V. Sam Crowley CC

ALTAR SERVERS

On Saturday, Dean O'Connor presented Certificates to 21 Altar Servers who recently completed their duty on the altar. They are: Lorraine Kelly, Katherine Cashell, Mary Herrick, Kathleen Condon, Kevin O'Grady, Laura Hurley, Donal O'Leary, Clare O'Herlihy, Clare O'Mahony, Aoife Burke, Kieran Newton, Ciara O'Callaghan, Michéal O'Rian, Daniel Ryan, Jennifer Meade, Seán Harte-Barry, Fiona McAuliffe, Robert McDonnell, Martin McDonnell, Elaine Wheelan, and Diane Wheelan.

Letter to the Editor

Altadena,
Model Farm Road

Dear Sir,

I'm hurt that you interpreted my letter as an attempt to deprive "the many parishioners who enjoy his (Luke) articles" of his wisdom. Not so! Rather it was you who brought up a different topic - the value of Luke's contribution. My concern is that writers append their names to their writings as is standard practice all over the world. Incidentally, why should Luke's readers not continue to enjoy his contributions if his name, rather than a non-de-plume were attached?

May I briefly recap my position:

- 1) When the Bulletin stated that unsigned letters would be debarred I was mildly interested to know why one contributor was excepted.
- 2) You then changed the rules and decided that contributions need not be signed.

On principle I would object to anything that is unsigned as it is perceived to be anonymous and not worth the paper on which it is written.

May I suggest that in the interest of openness, transparency and accountability and in the interest of Luke's credibility that 'he' should sign his articles. There is nothing to fear from parishioners of the Holy Ghost; they are intelligent and well educated and well-read people.

Thank you.

Jane Quinlan



Rest in Peace

Kitty McSweeney, Wilton Gardens, died recently after a long period of failing health. Despite Kitty's recent poor health, she is remembered as a strong, energetic character who had a zest for life. Our sympathy to her husband Seán, children Marie, Tom and Eamonn, family and friends.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to SR. GERARD, St. Columba's Convent, on the death of her sister, Mrs. Josie Kiely. To JERRY HURLEY, 3 Avondale, Model Farm Road, on the death of his mother.

CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT

Featuring
MESSIAH

(Excerpt)

GLORIA

(Vivaldi)

JOHN GIBSON

(Piano)

Cor an Spioraid Naoimh & Lionsa

Conductor: Patrick Killeen

Orchestra leader: Frances Horgan

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Sunday 10th December 8.00pm

Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit
Dennehy's Cross, Cork.

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Admission (by ticket) £3.00

Students Unwaged / OAP £1.50

Family ticket (two adults / Children free) £4.50



MORE ABOUT UNDERSTANDING DRUGS A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

What should you do if you find out your child is on drugs? Sometimes a parent observes worrying behaviour for some time and has evidence to confirm that the young person is involved in drugs. In other cases crises may occur, e.g. the young person may come home under the influence of drugs or alcohol or both. If this happens to you, you should ask basic questions like "What did you take?", "How long ago?", "Did you swallow, inhale or inject the drug?" and then use common sense to decide whether there is a need to get a doctor or attend at a hospital.

If you decide that outside help is not necessary, you should stay with the young person overnight and avoid further confrontation until he is sober. Then both parents should talk to

the young person in a firm but loving and supportive way.

It is important for you to find out whether the young person is at the stage of experimenting or has been using drugs regularly. If he has been using them regularly you should refer him for assessment by your local G.P. or to a drugs treatment centre straight away.

If it is a case of having taken something once, it may never happen again if you are firm, supportive, reasonable and vigilant. If you are worried that your young person may be involved in drugs, do not hesitate to ring or call to your local community Garda or any Garda station - help, advice and a sympathetic hearing are only a phone call away.

BAPTISM

EITHNE MARY FITZGERALD, Shanid, Model Farm Road, daughter of Alesdair and Helen.
AARON WILLIAM TWOMEY, 1 Sheares Park, son of Roy and Eileen.
ROBERT TIMOTHY SHEEHAN, 30A Mount Eden, Model Farm Road, son of Patrick and Maureen.
DAVID QUAID, 74 Rossbrook, Model Farm Road, son of Michael and Christine.
SARAH COLLINS, 67 Wilton Gardens, daughter of Alan and Louise.
SIONHA NI DHEASMHUNAIGH, Rath Beg, Ros na Claise, Model Farm Road, daughter of Micheal and Ida.

ESTELA MARY DASKALAKIS, 15 Farranlea Grove, daughter of Aristidis and Patricia.
RICHARD MICHAEL BURKE, 3 Robin Hill, Magazine Road, son of John and Margo.
NICOLA MARIE and JONATHAN NOEL KEOHANE, Fernmount, Model Farm Road, son and daughter of Noel and Leonie.
ROBERT WILLIAM LYNCH, 59 Rossbrook, Model Farm Road, son of Noreen.
MAIRIN RUA NORA HAYES, Dun an Oir, Bishopstown Avenue, daughter of Daithi and Ruth.

**Prayer in Advent and Christmas**

For three Tuesdays, Nov 28th, Dec 5th and 12th, Fr John will hold meetings in the C.P. Centre preparing Scripture and prayer for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Meetings from 8.00 to 9.10pm. All welcome.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Dennehy's Cross Group of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) are holding an Open Public Meeting in the Crypt, Dennehy's Cross Church, on Tuesday 28th November at 8.30pm. The general public are welcome to attend this meeting.

THANK YOU**Thank You**

The Alverna Centre, Cork Spastic Clinic, would like to thank sincerely the residents of Laburnum Park area who contributed £59.50 to the recent collection.

Ann Canty wishes to thank the residents of Bishopstown Avenue West for their contribution to Oxfam which amounted to £46.

Acting/Directing/Production

If you are aged between 11-19 and are interested in the above, why not join C.A.T.knapps! We meet in the Cork Arts Theatre every week. New members more than welcome. Phone Tina at 308598.

Bishopstown G.A.A. Club

A presentation will be made to Fr. Michael Dorgan at the Club on Wednesday 29th November at 8 p.m.

The November Draw of the Cork County Board will also take place on the same night.

Concert of Light Music

By Cork Youth Orchestra at City Hall on Saturday 2nd December at 8 p.m. Soloist: Nicholas O'Halloran (Piano). Tickets available at Pro Musica, Oliver Plunkett Street.

**Developing Self Esteem,
Preventing Bullying**

Gaelscoil Uí Riada have organised a second lecture by Rosemary O'Connell, Child Psychologist in the Main Lecture Theatre, Cork University Hospital on Monday, 4 December at 8 p.m. Fee £2.

P.T.A.A.

Sunday 3rd December has been designated Temperance Sunday and anyone wishing to take a Temporary Pledge may be enrolled and get badges at the C.P. Centre after the 10.30 and 12.15 Masses on that day.

St. Finbarr's H & F. Club

The annual Mass for the repose of the souls of deceased members of the Club will be celebrated at the Club Pavilion on Monday 27 November at 8 p.m. All welcome.

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