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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENISH-CROSS CORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

"ONLY GOOD THINGS"

Ballincollig is only six miles away. It was almost 14 years after entering the convent that I saw the outside, let alone the inside, of my own home. A neighbour said, when I eventually did get home, that if I had been in Africa I would be home sooner. That was the way things were in those days and we took them in our stride.

When we were given permission to go home all our fathers, God rest them, were up with the lark. We left the convent before the Wren Boys on St. Stephen's morning. That was the time of year when most of us who lived nearby went home. One of the things I used to enjoy was going to Mass in the morning and meeting all the old neighbours and hearing all the news.

I remember once having a conversation before Mass. A group of women were discussing another, who was not present. "Do you know something about her?" said one in a loud whisper, "When she talks she says only

good things." The others agreed. I thought what a wonderful tribute from one's own neighbours. I know the lady in question, a very ordinary person, but when I thought about it I knew that what was said was completely true.

I don't know what triggered off the memory this year, because it happened almost twenty years ago. I suppose that it was such a "good thing" to hear about anyone that it is worth remembering.

Sr. Ursula.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to EAMONN YOUNG, Woodleigh Park, Model Farm Road, on being honoured with the "Hall of Fame Award" at Jury's annual Sports Stars Banquet.

Eamonn comes from a family with a long tradition of dedication to Gaelic games and culture. His late father, Jack, and brother, Dr. Jim, were All-Ireland medal holders as well as himself. This tribute was well deserved.

Readings for Sunday 21 January

Is. 8:23 - 9:3, Ps. 28, 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17, Mt. 4:12-23.



Una Vaughan, Colloge Road, died in Dublin just before Christmas. She had been unwell for a considerable time. She was a lady whose life was dedicated to her Faith, her family, and Christian values. She radiated these qualities cheerfully to all around her. We extend sincere sympathy to her family, Julia (Dublin), Norma (Colloge Road), Toni (U.S.A.) and Jacinta (Australia).

We pray for the late Michael C. O'Sullivan, "Moyola", Cherrygrove, Model Farm Road, who died recently. Michael had a great inner strength which came from a profound depth of faith. He was well known because of his profession as an engineer. To those who knew him well, his faith and great sense of family were the most important values in his life. To his wife and family we offer our deepest sympathy.

Paddy Duggan, Laburnum Lawn, died on 27th December after a long illness borne with great dignity. Paddy was best known for his life-long dedication to the Catholic Boy Scouts movement. His influence for good on countless young boys was incalculable. He was also a loyal and faithful family man. We extend heartfelt sympathy to his wife Maura, his family, brothers and sisters. Requiem Mass was concelebrated by his brother Fr. Joe (Florida) and several priest friends from scouting days.

Ida O'Sullivan, Liam Lynch Park, died peacefully at the University Hospital where she had worked for many years. She was a bright, warm and ever active person who took delight in the simple pleasures of life. Our sympathy to Celia and Jack, with whom she lived, and the rest of the family.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to SEAMUS KELLY, Laburnum Park, on the death of his father. To TIM DUGGAN, Sheares Park, on the death of his mother, Julia.

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

WELCOME HOME

In the extensive media coverage of the death of the late ex-president of France, Francois Mitterrand, I was intrigued to learn that he described himself as a reluctant atheist! Knowing that he was shortly to die he was asked if he expected to meet God and, if so, what he expected God would say to him. His answer was that God might well say to him, "At last you know the answer!" But then he added, "Perhaps He might add, 'You're welcome!'"

I hope that God was there, too, to welcome the late Pat Tierney, poet and street artist active in Dublin AIDS Alliance. Pat was born to a teenage unmarried mother in the west of Ireland. In various institutions he was sexually and physically



abused, became involved in petty crime, went to the U.S. and became infected with the HIV virus. It all became too much for him. He hanged himself in a Dublin churchyard.

It's a strange world, isn't it? Francois Mitterand lived a full life in the international limelight and died with no certainty in his heart that God would be waiting for him.

Pat Tierney lived less than half that lifespan but in the shadows. He, too, must have wondered about the existence of God.

Theologians may debate the existence of God and the purpose of life. For these two men life is over and the final truth has been revealed. I pray that their contributions to others earns them a place in the kingdom.

CHRISTMAS PUZZLES

Teenage Quiz. From the correct answers we drew out the following winner:
Claire Layton, 1 Park Villas.

Answers:

- 1) German
- 2) Newcastle United
- 3) Alicia Silverstone
- 4) Seamus Heaney
- 5) Ruairi Quinn
- 6) Canberra
- 7) Bill Clinton
- 8) Boyz II Men/Mariah Carey
- 9) Everton
- 10) 6
- 11) 1996
- 12) Robbie Williams
- 13) Portugal
- 14) 15
- 15) Ken Saro-Wiwa

Twenty-four solutions came in for the crossword of which eight were all correct. From these we drew the following for a prize:

Colm Lynch, 23 Tara Lawn.

Garry Lee, 23 Merlyn Lawn.



Puzzle Page. Unfortunately, no correct solutions were received. It is hoped, however, that there will be a carry-over of the prize to next Christmas (1996) puzzle!

Answers:

- 1) Killarney
- 2) Kenmare, Co. Kerry. Year 1932.
- 3) Materials used - stone - very unusual.
- 4) Limerick City.
- 5) Killimer, Co. Clare.
- 6) Ballingeary, Baile atha Ghaorthaidh.
- 7) Co. Cork.
- 8) (b) $4 \div \frac{1}{2} = 2$ incorrect
 $4 \div \frac{1}{2} = 4 \times 2 = 8$
(d) $8 - (-5) = 12$ incorrect
 $8 - (-5) = 13$
(e) $-11(9-9) = 11$ incorrect
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- 9) Zero - if three letters match the three envelopes so also will the fourth.
- 10) Five apples.



Bulletins to Homes

Next week-end bulletins will be delivered to every home in the parish.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

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

Liturgy Group

Meeting this Monday 15th at 8.10 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Friendship Club

Recommences on Monday 15th in C.P. Centre.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

TEENS DISCO on Friday 19th, 8.00-11.00p.m. in Club Pavilion. Adult supervision. Adm. £3.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Under Age Section A.G.M. on Wednesday 24th January at 8 p.m. Members and intending members please note.

People of Faith

Monthly Mass on Thursday 18th at 8 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Coachford.

YOUTH TABLE-QUIZ

A fun Table-Quiz for youths of 11-14 years will be held on Friday, 26th January in the Crypt of Dennehy's Cross Church from 7.00-9.00pm. First Prize: vouchers for "Quasar" and other prizes. Cost: 50p each or £2 per table. Phone John, 541572, for further details and booking arrangements.

**BOOK
REVIEW**

Journeying With The Lord by Carlo Maria Martini (available at Veritas) consists of reflections for each day of the year and is an excellent New Year Gift. On the subject of **Prayer and the Awareness of Reality** he writes:

"We could say that prayer is in some way the very essence of humans who put themselves transparently in the light of God, recognise who they are and, as they recognise themselves, recognise the greatness of God, His holiness, His love, His merciful will. In a word they recognise all the divine reality and the divine design of salvation as they have been revealed by the crucified and risen Lord.

Before it is a word, before it is a formulated thought, prayer is a perception of reality which immediately flowers in praise, adoration, thanksgiving and in a demand for mercy from Him who is the source of all being. From this global, synthetic and spiritually concrete experience the following fundamental points emerge in their appropriate place:"

By T.J. Waldron

Editor's note: If you have read a good book recently we welcome short reviews from any parishioner (up to 150 words).

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