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**BALLINEASPAIG  
BULLETIN**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENEHYS CROSS, COBKFROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

**GLORIOUS GREEN**

GREEN IS a wonderful colour. In Roublev's famous icon of the Trinity green is the colour worn by the figure who represents the Holy Spirit. It symbolises the fact that the Spirit gives life and renews the whole of creation.

When God made green he made plenty of it, especially in our own Emerald Isle. At this time of year it is exciting to watch the different shades which appear almost daily. Soon everything except the sky will be a different shade of green. We will walk through it, on it and under it as more and more green shoots and leaves appear. Emeralds cost money and are an expensive gift. We can enjoy a country wrapped in glorious green for free.

An English lay-woman and a mystic called Carol Houselander, has a lovely thought. She says that, at this time of year, the budding chestnut trees are like tiny hands joined in prayer which open to say, "The Lord be with you" to the world. Watch for them.

**What is the meaning of  
Holy Communion?**

The Catholic Church's response to this question as given in last week's Bulletin was of necessity abbreviated. To clarify the matter a little further we might quote from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994):

*"The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained. This presence is called 'real' - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."*

You will find something  
far greater in the woods  
than you will in books.  
Stones and trees will  
teach you what you can  
never learn from masters.

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## COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

### GARDEN OR MUSEUM?

It must be something of a rarity to witness a well-balanced programme on a very controversial subject, that of women priests. Yet I felt that RTE 1 managed to do that on their recent "Would You Believe?" slot.

Commenting on the fact that Pope John Paul II recently gave the stamp of infallibility to the statement by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith that we in the Catholic Church were not having women priests, ever, Bishop Michael Smith of Meath said he accepted the statement based on Church tradition. He felt it reflected the mind of Christ.

So also did Cobnait O Gradaigh who felt that the Pope, Servant of the Servants of God, received his guidance from the Holy Spirit.

On the other hand, Fr. Gerry O'Hanlon, S.J., Dean of Theology at the Milltown Institute, questioned the statement, including the matter of infallibility of this subject. He felt that the truth will emerge, in time, through the Holy Spirit.

Patricia Coyle claimed that the Jesus Christ whom she believed in, who went out of His way to affirm women, could not be sexist.

Professor Mary McAleese wondered where all our bishops (our teachers) were? Should

they not be commenting on the matter?

Fr. O'Hanlon felt that the Pope, Cardinal Ratzinger and the Curia have lost the "warm embrace" of John XXIII, who attempted, he said, to "cultivate a garden, not guard a museum".

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh Basketball team on winning the All Ireland B Final in Dublin on Wednesday. They beat St. Joseph's, Galway, with a score of 67 - 57.

And our commiserations must go to Mount Mercy on their defeat, also on Wednesday, in the replay of the Munster Final against Ursulines, Thurles, who were a more experienced and older team. Better luck next year!

### MY CHILDREN

Perhaps my own journey and my own doubts have confused them. I do not expect that they will follow a conventional practice of faith.

But I do hope that they will retain their sense of wonder and awe at the mystery at the heart of things, that they will speak out passionately about injustice, that they will realize that they are not alone, but belong in community, that they will break bread with friends and strangers, that they will be hospitable to new ideas as well as to new people, that they will grow in strength becoming all that they are meant to be, that they will love and be loved, that they will journey to the centre of their being and in the stillness hear the voice of God.

- Anne Thurston,  
Because of her Testimony



## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to RITA O'NEILL, Farranlea Road, on the death of her brother Gerard McFerran (Ballymena). We extend our condolences to Larry, Mary Lee and Anne Clancy. To HELEN O'HEA, 1 Farranlea Park, on the death of her brother Tim Hennessy of Kanturk.



### A MOTORIST'S PRAYER

O God, every time I drive my car, help me to remember that I am responsible, not only for my own life, but also for the lives of others.

Give me patience, when progress is annoyingly and frustratingly slow, so that I may not endanger my own life and the lives of others by taking a chance to save a minute or two.

Give me courtesy, so that I may think of the other driver as well as of myself.

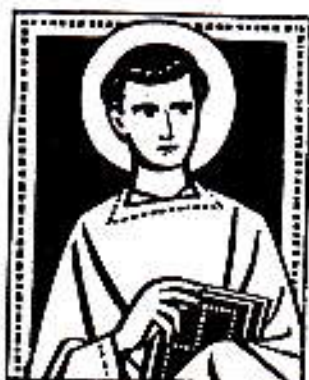
Keep me always alert, and give me wisdom to know when it is time to stop and rest.

Help me never to indulge in any habit or in any pleasure which would make me a danger to others on the road.

Help me to do everything that one can do to make life safer on the roads on which I drive, through Christ my Lord. Amen.

### WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

If one spends one's life using crude words and coarse language one will be struck dumb in a situation where gentleness and softness are needed.



ST. VALENTINE



St. Valentine's Day occurs on February 14th. St. Valentine was a Roman Priest and Physician, who for his faith and beliefs was put to death in the year 269 A.D. The legend of St. Valentine grew over the years. Prior to his execution he was imprisoned for a lengthy period and during his time in prison he was known to speak lovingly of his friends. Beyond his cell window, just within his reach, grew a cluster of violets. He picked some of the heart-shaped leaves and pricked them with the words "Remember your Valentine" and sent them off with a friendly dove. Over a period he sent many more messages which simply said "I love you". Thus the legend grew over the ages. "Those who love, remember" and send their Valentines to express their love.



Dear Saint Valentine,  
Be the friend of mine!







### Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to every home in the parish next week-end. If you do not receive one, please let us know.

### Aifreann le Gaeilge

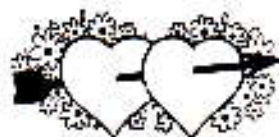
Leifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaigi agus bigi pairteach linn.

### Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday, 12th at 8 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

### Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will visit Wilton Avenue/Bishopscourt/Merlyn Lawn in the coming weeks.



### Celebration of Married Love

A special Mass to celebrate love and marriage on Valentine's Day, at 7.30 p.m. in St. Vincent's Church, Sundays Well.

### Pilgrimage to Fatima

8th-15th June, basic cost £490 plus extras. Information from Joe O'Reilly Pilgrimages, tel. 385600.

### Children of Chernoybl

A gala evening of song at City Hall on Saturday 17th at 8 p.m. Voices include Mary Hegarty, Bonoventura Bottonne, Deirdre Crowley, Willie O'Toole, and the Cork Choral Singers and Orchestra. Featuring, Verdi, Rachmaninoff, Strauss, Rossini, Beatles, Lloyd Webber, etc. Tickets on sale at Kellys, Grand Parade, and Pro Musica, Oliver Plunkett Street.

### People of Faith

Mass on Thursday 15th at 8 p.m. in St. Vincent's Church, Sundays Well. Theme: Belonging to Christ.

### VOLUNTEER COUNSELLORS NEEDED

#### a) CURA

Seeks applications, from those interested, for its service in Cork. CURA is a confidential telephone and counselling service which offers support to anyone experiencing a crisis pregnancy. It is a voluntary organisation and successful candidates will receive training. Information meeting on Monday 12th February at 10.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. Tel. No. 277544.

#### b) Marriage Counselling Service

The Cork Marriage Counselling Service is holding an Information Night for adults interested in its training, formation and personal development programme for marriage counsellors on Monday 19th February at 8 p.m. Men and women interested in beginning or continuing their own personal development and adult education, and who would like to explore the possibility of specialised training as a voluntary marriage counsellor or group facilitator, are encouraged to attend. Details on the programme will be presented and its application procedure. Tel. No. 275678.

## PRIESTS' EMERGENCY NUMBER

088-51990

Readings for Sunday 18 February  
Lev.19:1-2. 17-18. Ps.102.  
1 Cor.3:16-23. Mt.5:38-48.