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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
BALLINACROSS, CORK



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

DURING THE recent cold spell two of my nephews, aged five and seven years, were hoping we would have snow and the elder one said "fantastic". Other people were hoping that the severe cold would go away, driving would be safer, people would be able to get out and about. It highlighted for me the different expectations that we all have.

The one expectation and hope nearly all share is that there will be peace in our country. After the bomb in London there was a noticeable drop in people's spirits. A few friends of mine visited Northern Ireland for the first time recently and they loved it; is it to be their one and only trip to a peaceful Northern Ireland?

Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, a time of penance, a time of community renewal in our commitment to Christ. May I suggest, as many of us make personal sacrifices in the forty days of Lent, that we would pray as individuals, family, community, for lasting peace and justice in Northern Ireland. Often our hopes and dreams fade away, as did the dreams of snow for my nephews. Through our own personal commitment to prayer and sacrifice, let's make our hope for peace become a reality this Lent.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THREE DAYS OF PRAYER AND RENEWAL

with

FR. TONY FLANNERY C.SSR.

Mon, Tues, Wed, 11/12/13 March

10.00 a.m. each morning

7.30 p.m. each evening

APOLOGY

The comment on the Eucharist attributed to Fr. Noel O'Sullivan in the February 4th edition of the Bulletin was an unintentional misquote.

We regret the error, and the hurt caused to Fr. O'Sullivan.

LENTEN REFLECTION

"The Lord gives justice to those denied it, and food to the hungry." (Psalm 146)

In our world the richest 20% have 60 times more wealth than the poorest 20% and the gap between rich and poor continues to grow.

The Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council held its monthly meeting last Monday night. Details were finalised for the forthcoming Triduum of Prayer and Renewal to be held on 11th, 12th and 13th March. The Triduum will be directed by Fr. Tony Flannery, C SSR, and we hope for a record attendance.

Dean O'Connor outlined the problems being encountered with marking the church grounds for car parking. The members agreed that motorists should be more considerate about how and where they park cars while attending Mass.

Reports were given by members on various groups working in the parish; further reports next month.

As there was a need to co-ordinate a group for the Offertory Procession, a rota is now being put in place for all Masses until the end of the year. Our thanks to all who are participating in this ministry.

The Pastoral Council wishes to convey sincere thanks to Vincent Jones of Avondale for the magnificent inlaid mahogany cabinet made by him to hold the Bullerin Awards presented to the parish.

Next meeting on Monday 4th March at 8.30 p.m.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to
DOLORES KAVANAGH, The Grove,
Parkway, on the death of her mother
To GERARD WALSH, Merlyn Lawn,
on the death of his father
To JERRY KIELY, Wilton Road, on
the death of his brother

<u>INCOME</u>	£
Sunday & Holyday collections	66,989
Poor Clare Chapel collection	4,590
Shrines	6,374
Bank Interest	327
Folds, Directories, Booklets	1,694
Subscriptions and Insurance for use of parish property	1,774
Refunds	977
TOTAL INCOME:	82,725

<u>SUMMARY</u>	£
Income for 1995	82,725
Expenditure	82,274
Credit Balance for year	451
Credit Balance as at 1/1/1995	26,891
Credit Balance as at 31/12/95	27,342
Church Collection for year	64,228
Returned from other churches	2,761

SPECIAL CHURCH COL

C.M.A.C	£430	Peter
Emigrants	£400	Euch
Holy Places	£250	Mari
Trocaire	£2,053	Educ
Episcopal Commissions	£444	Miss
Peru	£1,798	St. A
Peru Boxes in Church	£1,122	

**COMMITTEE PRESENT
REPORT 1995**

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
Pages. PRSI	23,482
Heating and Lighting	4,308
% Levy to Diocesan Office	5,601
Insurance	2,539
Door Clare Chapel maintenance	2,500
Government Levy of £9.50 for each primary school child in parish	5,100
Church requisites (shrine lights, candles, breads, wines, laundry, flowers, etc.)	5,384
Printing Bulletin, stationery and missalettes	7,054
Cathedral Renovation Fund	3,000
Expert Tiles	2,888
Painting and decorating	11,312
Telephones	1,391
Bank charges	311
Repairs and maintenance	5,472
Books	645
Miscellaneous	1,287
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	82,274

COLLECTIONS 1995

St. Pence	£720
Historic Procession	£311
Booth College	£720
Station of Priests	£875
Prayer Sunday	£1,175
St. Anne's Adoption Soc.	£550

SEASON OF LENT

MASSES

Monday to Friday: 7.30a.m., 9.00a.m.
10.00a.m., 7.30p.m.

Thursdays after 7.30 p.m. Mass. There will be a half-hour quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Ash Wednesday - 23rd February

Day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed after Mass at 7.30a.m., 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m.

Trocaire boxes are available in the church.

MEDITATIONAL THEMES

Ash Wednesday

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." (Mk 1:15). At the start of our Lenten period Christians are called to focus upon their spiritual life and how it influences behaviour.

Thursday

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." (Lk 4:18). Once again we are reminded of our vocation as followers of Christ.

Friday

"Today scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 4:21). Lent gives us the opportunity to convert words and deeds.



prayer · fasting · almsgiving

Volunteer Counsellors Needed

The Cork Marriage Counselling Service is holding an Information Night on Monday 19th February at 8 p.m. for adults interested in its training, formation and personal development programme for marriage counsellors. 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

Children's Mass

At 7.15 p.m. on Saturday 2nd March in the Crypt.

P.E.A.C.E.

Booking is now open at the Everyman Palace for the National Song Contest for Peace, which will take place at the Everyman on Sunday 10 March at 8 p.m. Adm. £5. Special guest stars include The Cowhie-Ryan Irish Dance Group and The Stargazers.

An Appeal

St Luke's Home, Castle Road, Mahon, would be grateful to receive donations towards their new home for the elderly. Please contact Joan Jeffery, 359444.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
NUMBER**

088-51990

Ministers of the Eucharist

Present and past Ministers are invited to a special Mass on Tuesday 27th February at 8 p.m. in the Crypt.

Temperance Sunday

Today is a special day of prayer for temperance. We pray for all those who have addictions of any kind.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will visit Wilton Avenue, Bishops court and Merlyn Lawn in the coming weeks.

Music Table Quiz Fun Night

St. Catherine's Parents Assoc. are holding a music quiz (60s, 70s, 80s) on Friday 23rd at 8.30 p.m. in Highfield RFC, £12 per table. Parents, teachers, friends of the school and everybody - all welcome.

Social Evening

Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh Parents' Association will hold a social evening for parents and friends at Highfield Rugby Club on Friday 1st March, 9.00-1.00 a.m. Buffet Supper : Music : Spots. Tickets £10 available from school.

Cork C.B.S.I.

Annual memorial Mass for deceased scout friends will be held at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay (St. Martin's Chapel) on Friday 23rd at 8 p.m.

Readings for Sunday 25 February

Gen.2:7-9,3:1-7, Ps.50, Rom.5:12-19, Mt.4:1-11.