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**BALLINEASPAIG
BULLETIN**

St. Patrick's Day

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DEHNEMYS CROSS, DUBLINFROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM***Fr. Finbarr writes*

Many of us would have sent St. Patrick's Day cards abroad to families and friends, wishing them all the best on our National Feast. Part of my wishes sent to people has always been "Be proud to be Irish".

This year this wish was a little bit muted, because the past year has been an embarrassing one for many of us Irish men and women. The joy of the peace process that we shared last year is now in doubt, and very few of us want to be associated with that violence. The scandals that have hit the Church have also made many of us that bit less jubilant in proclaiming to all the world that we come from an island of "saints and scholars".

As I was often told at a half-time pep-talk during a match, "are you going to lie down and be hammered, or come out fighting and show a bit of pride in yourselves?"

I believe that I, as an Irishman, have a lot to be proud of what generations before me have worked hard for. I don't intend to lie down and have all the good that has been done by generations of Irish people at home and abroad just vanish.

WHAT IS LITURGY ?

The question is sometimes asked: What is Liturgy?

One answer to the question is that liturgy is the PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. Good liturgy builds up Faith. On the other hand, sterile or mediocre liturgy undermines Faith.

Another answer to the question is that liturgy is RITUAL PRAYER, celebrated in COMMUNITY. Prayer is a gift from God. Our God loves us and gifts us with the ability to pray. We experience this love of God and we celebrate that fact in prayer. In order to celebrate it really well, we need good liturgy.

Are you playing your part in building up liturgy here in the Church of the Holy Spirit?

**Bible Insights**

Canon Harold Miller, Church of Ireland rector in Carrigrohane will lead a study on the Gospel of St. John in our Crypt next Friday March 22nd at 8.00p.m. until 9.15p.m. All are welcome. Harold is a colourful speaker and is highly regarded. He has particular expertise in literary studies which should bring a happy enrichment to this Bible presentation.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous can be contacted at (021) 500481 every night from 8.30-10.00p.m. or at PO Box 137, Eglinton Street. All enquiries are treated in strict confidence.

**LENTEN MEDITATIONAL
THEMES**

WEEK FOUR - EMPOWERMENT

1. *"Do not hold back from those who ask your help when it is within your power to do so."* (Proverbs 5:27)
Renew the face of the earth

2. *"...fan into a flame the gift of God that you possess."* (2 Tim 1:6)
Breathe a new spirit of action for justice into your life.

3. *"...you will receive the power of the Holy Spirit which will come to you and you will be my witnesses..."* (Acts 1:1-8). Unwrap and use the gifts given to you at Confirmation.

4. *"...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these..."* (Jn. 14:12). Inspired by the Spirit, let us look at our world anew.

5. *"I command you to be open-handed towards your brothers and towards the poor."* (Deut. 15:11). Let us be prepared to take risks for the kingdom.

Calcutta Fund

Supper Dance in aid of the Calcutta Fund will be held on 27th March in Jury's Hotel at 8 p.m. Music Ceoltoiri Cois Laoi. Tickets £6 available at C.P. Centre (mornings).

P.E.A.C.E. WEEK

Just when we were all becoming complacent, we were suddenly brought back to reality by the I.R.A. Canary Wharf bombing.

But that extraordinary man, Cecil Hurwitz, hasn't become complacent. Nor has he ever given up - in twenty years - on asking for prayers for Peace and Reconciliation. P.E.A.C.E. Week began on Sunday March 3rd with a Peace Mass in St. Augustine's Church. It concluded with a United Peace Service in the beautiful church of the Way of the Cross in Togher.

Very Rev. Fr. Michael Riordan, P.P. warmly welcomed all, including representatives of the Hebrew congregation, the members of the various Christian Churches as well as Catholics.

Bishop John Austin Baker was unable to travel from London because of illness. With very short notice the sermon was preached by Rev. Roy Warke, Church of Ireland Bishop of Cork. He spoke of the great need for forgiveness and reconciliation, repeating the invitation of the Lord Mayor (also present) at the recent Peace March to cease the violence. Bishop Warke claimed that no one with peace in their hearts could inflict violence on anyone.

P.E.A.C.E. Week ended on a novel note (no pun intended!) with the First National Song Contest for Peace in the Everyman Palace Theatre on Sunday night.

First and second prizes of £1,000 and £500 went to David Murphy of Blarney for his songs, 'The Promised Land' and 'Love is All we Need'. Third prize of £300 went to the Togher Music Project for their song 'It's Up to You'.



Mary Cowman, Farranlea Park, died peacefully in Marymount hospice after a period of failing health. Mary enjoyed the simple things of life, her garden, her home, her friends, her family. She was a quiet and gentle presence in our midst. Our sympathy to her daughter, Vera, son Desmond, daughter-in-law Helen, and family. We remember Mary's brother-in-law, Paddy Cowman, Dublin, who has been taken from us so unexpectedly in the meantime.

William Raymond Leahy, Farranlea Park, died peacefully at his daughter's residence recently. Ray was no stranger in the Church of the Holy Spirit where he attended Mass daily. He is remembered with affection as a gentle and kind man who conducted his affairs with honour. We offer sympathy to his two daughters, Patricia and Valerie, son James, grandchildren and extended family.

John Halpin, a young man from Dublin, working in Cork, and living in Victoria Village, died unexpectedly recently. John was deeply committed to working with Cork Simon Community. His death came as a big shock to his family, friends and colleagues to whom we offer our sympathy and prayer.

North Cathedral Fund

A Grand Concert in aid of the Renovation will be held on Sunday 31st March in Dennehy's Cross Church at 8 p.m. Performers on the night are: The Fleischmann Choir and Cork School of Music Symphony Orchestra performing Faure's Requiem & Cesar Frank's Symphony. Soloists are Helen Hassett, Soprano and Gordon Garde, Baritone, and the conductors will be Geoffrey Spratt and Adrian Petcu. Admission £5, family £12, O.A.P. and groups £3. Tickets available in C.P. Centre (mornings).

We offer our sincere sympathy to SR. CATHERINE GOLDEN, St. Joseph's Convent, and TERRY GOLDEN, Wilton Road, on the death of their sister in England.

To EILEEN LORDAN, Parklea Court, on the death of her brother in Bandon.

To VALERIE KEHOE, Rosebrook, on the death of her sister.

To GERALDINE NOLAN, Rossbrook, on the death of her father.

To MARGARET FITZGERALD, Liam Lynch Park, on the death of her brother in Charleville.

TEEN news

Youth Club

We meet in the crypt each Monday from 6.30 to 8.00p.m. Great fun for all. 12-18 year olds welcome. We go to discos, cinema, bowling etc. A great night was had in bowling with Canovee Youth Club. A First Aid course is being held at present.

A Passion for Fashion

The transition year students at Bishopstown Community School, in conjunction with Profile Model Agency, present a FASHION SHOW on Tuesday 19th March at Jurys Hotel at 8 p.m. Tickets £3.50 students, £5 adults, available from transition year students or School Reception.

Charismatic Youth Conference

Will take place in Neptune Stadium on 23/24 March, consisting of prayer, praise, personal testimony, reconciliation and Mass. The main speaker will be Kerryman Fr. Brendan Williams, now working in the diocese of Trenton, New Jersey.



Easter Dues

Dues envelopes will be delivered to homes in the parish in the coming days.

If you are returning envelopes direct to either of the curate's houses, please use the letterbox on inner door only.

Monday 18th March

Mass will not be celebrated at 7.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will continue visitation on Magazine Road/College Road during the coming week.

For Children and Parents

Would you come and stay 15 minutes once a week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? Little Friends of Jesus is a group of children, some accompanied by a parent, who come on a rota basis to spend a quarter of an hour with Jesus. They are doing what we all can do - praying, loving Jesus and getting to know how much He loves them.

Please ring Sr. Catherine, St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, tel. 342348.

Respite Care/Break away from Home

Again this year, St. Patrick's, Upton, with the help of the S.H.B. who is grant aiding, will run Respite Care/a break away from home for males and females with a mental handicap who are over 18 years of age and living in the S.H.B. area. It also applies to the Main Carer. Priority will be given to those who have no service. There is no charge. It begins from 1st April. Tel. 775202, Fax. 775583.

Bishopstown Community Association

The Annual General Meeting will take place at Wilton Park House on Tuesday 19th March at 8 p.m. Residents' Associations and individuals willing to make a contribution in respect of community matters are invited to attend.

Making Sense of Osteoporosis

Meeting in Jurys Hotel on Monday 25th March at 8 p.m. All welcome. Admission £1.

Pilgrimage to Rome

For the Beatification of Br. Edmund Ignatius Rice on 6th October. Total cost £327. Details from Mr. D. Nolan, North Monastery Secondary School, tel. 301318.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly Recital will take place on Wednesday next, 20th March at 3 p.m. in the Crypt. Do come and enjoy an afternoon of glorious music, presented by Michael Cotter.

Chernobyl Children's Project

Benefit Night at Ardmanning House, Togher, on Saturday 23rd March from 9 p.m. Tickets £3 available at door or tel. 546040. Music, spot prizes, raffles.

Readings for Sunday 24 March
Ez.37:12-14.Ps.129.Rom.8:8-11.
Jn.11:1-45.

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