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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbar writes



JUNE IS the month when most priests celebrate the anniversaries of their ordinations.

I thank God that this weekend I celebrate 16 years of priesthood. I pray that I have been and will be a faithful servant of the Lord. In my priesthood I'm so aware that only for "the grace of God" my ministry may have been different.

For me "the grace of God" has been apparent most of all amongst my family, friends and parishioners whom I have had the privilege to know during the past 16 years and hopefully in the future. Whenever the going got tough, thankfully there were people around me who always gave me the strength and encouragement to hang in there.

As I write this little note, I wonder do you, the people of this parish, have an awareness of your powerful ministry to us priests. Your words of encouragement, your open doors and welcome, the

challenge at times to be aware of what's happening in the 'real world' and our response to it. I thank you for those gifts given to us by you, because we are priests.

I'd like to thank you for the privilege of working amongst you. A priest is chosen from the people of God, priesthood is the ministry that God has called me to, but it could not be lived out to the full, were it not for the ministries of care and encouragement that are received daily from you all.



ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Sunday 9th June.

Parishioners will assemble in the grounds of the church at 2.45 p.m. and move off promptly via College Road.

1996 is the 70th anniversary of the first Eucharistic Procession in Cork. Do you know of anybody who took part in this Procession in 1926? A special place will be provided for these people near the Altar at Daunt's Square. Relatives are invited to bring them along.



Rest in Peace

Mrs. Mary O'Riordan lived with her daughter, Mary Murphy, and husband and family at 5 Parkway Drive, Model Farm Road. Mary was a gracious and refined lady with a smile and a welcome for all visitors to their home. She was taken ill quite unexpectedly just a few days prior to her death on the 8th May. We tender sincere sympathy to her family, her grandchildren, and her many friends in the community.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Infant Jesus Sisters at St. Joseph's Convent on the death of Sr. Columba O'Donoghue, who spent over forty seven years of missionary life in Tokyo, Japan, and returned to Cork in October 1994. She passed away peacefully on the Monday before Pentecost.



Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married during the past months:

OONAGH SCRIVEN, Kenley Drive, who married Michael Moynihan, Ballydowney, Killarney.

SUZANNE McLOUGHLIN, Clonallon House, who married Edward Corcoran, Ballincollig.

PAUL CUNNINGHAM, 30 Wilton Gardens, who married Jean Cawley, Palmerstown Park, Dublin.

CONOR McGOWAN, 9 The Manor, Model

Farm Road, who married Christine Walsh, Montenotte.

CATHERINE O'DONOGHUE, 49 Wilton Gardens, who married Martin Neary, Carrigrohane.

MICHELLE REARDON, 8 Farranlea Grove, who married Sean T. O'Sullivan, Listowel.

TRACY O'SULLIVAN, Lima Ville, Woodleigh Park, Model Farm Road, who married Ivan Mulvey, Santry, Dublin.

BOOK REVIEW

"From the Snare of the Hunters"
by Jane Lane (Frederick Muller)

Having read three or four historical novels by this author, in no way prepared me for what to expect from this delightful religious book which I enjoyed immensely.

The title taken from the Antiphon for Lent, and a dust jacket depicting three crosses on a hill were the only indication of the subject which was a very feeling and touching account of the events of Holy Week. The historical and cultural background were well interwoven with the essential facts to give a very readable account of the greatest event in the world's history.

I am not in any way qualified to comment on the accuracy or otherwise of the historical facts presented or the deductions made about certain situations but I was prepared to accept them as reasonable and so I found it absorbing and I recommend it to anyone interested.

Mary A. Mooney



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A QUIET CRUSADER

CHRISTIAN COMPAGNERS on RTE 1 on Sunday night featured a priest who has been referred to as 'The Quiet Crusader', Fr. Austin Flannery, O.P. Over the years he has chaired the Anti-Apartheid Movement, worked for the socially deprived in Dublin, edited 'Doctrine and Life' and worked hard to promote and encourage young Irish artists to improve Church architecture and design in line with the 'new' liturgy. If for nothing else, Austin Flannery will be remembered for his superb editing of the Vatican II Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents.

Like all crusaders, Fr. Flannery was involved in controversy, speaking out, as he did, in the context of a very cautious Irish Church. Essentially a quiet man, he gathered round him a group of like-minded people such as Sean MacReamoinn, journalists, broadcasters and others who became known as 'Flannery's Harriers' or 'The Plastered Saints': they sometimes met in a pub!

They worked hard to "put an end", in Austin Flannery's words, to "clerical pomposity" and to involve all God's people in the Church. "After Vatican II", he said, "the genie is out of the bottle - and there's no putting it back!"

During the programme, an

interesting observation was made. The media, during Vatican II, was used extensively to spread the news of all that went on at the Council.

Today, the media is much maligned and is accused of being anti-Church. Most of its commentators, it is claimed, are agnostic. Certainly, in the Irish context, these very commentators would have largely come from a Catholic background. The question was asked: "Why are they now agnostic?"

I would suggest that the answer might tell more about the Catholic Church in Ireland than it would about the media or its commentators.

THOSE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKENDS

The trouble with Bank Holiday weekends is that they make you feel so GUILTY. You keep thinking you should be going to exciting places and having a wonderful time - like all those other people.



"IT'S THE SAME EVERY BANK HOLIDAY!"



NOTICE BOARD

Pastoral Council

Meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Crypt on Monday 10th June.



Ministers of the Eucharist

New rotas are ready for collection at the altar rails this week-end.

BULLETIN

Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to homes in the parish next week-end.

Mass for Sick and Housebound

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 15th June at 3 p.m. in the Crypt. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass.

A reminder to the Contact people to ensure that transport is available where required.

As always, the organisers are dependent on the wonderful response from Contact people and parishioners who supply sandwiches and cakes to ensure that those who attend the Mass enjoy the social aspect afterwards.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

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

Peru and Ecuador Collection

Thanks to all who contributed, which amounted to £2,245. No doubt your generosity for those less well looked after, both spiritually and materially, will be rewarded by the Lord.

School of Lay Evangelization

At St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin, will hold a week of Teachings, Inner Healing Prayer, Praise and Worship, Testimonies and Eucharist, July 7th-11th. Booking details from Sr. Mary B. Williams, 509195.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Asscn.

A reminder that new members will be enrolled at the Annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 14th June - feast of the Sacred Heart.



Readings for Sunday 16 June

Ex.19:2-6.Ps.99.Rom.5:6-11.
Mt.9.36-10:8.

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