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# BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENMYS CROSS, COBK

FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**  
*The Dean writes*

## Ave Atque Vale - Hail & Farewell

In the bulletin of the September 13th 1987, I had the pleasant duty of welcoming Fr. John Newman - a neighbour's child - to our parish. Last week's Bulletin paid a well deserved tribute to a priest who had served us unstintingly for the past nine years. May I add my word of appreciation for work well done in a quiet but very effective manner. People found it easy to deal with Fr. John, and the word "No" was never part of his vocabulary. We wish him happiness and fulfillment in his new appointment to Ballinhassig.



In his place I am happy to introduce and extend a warm welcome to Fr. Denis O'Leary. Fr. Denis is Director of Social Services for the Dioceses, and is based at the Family Centre in Paul Street. He will continue his work at the Centre, but will come to reside at No. 2 Woodlawn, and be available for Masses and other duties as may be consistent with his work at Paul Street.

I know you will find him a gentle and caring priest who will give of himself unsparingly. I know too you will take him to your hearts and welcome him to your homes - as you have so generously welcomed all of us priests who have come before him.

In time his relationship with the people of the parish will grow and mature - and hopefully be very fruitful for people and priest. We hope he will be very happy with us.

### Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council met on Monday night after the Summer recess. Sadly, there was one notable absentee, Fr. John who having been part of this community for nine years, has left us to minister in another parish. We thank him for the contribution he made to the parish, with his knowledge of the Scriptures, his support and encouragement to both young and old. We wish him well in his new parish and look forward to him returning when we will publicly acknowledge the giftedness he has been to the Parish of Ballincaspaig.

The Parish Social is arranged for the 17th October in Jurys Hotel. Tickets will go on sale during the week - Price £7.00. Any gifts for the raffle will be much appreciated and may be given to your Pastoral Council member or left into the CP Centre. This is a night when we celebrate being together as a community so do try and be part of it.

As People of God, we are called to live out that calling. We can do this in various ministries, i.e. as Ministers of the Word at Daily or Sunday Masses and for Prayers of the faithful at Sunday Masses. We need more people to participate in the Liturgy so please be generous in your response to the call.

**Tissue - A Play about Breast Cancer**

Cork Social and Health Education Project and Pyramid Theatre Company (Wales) present this production dealing with the trauma of experiencing breast cancer and a mastectomy. It will be followed by a Question and Answer Session with local Doctors and Health Board Staff. Venue - Leevue Suite at the Metropole Hotel on Wednesday September 18th at 8.00 p.m. Admission Free.



We pray for the late Betty Murphy, Bishopscourt Lawn, who died in August. Whilst her death was sudden, she had not enjoyed the best of health for the past number of years. A woman who lived an active and outgoing life up to her illness, Betty accepted her limitations of movement with great courage. She was a most alert woman always taking great interest in the affairs of all her family. The way her husband Miah cared for Betty made their marriage vows very real indeed. He had great support from all his family and their care for their mother was something of which they can all be proud. To the Murphys we offer our sympathy.

We pray for the late Sister Mary Joseph Durkan, late of St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, who died recently at the age of 91 years. She was professed in the Congregation of the Infant Jesus Sisters (Drishane Sisters) on 15th August 1927. Sr. Mary Joseph took great pride in being a Mayo woman and one of her great sayings was, "We women from the West are tough." To those who knew her, one's abiding memory must be her sense of welcome offered to everybody. For a life of service to the Lord (she was at Mass the day she died) we give thanks, and at the same time offer our sympathy to all in St. Joseph's Convent.



**BAPTISMS**

We welcome the following children into our Christian community:

AILSA JESSICA COUGHLAN, 'Peterboro', Glasheen Road, daughter of Frank and Rosemary.

KAYLEIGH TERESA FLYNN, 4 Kenley Avenue, daughter of Patrick and Mary.

JOHN PATRICK O'CONNOR, 'Leemore', Farranlea Park, son of Timothy and Catherine.

AOIFE MARY O'SHAUGHNESSY, 'Rahan House', Wilton Road, daughter of Noel and Aine.

PETER PATRICK WALSH, 59 Wilton Gardens, son of Padraig and Ruth.

AOIFE MARGARET MacNAMARA, 'Bartres', St. Clare's Avenue, daughter of Adrian and Fiona.

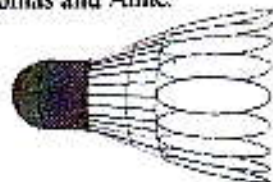
IAN DENIS WHELTON, 1 Parkway Drive, son of Denis and Patricia.

EOIN LIAM O'NEILL, 54 Rossbrook, son of John and Sheila.

JENNIFER MARIE KILCOYNE, 5 Rossbrook, daughter of Michael and Mary.

LAURA JANE EVE COADY, 'Duntaheen', Model Farm Road, daughter of Chris and Eibhlin.

EDEL MARY BURTON, 10 Victoria Village, son of Thomas and Anne.



**Melbourn Badminton Club**

The new season begins on Monday September 16th. The venues are:

Monday 9-10.30 p.m. Cork RTC Gym

Thursday 9-10 p.m. Bishopstown Community School

New members are welcome



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## The Need for Change

Holiday time lends itself to reflection, to soul-searching, to serious thinking. Again, I asked myself the question, why are we Catholic Christians so stubbornly resistant to change? Many of us claim to be orthodox, traditional Catholics. If this is so, then it must surely follow that we recognise and adhere to current Church teaching. Yet very many of us resent and reject Vatican II and all that follows from it.

Let me elaborate. In an otherwise sensitive piece on the late Canon Mac Sweeney, the obituary writer in *The Examiner* dismisses Vatican II by saying "midway on his pilgrim sojourn, Vatican II AND ALL THAT crashed into his life". Later on, he chastises "fakes and advocates of DIY or a la carte Catholicism" with their "rights of conscience."

Again, while agreeing with the need for dialogue isn't it sad to witness the infighting regarding the proposed changes in Carlow Cathedral? Surely it is time to move into an era when our liturgies can be celebrated in more apt and fitting surroundings?

Christ asked the Jews to make some fundamental changes in his time. We Christians are quick to criticise them for not measuring up. It strikes me that we don't measure up too well in our own time when it comes to change!



### Foróige Club

Are you aged between 12 and 18 years?

Do you want to make new friends?

Join the local Foróige Club - meetings every Monday night in the crypt of the church from 6.30p.m. to 8 p.m. All are welcome - next meeting on Monday September 16th.



### Research on Sensitive Teeth

Are you aged over 30 and suffer from Sensitive Teeth? If so, can you attend the Oral Health Services Research Centre in Wilton to have your level of tooth sensitivity assessed? For further information contact Ann at 901217 or 901213

### Where Did You Hear About It?

About 1990 I was reading the book reviews in the newspaper and Mary McAleese, a North of Ireland Journalist, said that, for her, the best book of 1989 was "Moment of Christ" by John Main. I bought the book and read it. It was all about 'Silent Prayer' or 'Christian Meditation'. I was very impressed and thought - this is what I have been searching for. Nonetheless, I put the book aside and said I will do it when I have time or when I'm old!

In the meantime, I was invited to a talk on 'Silent Prayer' or 'Christian Meditation' at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore. Since then, I am meditating, with the grace of God, for twenty minutes mornings and evenings, in the midst of a busy lifestyle and a noisy household. It's by doing it that it reveals itself to you. Start and it will grow on you.

A small group meeting is held each Thursday evening in the C.P. Centre, Church of the Holy Spirit, at 7.00 p.m. sharp to 7.30 p.m.

- Regular Participant



### Altar Servers

Boys and Girls who have made their First Communion and would like to become an altar server, please come to the church on Saturday October 5th at 1.p.m. For Information contact 544113



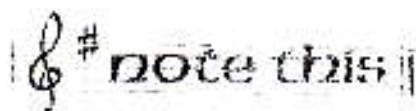
### Pre-Marriage Course

If you are from the parish and getting married in the next year, the parish course will be run during November in the CP Centre. Please give your names to one of the priests if you are interested in attending.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition will be held on First Fridays commencing on Friday 4th October from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

You are invited to come and spend a half-hour with the Lord during these times. Please enter your name in the book on the offertory table as it very important that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended at any time during Exposition.



### Gramophone Circle

The Ballincaspaig Gramophone Circle will resume the monthly recitals on Wednesday September 18th at 3.p.m. in the crypt of the church at Dennehy's Cross.

Paddy Conway will give the recital and we hope to see all our faithful supporters again and indeed new supporters will be most welcome.

### Children of Marital Breakdown

A programme for parents who are about to or have separated will be held at 34, Paul Street, Cork on Wednesday October 2nd at 6.15 p.m. Early booking is advisable, as numbers are limited. For booking or further information please ring 275678 during office hours. This is a service of the Cork Marriage Counselling Centre.



### Aerobic Classes

Classes have now started in the following venues from 10.30 to 11.30 :

SMA Wilton - Tuesday Mornings  
Bishopstown GAA - Thursday Mornings

Further Information from Veronica O'Shea at 381548

### Professional Counselling

Dr. Gillian Moore-Groarke is a registered Psychologist dealing with eating disorders, stress, marriage and personal problems. Telephone 343073 for an appointment.

### Readings for Next Sunday

The readings for Sunday 22nd September are Is. 55:6-9, Psalm 144, Phil. 1:20-24.27 and Matthew 20:1-6

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

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