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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Emigrant Sunday



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENEWYCKROSS CORK



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

Recently I was privileged to be invited to a party for a couple who were celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

The party was organized by their family, and was a surprise event for the parents. Needless to say all the family were present - all except one - the youngest daughter, who works far away in Australia.

When the assembled guests had offered their congratulations to the happy - though somewhat confused - couple, the M.C. announced a very special surprise for the parents. Everybody left the floor except the couple, and the silence and expectation was palpable. Then, to a fanfare from the band, in walked the youngest daughter, dressed like a queen, and was lost in the embraces of her parents. Not only were they in tears, but so was everybody in the hall.

The absent one is always cherished - and of course by none more than the parents. Today - on Emigrant Sunday - we remember all our own who work and wander far away. We remember them with love and affection, and especially where it counts most of all - before the Altar of God.

You are ours, and always will

be, so our prayer for you today is that you may be happy and prosper, and always remain in the love of Our Lord.

God bless you all.

Denis O'Loannas P.P.



EMIGRANT SUNDAY

We remember on this Sunday all our emigrants, those who freely left home for whatever reason and those who sadly were forced to emigrate.

We pray for them all for they are of our parish, flesh of our flesh. We hope they are doing well and we tell them we care about them.

Once again, you are invited to visit our Emigrant Board in the church. Remember your loved ones, or your friend perhaps, and add their names to the board while you visit.

THE RE-DEDICATION OF THE
CATHEDRAL OF
ST. MARY AND ST. ANNE

Last Sunday was a warm, moving and very beautiful occasion. Bishop Murphy spoke of his joy at the re-opening after 15 months of renovation work.

The Bishop spoke of the great loyalty of the people of the North Parish and rejoiced in the faith of past generations, while looking confidently towards the future.

Having blessed water, all present were sprinkled with this water as were the walls of the Cathedral.

Bishop Warke, Church of Ireland Bishop of Cork, Cloyne & Ross, presented Bishop Murphy with a beautiful bible from which the readings were taken. This gesture evoked a spontaneous burst of applause, speaking volumes for the longing for ecumenism among people.

The blessing of the new Baptistry was quite inspiring. It is fittingly situated inside the main door, signifying entry into the Christian family through our baptism. In keeping with the initiation ritual of the early church, it is sunken into the floor at the rear of the cathedral.

Later in the liturgy we had the solemn anointing of the beautiful new altar and the walls. As the sun began to fade a little and to the gentle chanting of Veni Sancte Spiritus, lights came on, candles were lit and the whole cathedral glowed with golden light, a transformation.

Before Communion, the Holy Oils were transferred to the Aumbry where they will remain

until needed to heal, comfort and sanctify.

After Communion, Bishop Murphy thanked all those present: the Papal Nuncio, his brother bishops, the dignitaries who attended, the priests and people of the parish and of the dioceses.

The solemn procession moved down the cathedral to the strains of Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven - and to moving applause to a bishop whose foresight and courage endeared him to all present.

As the congregation dispersed, Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, sung by the Cathedral Choir, augmented by the Airport Singers and the restored organ, brought the ceremony to a fitting conclusion.

As the symbol of faith of our dioceses, the restored cathedral is well worth a visit. Make it soon!



Death

We pray for the late Mary Murphy, Sheares Park, who died recently. A most devout woman who attended daily Mass, a parishioner said of her, "her faith and her family were the two things in life she lived for." To her children we offer our sympathy.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A CRITICAL TIME FOR THE CHURCH

Christ's command to the apostles was to spread the Good News. As an encouragement, He promised them that He would always be with them.

What we get from the media these days is anything but Good News as the Catholic Church is rocked by yet another scandal. Frail humans that we are, we need that promise of Christ's.

We live in troubled times. Marriage and the family are threatened by ever-increasing marital breakdown. The priesthood is equally threatened by falling vocations and the continuing haemorrhaging from their ranks. This year only eighteen students entered Maynooth, the lowest in its two hundred year history.

Priests, it is claimed, are ill-prepared for their pastoral role. Fr. Colm Kilcoyne says: "I never had a minutes advice on how to live in celibacy... I have never been at a local conference in our diocese when we talked openly and honestly about celibacy... never, ever, a session on how to live something that profoundly influences your life."

Infidelity, for sure, is not confined to priests and bishops. We do, however, expect honesty and integrity from those whose vocation it is to lead us into God's kingdom.

At this critical time for the

Church, priests everywhere need and deserve our prayers. They also need personal renewal in their calling to prepare and support them in their difficult ministry. And, perhaps Rome would consider reviewing its "no debate" ultimatum on the whole question of celibacy. Burying heads in the sand is unlikely to lead to enlightenment.



Rest in Peace

We extend our sincere sympathy to GILLIAN McSWEENEY, Orchard Grove, on the death of her father.

BALLINEASPAIG
PARISH
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AT

JURY'S HOTEL

ON

THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER, 1996

8 - 12.30 a.m.

Music by "The Shades"

Cold Supper



Tickets £7

available in C.P. Centre

Spots Galore



Contact People

There will be a meeting in the Crypt at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 7th. All Contact People are asked to attend.

Farewell Mass for Fr. John

On Monday 14th October at 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome to attend.

Pre-Marriage Course

Will be held in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m. in November for three Thursdays 7th, 14th and 21st. Please contact Fr. Finbarr 343895, or Dean O'Connor 542972.



Creche

Will resume this Sunday for the 12.15 Mass.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will visit the Glasheen area in the coming weeks, commencing with Liam Lynch Park.

Prayers of the Faithful Readers

The new rota is ready for collection at the altar rails. Please take your copy.

Calcutta Fund

Supper Dance on Wednesday 16th October in Jurys Hotel, 8-12 midnight. Tickets £6 available from Vincent Jones 544762 or C.P. Centre.

Variety Spectacular

In aid of Irish Guide Dogs Association at Everyman Palace Theatre on Sunday 13th October at 8 pm. Special guests Billa and Paddy Commerford. Adm. £6 and £7.

Light Out Of Darkness

A human spiritual growth course will be conducted in the parish by two lay leaders, for eight weeks. To find out more details come along to the information night on Thursday 10th October at 8 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

*NOTE OF
Thanks...*

Thank You

Congratulations to Eithne Pollock and Noreen McDonnell who ran the Tuesday Bridge right through the Summer for charity.

£470 was raised and was presented to the Dean for charities in the parish.

Bishopstown Community Association

Meeting of members of the Association will take place at Wilton Park House on Tuesday, 9th October at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Irish Dancing Classes

Every Saturday from 12th October at Jurys Hotel at 11.30 a.m. and at Bishopstown GAA Club at 2.00p.m. For enquiries ring Margaret McMahon (nine times All Ireland Dancing Champion) at 341969.

Readings for next Sunday

The readings for Sunday Oct. 13th are Is. 25:6-10, Phil. 4:12-14.19-20 and Matt.22:1-14

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