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Did you know there is a new Catechetical Programme being introduced in our Primary Schools - starting with Junior Infants? So what? - you might say.

The truth is we all have a very important role to play in the formation of the children in our community - they learn from the lives and example of each one of us.

This week we are indebted to a Parishioner who is a Parent and Teacher, who gives us a brief introduction to what this Programme is all about - and our part in it.

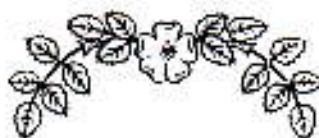
Well it's here at last! No, I'm not talking about the arrival of the long winter evenings, or the fact that it's just 42 shopping days left to Christmas. I refer to the launch of the **New Religious Education Programme for four and five year olds.**

The programme seeks to be resource for those who accompany children on their faith journey. Children are open to awe and wonder. They are discovering the secrets of the natural world and they are ready to be surprised and delighted by it. They are intuitive by nature and learn

a lot from the atmosphere in which they live.

The most important signs of God and source of faith for children are the faith, prayer and lives of their parents and teachers. The environment of the home and school are very important for personal and moral growth. An atmosphere of love and respect for others contributes to the child's self confidence and self acceptance and develops their capacity to relate to others and to God. The programme helps children to become more aware of themselves and of the people and things around them.

It is time we accepted that we as parents and indeed teachers have a major role to play in the success of such a programme - don't you agree?



*Lord, you formed me
in my mother's womb;
thank you for the
precious gift of life;
may this year
bring me closer
to becoming
the kind of person
you want me to be.*



Barrett's Hill,
Ballinhassig,
Co. Cork

To the People of Ballineaspig,

I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown to me by the people of Ballineaspig Parish during these past months. I deeply appreciate your support and thoughtfulness.

I wish to thank the many people who went to the trouble to write encouraging cards and letters. I thank the people who prayed together at my Farewell Mass and who came to the Crypt to shake hands. I thank the people who phoned messages of appreciation and support. I thank the many people who stopped me on the street and in the Wilton Shopping Centre, or who called to my house to say, "You're going, we'll miss you." It means a lot to me.

Looking back over the nine years I can say I was happy among the people of Ballineaspig. I felt at home, loved. I made many good friends. I know there are people whom I've hurt. I'm deeply sorry. I know there are things I should have done and didn't do, options I made that weren't the best options. I pray you and the Lord for reconciliation.

I feel sad having to leave but I feel confident to go forward in the support and friendship I've enjoyed among you. May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly.

Yours sincerely,
Fr. John Newman



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A TIME FOR CELEBRATION

Celebration is in the air and it's good to see the media reflecting it. We have a new Primate, Archbishop Sean Brady of Armagh. Despite the weather at his installation - and a troubled Church - he has an optimistic vision for the Church in Ireland. He has promised to be a good listener - and there is much to hear. Despite his lack of pastoral experience, he is aware that it is no longer acceptable to work from the top down. Growth in faith must come from existing faith experience.

Walton Empey was recently installed as the new Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin & Glendalough. Interviewed on RTE 1 "Would You Believe?" he

For Women



Cork Inter-Church Women's Group
Annual meeting will take place on Monday 11th November at 8 p.m. at Ardfallen Douglas Road. Speaker: Cork Simon Community. All welcome.



referred to the late Pope John XXIII as "That most loving of men" and claimed that he was probably the greatest man of this century - and probably of the last, too. The Archbishop said that despite being a committed ecumenist he would hate to be part of one huge global Church!

BBC TV celebrated 60 years of broadcasting. On BBC 1's "Everyman" programme they highlighted the role of the media (especially TV) in the life of the Church. One criticism of the Church (in the UK) was its reluctance to address the question of spirituality in order to make it relevant in today's world. Many programmes were given early morning or late night slots "when no one was listening."

One notable exception was the much-loved "Songs of Praise" on BBC 1 TV. One in three watch it every Sunday evening. It seems as if it's going on forever. I hope it does!!



Baptism in Christ



We welcome the following into our Christian community:

DAVID MARTIN and BRIAN GERARD KEDHANE, 14 Kenley Road, sons of Denis and Finola.

LEIGH THOMAS KEARNEY, 7 Greenfields, son of Michael and Mary.

LAUREN ENRIGHT, Westmount, Wilton Road, daughter of Patrick and Sheila.

ISABEL MARY McELHINNEY, Dunorlan, Laburnum Park, daughter of Brian and Gerardine.

SOPHIE ANNE WHELTON, Claragh, Model Farm Road, daughter of Frank and Helen.

EADAOGIN ELLEN CADOGAN, 12A Mount Eden, Model Farm Road, daughter of Brendan and Teresa.

LAURA SARAH KILCOYNE, 25 Rossbrook, daughter of Adrian and Kathy.

DANIEL NOEL MAGUIRE, 12 Mount Eden, son of Donal and Elaine.

DANIEL MICHAEL ADAMSON, Ashford, Bendemeer Park, son of Paul and Michele.

SARAH KIELY, 37 Laburnum Drive, daughter of Kevin and Margaret.

CRAIG PATRICK MADDEN, 7 Leesdale, son of Derick and Mandy.

BRIAN MAURICE FRANCIS SPILLANE, 17 The Manor, Model Farm Road, son of Maurice and Eileen.

AOIFE MARY HENNESSY, 19 Wilton Gardens, daughter of Liam and Catherine.

LIAM HAMILTON WALSH, St. Johns, Wilton Avenue, son of Joe and Jackie.

SARAH ELIZABETH O'SULLIVAN, 3 Bishops court Lawn, daughter of Vincent and Noreen.



NOTICE BOARD



Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to homes in the parish next weekend.



Deaf Enterprises

Charity Auction will be held in Convention Centre, Silversprings Hotel, on Sunday 17 November, 2-6p.m. Adm. £1. children free.

MEETINGS

Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday at 8.10 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Fine Gael

The Model Farm Road branch of Fine Gael will hold a meeting upstairs in the Rendezvous Bar, Model Farm Road on Tuesday 12th November at 8.30 p.m. New members are welcome. The branch sincerely thanks all who contributed to its collection during June.

Alzheimer Society - Cork Branch

Support group for Carers monthly meeting takes place in Jurys Hotel on Monday 11th November at 8 p.m. and thereafter on the second Monday of each month.



Special Masses

- (a) Special Mass for the late Canon McSweeney on this Monday at 7.30 p.m.
- (b) Month's Mind Mass for Bishop Michael Murphy at Cathedral on Tuesday evening next at 7.30 p.m.

Aifreann le Caeilge

Leifear Aifreann as Caeilge an Domhanch seo chugainn ar a naci a chlog. Tagaigi agus bigi pairteach linn.

THANK YOU

Thank You

A special word of thanks to the person who donated the beautiful stand depicting the Monstrance for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays. May the Lord reward you and your family for your generosity and kindness.

MASS TIMES

Weekdays: 9.00 and 10.00
7.30 p.m. during November.

Saturday Vigil: 6.15 p.m.

Sundays: 9.00, 10.30, 12.15.

Sunday Reading

The readings for next Sunday, November 17th are : Prov.31:10-13,30-31, Psalm 127.1, Thess.5:1-6 and Matthew 25:14-30