



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

In association with the Cork & Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage, will take place from 11th - 16th June, 1997

- * Fully inclusive cost per person £369.00 Hotel Galilee Windsor.
- * Five nights full board accommodation based on per person sharing twin/triple bedded room. Single room supplement £60.
- * Extra: Optional tours in Lourdes: Bartres, City of the Poor, Gavarnie, Val d'Aran.

At the moment an allocation of 60 people is being held. Please contact Noelle at 385708.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will visit remainder of Farranlea and Victoria Village/Court in the coming weeks.

Week of Prayer for Church Unity

1. Ecumenical Service at Ardfallon Methodist Church on Sunday 19th January at 3.30 pm.

2. "Ambassadors for Christ": Evangelisation and the church. Seminar with speakers from different churches on how the Gospel may be shared in times when Christian views are so often questioned. Venue: Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Little William St. (off York Street) at 8pm on Thursday 30th. Main speakers: Fr. Tom Hayes and Captain Charles Harris. Admission free. All welcome.

Computer Course

At Coliste an Spioraid Naoinn - wordprocessing, database, spreadsheet - beginners start Wednesday 5th Feb., intermediate starts Thursday 6th, 7.30-9.30pm for 10 weeks, cost 150, students £35. Details from 543790. Now that you have bought that computer why not learn how to use it!

A Weekend on Celtic Spirituality

For Lá Fhéile Buidé, Friday 31st January (8pm) to Sunday 2nd February (2pm) at St. Dominic's Retreat House. Cost £60 (residential), £40 (non-res.). Tel. 302520.

Growth Through Conflict

An education and practical talk will be given at the Imperial Hotel by Sr. Mary Wineen, on Thursday 30th January at 8 p.m. Admission £3. Advance booking to Family Ministry Office at 273213/275136.

Legion of Mary

The annual conference at which members of the Legion of Mary report on their missionary work abroad will be held in St. Aloysius' School, Shannan Crawford Street on Sunday 26th January at 2.30 p.m.

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 6.15pm
Sunday: 9, 10.30, 12.15.
Weekdays: 9, 10.

Readings for Sunday January 26.

Jonah 3:1-5. Ps. 24.
1 Cor. 7:29-31. Mk. 1:14-20.

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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
The Dean writes

CHURCH UNITY WEEK 1997

We read in the Church's official calendar for 17th January 1997, "The 19th - 25th January is the week of prayer for Christian Unity." To be perfectly honest, this announcement is about as exciting for anyone in this parish (priests and laity) as the rate of exchange between the ECU and the Yen. In saying this, I am not trying to lay a dead dog outside anybody's door. It's just the way things are. But it shouldn't be so.

On the night before he died Jesus prayed that his followers should be one as he and the Father are one, so that the world may believe. This was never more necessary than in our time. There are reams of reasons - historical and otherwise - to dampen our enthusiasm for Christian Unity, but the appeal of Jesus himself must surely be enough to lift us above our inherited disinterest - from whatever source that originated.

To address this very important question - what can we do realistically?

First of all we can pray - as we do at Mass every day - and

mean it. There is a need to foster in our minds and speech a spirit of care and co-operation that goes far beyond non-belligerent co-existence. That the problems and troubles of other Churches are mine too, rather than a tinge of satisfaction that thankfully it is someone else this time - not us.

Hand in hand with this caring attitude we need to develop a spirit of trust, and truth spoken in love.

If this unity is as vital as Jesus certainly taught, then it needs to be ongoing, not just for Church Unity week, but developed and strengthened - "so that the world may believe".



Dean O'Connor and Fr. Finbarr Crowley would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to the Christmas Dues. We would equally like to thank the collectors throughout the parish.

The Pastoral Council would like to thank Mangles Nurseries for their kind contribution of trees to decorate the Crib.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



23 correct entries were submitted. From these we drew for a prize: Bessie Dunne, Laburnum Lawn, and Donagh Healy, Melbourn Court. Congratulations to all who got it right.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Liam Herrick, The Manor, Model Farm Road, who was a member of the U.C.C. Debating Team who were ranked third in the World Student Debating Competition held in South Africa recently.

God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees, and flowers and clouds, and stars. Martin Luther

FAMILY QUIZ

The Editor wishes to thank all contestants who submitted entries. The solutions to the quiz questions are available in the C.P. Centre. There were five successful submissions. Resulting from the draw, the winner was:

Coin O Loingsigh,
23 Tara Lawn.

TEENAGE QUIZ

From the correct answers: the winner was chosen: Neilus Healy,
27 Melbourn Court,
Model Farm Road.



Ballo'n Baspag Gramophone Circle

Our monthly recitals will resume on Wednesday next, 22nd January, at 3 p.m. in the Crypt. An afternoon of great music is assured and Liam Kavanagh will give the recital. Everybody is welcome, so do not miss this great occasion.



Bridge Night

On February 9th at 7.30 p.m. at Jurys Hotel in aid of Opera South. Admission £5, prizes galore, novices welcome.

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A MAN BEFORE HIS TIME?

I watched again on Sunday night on RTE 1 the tribute by his peers to that great man of communications, Fr. Joe Dunn. It was screened originally after his untimely death last summer. His output could only be described as prodigious: hundreds of Radharc films, many of them filmed in dangerous circumstances, almost all of them challenging; three books - No Tigers in Africa, No Vipers in the Vatican, No Lions in the Hierarchy - humorous, incisive, topical; his involvement in the Communications Centre and the Communications Institute - a man before his time; his great contribution to The Furrow.

A courageous man, he was nonetheless a humble man according to those who worked with him. In his dedication to No Lions in the Hierarchy, he pays tribute to the late Dr. Gerry McGarry, first editor of The Furrow, who was, he said, "the first to encourage me and many of my generation to try to write - and to have the courage on occasion to stick our necks out, even when we might have preferred to remain part of the crowd."

I couldn't help thinking that, in a sense, that's what Christianity is all about. It's very easy to remain part of the crowd. Really being Christian requires the sort of courage that, I believe, Joe Dunn alludes

to here. And I don't necessarily refer to being a radical, unless, as Sean MacRiamoinn points out in the documentary, radical in the sense of getting to the root of the matter.

Hopefully, his work will continue with the same dedication and courage. There will be different hands on the tiller (he loved sailing!), but there could be no greater tribute to Joe Dunn than to see the ground he cultivated so thoroughly bear fruit abundantly in the years to come. The church in Ireland would be a better place for it.

Rest In Peace

We pray for the late Bob Quinn, Wilton Avenue, who died recently. Bob had been ill for some time. Despite his illness he never lost his sense of humour and welcome to all who called to his home. It was well known to his family and all his neighbours that he was a man who could turn his hand to anything and was always glad to help out. He will be sadly missed by his wife Mae and family, and we offer them our prayers and sympathy.



We offer our sincere sympathy to MARY O'SULLIVAN, Leesdale, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Hurley. To PEGGY O'KEEFFE, 5 Roger Casement Park, on the death of her brother.