



Sunday 16th February 1997

**BALLINEASPAIG
BULLETIN**

First Sunday of Lent

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENEHYS CROSS, CO. DK.FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM***Fr. Finbarr writes***SELF SACRIFICE IS ABOUT
PUTTING OURSELVES OUT!**

I often feel there is a strong similarity between the beginning of Lent and the New Year. At both times we make resolutions and we discover they don't last very long.

Many of us have decided to do something special for Lent. Let's not forget it's a time of prayer and sacrifice: prayer, to help us to know God better in our lives, and sacrifice, when temptations come our way we will have the self-discipline to be strong.

Some people have said it's a pity there won't be any early 7.30am. Mass. It made them get up earlier and felt it was their special effort. But maybe attending the 7.30 Mass in the evening might demand greater sacrifice and self-discipline - leaving the warmth of our fires, Coronation Street, etc. Self sacrifice is about putting ourselves out and should cause some level of extra effort.

Prayer of course is central to this time. Daily Mass for many is the preferred option. What about family prayer for those who don't come to Mass? The Gospel reading of the day, and a prayer

for a special intention may be a guide.

Let's pray for all of us that this Lent will bring us closer to God.

P.S. The reference for daily Mass readings is available at the doors of the church every Sunday.

Letter to the Editor

Bishopscourt

Dear Sir/Madam,

We frequently read in our daily newspapers about the problem with dirt and litter strewn on streets, parks, etc. However, in my opinion, the worst type of this nuisance is the soiling of footpaths by dogs. It is quite obvious that dog owners are not in the least concerned about this foul practice. Elderly people and people with impaired vision cannot avoid walking on this filth and evidence of same can be seen even in the Church grounds where it cannot be avoided being taken into the Church itself.

I would be grateful if this letter could be inserted in the Bulletin whereby dog owners of this parish could be given the advice to control their pets and so discontinue this filthy habit. Some dog owners even have the deceitful practice of walking their dogs when it is dark so as not to be identified.

(name and address with editor)



Rest in Peace

We pray for the late James Murphy, St. Clares Avenue, who died recently. A former member of the Parish Pastoral Council, James was well known to many for his work in the Legion of Mary and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. A long-time resident of St. Clares Avenue, he was secretary of the local residents' association before he went to reside in Madonna House, Ballincollig. James was a man of great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and living near the Poor Clare Chapel he was a daily visitor there. James always spoke his mind in the most matter of fact way. We offer our sympathy to his sister Margaret and brother Pat and all his family and friends.

We pray for the late Tony O'Halloran, Cherrygrove, who died recently. A quiet, dignified man, he was devoted to his wife Betty and family, and as they have said themselves, a great provider in every way. His work was very important to him, and testimony to his standing in the business community was the huge attendance of people at the funeral. Tony loved sport and Cork footballers had few more devoted followers as he supported them all over Ireland. His loss will be felt by many, but above all we pray for Betty and Tony's children, that the life he lived in a dignified way will be a source of strength to them.

FINANCIAL REPORT Presented by the Parish

INCOME	£
Sunday & Holyday collections	63,619
Poor Clare Chapel collection	4,190
Shrines	7,408
Bank Interest	225
Folds, Directories, Booklets	1,118
Subscriptions and Insurance for use of parish property	1,818
Refunds	1,925
Parish Events	908
Special Donations	9,255
TOTAL INCOME	90,466

SUMMARY

Income 1996	90,466
Expenditure	83,376
Credit Balance at 1/1/1996	27,342
Credit Balance at 31/1/1996	34,432
Church collection for year	61,134
Returned from other churches	2,485

Note on above figures: Our income from all sources is due to the generosity of an anonymous benefactor during the year.

SPECIAL CHURCH COLLECTIONS

C.M.C.C.	£330
Holy Places	£387
Episcopal Commissions	£460
Peru (incl. church boxes)	£2,845
Education of Priests	£1,155



REPORT 1996
Financial Committee

EXPENDITURE	£
Wages. PRSI	24,442
Heating and Lighting	6,794
3% Levy to Diocesan Office	5,577
Insurance	2,779
Poor Clare Chapel maintenance	1,500
Government Levy of £10 for each primary school child in parish	4,760
Cathedral Renovation Fund	3,000
New Bell and P.A. System	3,176
Eucharistic Procession Fund	400
Printing Bulletin, stationery and missalettes	7,229
Church requisites	4,715
Repairs and maintenance	9,427
% Retirement Levy	4,295
Telephones	1,040
Bank charges	290
Miscellaneous	3,952
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	83,376

*As falling, our expenditure rising. Were it not for
the year, our returns would be well down.*

COLLECTIONS 1995

St. Peter's Pence	£885
Procaire	£1,483
Mission Sunday	£950
St. Anne's Adoption Soc.	£800

**Pastoral Council
News**

Pastoral Council met last Monday night. Members reported on the very enjoyable Youth Quiz held on 4th February in the Crypt.

A date will be booked shortly for the Parish Social, so should anyone wish to make changes to previous socials please let us know before our next meeting on 3rd March.

New Ministers of the Eucharist will be needed after Easter, so we are hoping for a generous response from people over 18 from all areas in the parish.

TALENT WANTED

Many in our parish feel that our 12.15 Sunday Mass has been very much the poorer without music of any kind.

We believe that there are young people out there, individuals and groups, with some knowledge of music, or who enjoy singing and/or playing musical instruments, who would be willing to share their talents with us.

If you agree, and if you believe that you have these gifts, then PLEASE get in touch with us. We would dearly love to hear from you. Your phone call will be welcomed and we promise NOT to commit you to anything. Please ring Pat at 543681.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to KAY McCARTHY, 83 Leeddale, on the death of her mother.

To PAT MULLINS, 115 Leeddale, on the death of his sister.

To DENIS O'DONOVAN, Kenley, on the death of his father.



NOTICE BOARD

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue visitation at Rossbrook this week.



Lectio Divina

What's that? Well, it's a way of praying from the Bible. Why not come and join us in the Crypt - Tuesdays 18th/25th February and 4th March - at 8 pm.

Please drop your name in box in Church - pencil and paper supplied.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

If you're going don't forget to reserve your place. Contact Noelle at 385700. Price £369.

Table Quiz

Gaelscoil U1 Riada will hold a Table Quiz at Bishopstown GAA on Tuesday 18th February at 8.30pm. Tables of 4 £12.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Phyllis Ryan for her success at the 'Over 60's' Talent Competition in the Ardmaning, Togher, last Sunday night.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

088-519940

Awareness of Justice

A two-day seminar, March 1st & 2nd at St. Dominic's Retreat House, by Sean J. Healy, SMA and Brigid Reynolds SM.

- *Why is the gap between rich and poor continually widening?
 - *Why are so many people unable to get jobs?
 - *Why is the planet being consistently destroyed?
 - *Why are women's rights being ignored?
 - *Whatever happened to the just society?
- Offering £20 inc. light lunch. Details from 502520.

Parish Visitation

The Glasheen, Magazine Road and College Road areas will be visited by lay people in coming weeks (7-8pm). These visitors are fully approved by the Church, and simply wish to share their experience of the Faith.

LENT

Masses:

Mon-Fri: 9.00, 10.00, 7.30pm.

These times were agreed on by Pastoral Council having consulted with parishioners.

Half-Hour Adoration:

Thursday 7.00-7.30pm.

N.B. Please note change of time.

Sunday Devotions: 5.30pm.

Readings for Sunday 23 February

Gen.22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Ps.115.
Rom. 8:31-34. Mk. 9:2-10.