

Sunday 23rd February 1997



BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

Second Sunday of Lent



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
The Dean writes

- this time for the love of God. We give up things (hopefully!). We give the little saved to Trocaire. Perhaps we go to Mass and pray not only for ourselves, but for those who suffer terrible hardship, and the brave volunteers, lay and religious, who spend themselves in working to relieve their sufferings.

Whatever we do it is based on love - our response to the love God has first shown us. This love was made visible in the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a journey - done in love - on the way to Easter. And love is generous, doesn't look for what can be got out of it, but rejoices to be able to give - of ourselves, of our time, of our money.

One of the aspects of life I never cease to admire - almost with awe - is the love of parents for their children. This love is expressed in so many ways - obviously in their close affectionate relationship - but even more deeply in the sacrifices parents are prepared to make on behalf of their families. There are many sleepless nights, and attention to minor ailments, but also the leisure and opportunities they forego to provide better prospects for their young.

In Lent we make sacrifices too



Peace & Reconciliation in Ireland

21st Annual Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday 2nd March at 3.30pm. The Preacher will be Fr. Neal Carlin, Derry. All are welcome.

21st Annual Ecumenical Service will take place at The Methodist Church, Ardfallen, Douglas Road, on Sunday 9th March at 4.00pm. The Preacher will be Very Rev. Dr. Godfrey Brown, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim. All are welcome.

Ballineaspig Easter Bulletin

Easter Bulletin Cover

Would you like to design the front cover to the Ballineaspig Parish Easter Bulletin?

If so, please submit your drawings or pictures (approx. 6 inches square) to the Editor before March 10th. We would welcome drawings from any children, students or adults who design something on an Easter theme.



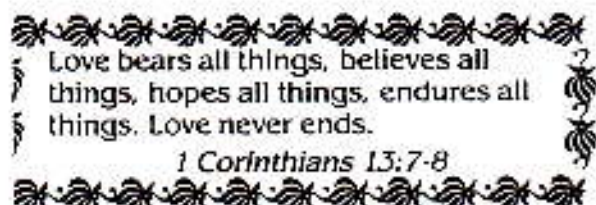
Pat Walsh, The Ridgeway, Model Farm Road, passed away quickly and quietly at his home recently. Pat's name was for years associated with Roches Stores, where he gave loyal service, and was highly respected as one of the senior executives of the firm. He was a friend to everybody at work, and in the community. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Esther, his family Mary, Jennifer, Catherine and Bernard, his brother Tom, and grandchildren. May he rest in peace.



We extend our sincere sympathy to TERRY GOLDEN, Wilton Road, and SR. CATHERINE GOLDEN, St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, on the death of their sister.

To DR. CATHAL BREDIN, on the death of his mother.

To LIAM O'SULLIVAN, Laburnum Drive, on the death of his brother James in England.



Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13:7-8



NEW HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR L'ARCHE IN CORK

The L'Arche community in Cork rejoice in their newly acquired House of Prayer, having dreamt about it for so long. The house, aptly named "An Cuan" (a harbour) is at 27 Riverview Estate, Glasheen. It is home for a small number of residents who have been with L'Arche for ten years now, for the assistants who live in community with them, and for Fr. Joe Rooney, their Chaplain.

According to the L'Arche charter, the House of Prayer is a house of "Faith, rooted in Prayer and Trust in God. We seek to be guided by God and by our weakest members through whom God's presence is revealed".

The community at An Cuan extend an invitation to all to join them for prayer in the mornings from 7.15 to 8.00 and, on Tuesday evenings only, from 8.00 to 9.00. Quiet prayer takes place in their very peaceful oratory in the garden, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

To get there: coming from the Wilton roundabout, turn right at the traffic lights into Clashdub after St. Finbarr's cemetery. Turn right at the pedestrian lights several hundred metres later, then right again at the shop. You will meet An Cuan shortly on your right. Their telephone number of 346195. It might be well to ring beforehand as the Tuesday night prayer vigil is sometimes at a different time.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE GOOD SENSE OF CHRISTIANITY

"The more I live, the more I realise the good sense of Christianity: I'm a very happy person, thank God." So said Bishop Edward Daly, former bishop of Derry on the recent RTE 1 TV programme on Bloody Sunday, "The Darkest Days". This was the day that turned him off violence, the deliberate taking of human life for any reason - absolutely.

He recalled the miserable conditions under which so many lived in the Derry which he loves, is "besotted with". He remembered, too, with sadness the civil rights marches, the hunger strikes, the killings and the maimings until "the vocabulary of condemnation had been exhausted." With hindsight, he regrets not having made more efforts to bring about a cessation of violence.

Referring to forgiveness as

one of the essential qualities of human life in order to cope with behaviour that is offensive, he suggested that the Church, perhaps, was not as forgiving as it might always have been. The Church, like the rest of society, must learn that lesson too. Bishops, priests - and others too - often realise their deficiencies. But, while they may be eloquent preachers, they are not always very inspiring role models. The Church, Bishop Daly said, is as weak as human beings are - and human beings are very weak!

The lesson, he claimed, is that we must all learn to forgive, to let go. Otherwise, society suffers. Forgiveness of people who differ from us, even offend us, is a very liberating thing - and we might even learn to see difference as enriching.

His gentle commentary in this programme was a ray of much-needed hope in the stormy atmosphere that prevails in Northern Ireland today. Let us pray that his earnest wish for peace in that troubled spot may be granted.

Cathedral Restoration Fund

The following letter was received from Fr. Liam O'Driscoll, Administrator.

"I wish to acknowledge receipt of £3,000 from your parish for 1997 towards the fund. On behalf of all associated with the work I wish to convey my gratitude to the people of the parish. It is our intention to record donations of all benefactors in the Cathedral Archives and to remember their intentions in our Masses at the Cathedral in the future."

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UCC 'The Farm' Industrial Estate
Permission is sought for six industrial advance buildings, use undefined, measuring 33m square and 10m. high at the farm sports grounds in green belt Bishopstown to Ballincollig. Prevent traffic, noise, emissions, by writing to County Planners, Public Reps., UCC, now. Ref. S/97/135.



Family Mass

On Saturday 1st March at 7.15pm. in the Crypt. Children interested in reading or participating in the Mass are very welcome, and adults willing to give a hand would be most welcome too. Please contact Ber Healy 542702, Mary Flynn 344764 or Catherine O'Sullivan 344423.

Carers

Are you caring for Alzheimers/Dementia relative or friend? Safe Rest Ltd. are offering Home Care Support, Daycare and developing a Flexible Respite Care Programme. Introductory meeting in Jurys Hotel on Monday 24th February at 8.00pm.

Russian Mission

Holy Show - Circles in aid of Fr. Philip Andrews Fund will be held at Connolly Hall on Sunday 2nd March at 8.00pm sharp. Adm. £6.50/£5 (available at Pro Musica). Proceeds to help struggling Christianity.



God Friday

Invitation to Children

We invite children from the parish or those who attend Mass here, who are in Confirmation class, to participate in the children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning. Practice will be held in the Crypt on Friday next 28th between 3.30 and 4.30pm.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

Silent Prayer or Meditation

Every Thursday in the C.P. Centre, 7.00pm sharp to 7.30pm.



Taize Prayer

"Dochas" community invites young adults to an evening of prayer on Monday 24th February at 8pm. at 19 Montfort Park, Mardyke.

Retreat Days for Lent

At St. Dominic's Retreat House, Ennismore, Sunday 2nd March, Saturday 8th & 15th March and Sunday 23rd March, from 10.00am. to 4.00pm. Details from 502520, offering £5.

St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh

Afternoon Prayer and Benediction on Sunday at 3.30pm. The Bible Garden, Monastic Heritage, Oasis Tea Room and Craft Shop are open on Sundays 3.00-6.00 and weekdays 10.30am.-6.00pm.

Mass Times

Sunday: Vigil Sat. 6.15pm.
9.00, 10.30, 12.15.

Weekdays: 9.00, 10.00, 7.30pm.
(Monday-Friday)

Readings for Sunday 2 March

Ex. 20:1-17. Ps. 18.
1 Cor. 1:22-25. Jn. 2:13-25.

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