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# Ballineaspais Bulletin

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, DUBLIN



## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

*Fr. Finbarr writes*

Unlike Christmas and the New Year, few people wish each other a Happy Easter. It's something that struck me very forcibly this year after the 'high' of Holy Week. I wonder why? I don't say it myself, or if I do, I feel rather awkward!

We Christians are often referred to as an 'Easter People' because we are supposed to be a people of hope and joy, that Christ is alive amongst us. And I wonder is our lack of awareness of wishing people season's greeting one of tradition or one of us not being fully aware of what we really believe in.

The biggest Church attendance of Holy Week is Good Friday. It's easy to identify with the pain and suffering of Christ and the sense of loss of all those who loved and followed Him. All of us go through hardship and pain in life.

Easter time for me is a great opportunity to reflect on the joy of the risen Christ in my life - the happiness that Christ gives me, the hope that there is always light at the end of the tunnel.

Happy Easter time to all of you.

## A POSTSCRIPT TO EMMAUS

"And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

Luke 24: 33-34

These verses tell how the two men, when they received such great joy, hastened to share it. It was a seven miles' tramp back to Jerusalem, but they could not keep the good news to themselves. The Christian message is never fully ours until we have shared it with someone else.

When they reached Jerusalem, they found others who had already shared their experience. It is the glory of the Christian that he lives in a fellowship of people who have had the same experience as he has had. It has been said that true friendship begins only when people share a common memory and can say to each other, "Do you remember?" Each of us is one of a great fellowship of people who share a common experience and a common memory of their Lord.

These verses tell us that Jesus appeared to Peter. That must remain one of the great untold

stories of the world. But surely it is a lovely thing that Jesus should make one of his first appearances to the man who had denied him. It is the glory of Jesus that he can give the penitent sinner back his self-respect.



Maire Connolly died in her home at Highfield Lawn on 5th April, after a rather long illness. During that time she was looked after by her husband and family with all the love and care which only they could give - returning the gift she had given them. We extend our sympathy to her husband Ted, her daughters Eithne, Fidelma, Maura and Niamh, her brother, sisters, grandchildren and other relatives and friends.



We offer our sincere sympathy to SEAN MURPHY, Wilton Avenue, on the death of his brother, To FRANK McGUINNESS, The Manor, Model Farm Road, on the death of his brother, To GERARD LUCEY, The Manor, Model Farm Road, on the death of his father.

School of Catholic Lay  
Evangelization

July 20th-24th. Team from the International School of Evangelization, New Jersey. Come, experience a week that will change your life - teachings, personal testimonies, inner healing prayer, praise and worship. Spiritual Director - Fr. Brendan Williams. At SMA Parochial Centre, Wilton. Daily registration £5 per day. Dinner and evening meal £8 per day. Deposit £10 before 1st May. Bookings to be made to Sr. Mary B. Williams, St. Columba's Convent, Bishopstown Avenue West.

A PARISHIONER WRITES...

Hillcrest,  
Laburnum Park,  
Model Farm Road

Dear Editor,

After a rather embarrassing fall near the entrance to Cork University Hospital last Saturday, I was assisted by two very concerned nurses (from CUH?) and by a gentleman and his wife (from Model Farm Road?) who were good enough to drive me home, a little bruised but all in one piece.

In my confusion, I didn't ask them for their names. But to all of them, in the hope that they read our Bulletin, may I say a heartfelt 'thank you'? I deeply appreciated their help and concern, as did my family.

Your sincerely,  
Eileen Lemasney



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

"As long as you do it to one of these..." Thus goes the familiar challenge that Christ presented with these words. As a result, we give our few bob to St. Vincent de Paul or Trócaire or Concern. We feel good - and rightly so. But is it enough? And I don't mean just in money terms.

In the March issue of THE FOLD I discovered that 34,000 children die EVERY DAY from easily preventable malnutrition and disease. Over 5 MILLION PEOPLE die of hunger yearly. A staggering 14 MILLION YOUNG CHILDREN die yearly from preventable disease. All these are totally unacceptable figures in so-called civilised society.

I also learnt that 20% of the world's population controls 80% of its trade. So it would be very easy to blame the multinational companies and the IMF (the International Monetary Fund) and the World Bank for all this misery. Indeed, they must accept a very large share of the blame.

But... .. I must also ask myself the question: how much of the world's resources did I waste today, this past week, this year so far? How much have I added to this misery by MY selfishness, MY waste? More importantly, HOW and WHEN am I going to do something about it? And, equally important, how about you, dear reader?

## NOAH'S PRAYER

Lord,  
what a menagerie!  
Between Your downpour and these  
animal cries  
one cannot hear oneself think!  
The days are long,  
Lord.  
All this water makes my heart  
sink.  
When will the ground cease to  
rock under my feet?  
The days are long,  
Master Raven has not come back.  
Here is Your dove.  
Will she find us a twig of hope?  
The days are long,  
Lord.  
Guide Your Ark to safety,  
some zenith of rest,  
where we can escape at last  
from this brute slavery.  
The days are long,  
Lord.  
Lead me until I reach the shore  
of Your covenant.  
Amen.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Colaiste an Spioraíð Naoimh, whose students, Donncha Ó Conáill and Rami Okasha won the ESB All-Ireland Schools Debating Competition.

And best wishes to the school's senior soccer team, who will play Summerhill College in the Irish Permanent All-Ireland Soccer Final in Sligo on Sunday 20th.



Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next week-end.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Leifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaigi agus bigi pairteach linn.

Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 14th at 8.00pm in C.P. Centre.

Our Sunday Gospel

Would you like to read and pray through our Sunday's Gospel, to think about how we can relate it to our everyday lives? The simple and beautiful way of praying through the Gospel is called **LECTIO DIVINA**. A **Lectio Divina** group will meet fortnightly beginning Tuesday next, 8.00pm in the C.P. Centre. All are welcome.

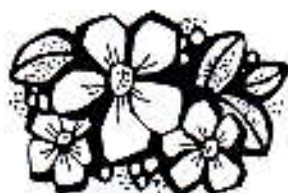
Currently, there are four **Lectio Divina** groups meeting throughout the parish. This new one is requested by some of our community.

Children of Marital Breakdown

A programme for Parents who are about to, or who have recently separated will be held at the Cork Marriage Counselling Centre in 34 Paul Street on Wednesday 16th April at 6.15pm. For booking or further information please contact 275678.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Dues, and a special word of thanks to our Collectors.



Gardening Talk

By Margaret Griffin (of Griffins Award Winning Garden Centre) at Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimb, Bishopstown, on Tuesday 15th April at 8.00pm. Adm. £3.

A Night at the Races

Presented by Mount Mercy College, at Bishopstown G.A.A. Club, on Friday 18th at 8.30pm. All welcome.

Cake Sale

In the Crypt this week-end after Masses, in aid of Foróige Youth Club.

Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will take place at the Rendezvous, Model Farm Road, on Wednesday 23rd April from 10.30am. to 12 noon. Admission £2. All proceeds toward the Senior Choir's trip to Orleans in May. All are welcome.

Reminder

Don't forget your entries for the Easter Bulletin quiz and crossword by Wednesday 9th April please.

Ladies Watch Found

A ladies gold watch was found in the post office at Dennehy's Cross some months ago. To date this has not yet been claimed. The owner should contact Ken at 541932.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

**088-519940**