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Pentecost Sunday



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"...and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

Today, Pentecost Sunday, is a very special day for our parish of Baile'n Baspraig and the Church of the Holy Spirit. We have a beautiful mosaic over the altar to remind us of the first Pentecost with Mary, the apostles and believers. As I read the account of this event in St. John's Gospel, the Acts and the Epistles, I am struck by the fact that "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" and "the Holy Ghost fell upon everyone of them." There is no rank and file with God, no living soul is excluded from the action of the Holy Spirit.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Holy Spirit is with us, actively, every time we pray individually, the ideal "loco" for this action is "The Community of Believers". The Mass, the Sacraments, Benediction and the Rosary, as a parish exercise, is a powerhouse and our individual weaknesses can be supplemented by such communal worship of God.

Jesus Christ loves his Church - and when we live our lives in love, hope and faith we are uplifted by the Holy Spirit into

union with the Triune God.

It is in a garden that flowers flourish at their best, although admittedly, some beautiful rare specimens are found on the solitary heights.

Hymn:

Come down O love Divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own
ardour glowing.
O, let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat
consuming.

Sr. Madeleine Lucey,
St. Joseph's Convent

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

In response to complaints from parishioners concerning the frequency and range of collections at the Church doors, it was decided at a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee to prohibit collections within the church grounds. The monthly St. Vincent de Paul collection was considered to be a special case and is the only exception to the above rule.

Parishioners will still have the opportunity to support the collections they choose as these may now take place outside the church gates.

The committee would appreciate if collection organisers note the new arrangement and co-operate in operating the rule.

WELCOME!

A new Presentation Brothers' Community

The Presentation Brothers have established a new community in the parish at No.4 Lynbrook, Glasheen. The house is called "Callan" after the Co. Kilkenny birthplace of Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Presentation Brothers and the Christian Brothers. The resident community, at the moment, consists of Br. Rupert O'Sullivan (principal of the Presentation College, Mardyke), Br. Martin Kenneally (who works in youth ministry and vocations work), Robert Rea and Daniel O'Regan (two UCC students who are doing the 'Give a Year to God' programme with the Brothers). The 'Give a Year to God' programme is an imaginative new initiative launched in recent years by the Brothers. It aims to develop a sense of Christian vocation in young people, whatever way of life they choose to follow. For some it has been a first step towards religious life.

The Brothers purchased the house at Lynbrook because of the increased interest in the 'Give a Year to God' programme. It is expected that 2/3 other young people will join the programme in the autumn.

The Presentation Community at "Callan" are delighted to be part of the Ballineaspai Parish Community at this time.



LETTER

12 Bishops court Hill

Dear Editor,

The articles in the present issue of the Bulletin are very interesting and could arouse much discussion. However, I found the letter on the RSI programme provoking and I cannot refrain from responding to it.

While I know that many parents object to this programme, none of them seems to know anything about it, and from your correspondent's letter I do not think he does either, and neither do I. We have been told that all parents will receive a copy of the programme, but I cannot meet anyone who has had it. Teachers have been invited to discuss it and probably study it, but it seems that most of them would prefer if it was dropped completely. This does not promise much benefit for the pupils who will learn from them.

Apart from giving them confidence in themselves, another and most striking benefit of giving children correct information from an early age is that they know when to say "No" and they know that they are right to do so. We have had a lot of unpleasant reading in our papers in recent years about the abuse of children and young adults, boys and girls. Sometimes it is forced upon them, but in the majority of cases it appears to happen because they think they are pleasing somebody they love or respect, and they think they must accept it. I gather the



programme is intended to support their natural inhibitions and to clarify for them what may or may not be done, and what is or is not advisable.

Young people, and indeed people of any age, cannot choose those they must mix with, and when they come across behaviour different to their previous experience, they need to be able to understand and to be able to cope. If they cannot, they are in for a bad time, and sometimes for a very bad time indeed. I believe the programme is intended to assist them in that respect.

If teachers do not want to be involved and feel they could not be useful, might I suggest that parents willing to assist would be trained and given the opportunity instead. And what about the myriad of grandparents who have walked the treadmill and are now retired, but who are healthy and active, and who would relish an opportunity to do something useful.

The proposals for this programme should be published in full in the newspapers like the budget speech. It is equally important if not more so, since budgets change from year to year, but human nature remains the same. As matters stand, we hear arguments and suggestions that make us uneasy, but in the absence of full publication we just do not know, and cannot suggest remedies for possible problems. It would be a pity if another good idea was to be shelved, or unwelcome behaviour promulgated, without open discussion and an opportunity for alteration.

Yours faithfully,
Marjorie Horgan



We offer our sincere sympathy to PEGGY O'REILLY, Wilton Avenue, on the death of her brother. To BETTY LAYTON, Bishopstown Avenue West, on the death of her brother George.



Rest in Peace

Noirin Linehan, Wilton Road, died after a comparatively short illness on Wednesday 7th May. Her death brought a sense of sadness and loss not only to her husband and family, her mother, brothers and sisters, but to a huge number of friends and neighbours.

Noirin was a friend and confidant to countless people - in fact she belonged to all of us - and her care and concern was big enough and sincere enough to embrace us all. She worked unselfishly and without a trace of self-importance for so many worthy causes from C.M.C.C. to Lavanagh to Catholic Family Movement.

We extend very sincere sympathy to her husband Brendan, her family Risteard, Anne, Deirdre and Colm, her mother, brothers, sisters, her brother-in-law Canon Diarmuid Linehan (chief concelebrant at her funeral Mass), her cousin Fr. Jim Dunleavy, O.P., and indeed to all who lost a good friend in Noirin.



COLLECTIONS

Only St. Vincent de Paul collections will be permitted on Church Grounds from now on.

Finance Committee

Bishopstown Social Services

Annual Summer Outing will take place on Wednesday 4th June. The venue this year is Adare. Tickets £10, available from:
Nora Fitzpatrick 546358
Brid Hartnett 544693
Michael Haydon 541638.

Church Collectors

A special meeting of all Church collectors will be held in C.P. Centre on Monday 29th at 8.00pm.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue visitation on Magazine Road and College Road in the coming week.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The final recital for this season will take place on Wednesday next, 21st May at 3.00pm in the Crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross. We are delighted to present Dan Murphy, the Supreme Recitalist. Do not miss this great occasion.

Cake Sale

Bishopstown Ladies Rotary are holding a charity cake sale in the crypt this weekend after all Masses.

PERU & ECUADOR ANNUAL COLLECTION

The time has come around again for the annual collection in aid of the Cork & Ross Mission in South America, which will take place at all Masses next weekend. We are all aware of the work of our priests and sisters in Peru where they serve about 300,000 people. Primarily, the work of the priests and sisters is spiritual - to make Christ better known and loved. From this follows a commitment to the material welfare of the people. There is still great poverty in South America, no social welfare and poor medical facilities. The priests and sisters are making great sacrifices in trying to help the people materially and spiritually.

Over the years the people of Cork have been very generous. They deserve appreciation and thanks of everyone in South America. We hope that the response this year will be such that we can continue the work that was begun over thirty years ago.

Readings for Sunday May 25th

Deut.4:32-34.39-40. Ps.32.
Rom.8:14-17. Mt.28:16-20.

MASS TIMES

Weekdays: 9.00, 10.00.
Saturday Vigil: 6.15 p. m.
Sundays: 9.00, 10.30, 12.15.

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