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Ballinaspais Bulletin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEWISH CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

As I write these few words on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, 11th February, I'm very conscious that it's a special day of prayer for the sick.

No family escapes having to care for, at one time or another, a member of their own family. For both the sick person and the carer, it can be a very difficult time. It can also be a time, of course, of great awareness, for those who are healthy, of how blessed they are.

Gratitude for what one has makes one less selfish and aware of those who are less well off than oneself.

In a world where so many have more than enough, unless we are grateful for what we have, it can be very difficult for any one of us to think of the millions who are living in dire poverty here in Ireland and throughout the world.

As we approach the season of Lent (yes, it's very near), maybe all of us can look at the blessings we have received in our lives and be grateful for all that we have.

Fr. Finbarr Cummins

Pray for

William Cummins, Parkway Drive, Model Farm Road, died in tragic circumstances in London on Saturday 31st January. There is always a sadness surrounding death, this is especially true with the death of a young person. William was just 29, and went to work as usual on the morning of his death. Apparently, in the demolition of an old building, the floor gave way under the machine he was operating and crashed several feet, killing William in the process.

We extend sincere sympathy to his parents, brothers and sisters, grandmothers, and his other relatives who miss him.



We offer our sincere sympathy to NOEL KEARNEY, Greenfields, Model Farm Road, on the death of his mother.

To MICHAEL O'REILLY, Greenfields, Model Farm Road, on the death of his mother.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The February meeting was held on Monday 9th under the direction of newly elected Chairman, Michael Lehane.

The Parish was represented at the installation of Bishop John Buckley by two members chosen from the Council and two younger people, one from Mount Mercy College and one from Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh. In the words of the Dean, "the ceremony was bright and cheerful, but serious as well". Council noted the emphasis laid by the Bishop on the need for greater lay involvement in the life of the church and is already planning to seek the views of parishioners on what they think should be done and how they might become involved.

Further meetings were held with Contact persons during January and those who are 'standing down' were thanked for their invaluable help.

The Communications Committee is planning to replace the church notice boards and proposed that Pentecost Sunday, 31st May would see each Mass with a special theme, as the Pope has dedicated this year of 1998 to be the Year of the Holy Spirit. Under the title "Christ with us in all we do" all clubs, organisations and schools will be invited to mount a special display in the church that weekend.

The Lenten Triduum will be on 23/25th March, and a new Parish Directory is to be prepared in September.

FINANCIAL
Presented by the Parish

INCOME	£
Sunday & Holyday collections	65,062
Poor Clare Chapel collection	4,743
Shrines	7,379
Bank Interest	342
Folds, Directories, Booklets, etc.	1,565
Subscriptions for Parish from groups	1,250
M. McAuliffe legacy	1,000
Parish special events	208
TOTAL INCOME	81,549

SUMMARY

Income 1997	81,549
Expenditure	82,108
Deficit for year	559
Credit Balance at 1/1/1997	34,432
Credit Balance at 31/12/1997	33,873
Church collection for year	63,100
Returned envelopes from other churches	1,962

SPECIAL CHURCH

C.M.C.C.	£440
Holy Places	£320
Episcopal Commissions	£465
Peru (incl church boxes)	£2,755
Education of Priests	£875



REPORT 1997
Diocesan Finance Committee

EXPENDITURE	£
Wages and PRSI	24,404
Heating and Lighting	6,050
8% Levy to Diocesan Office	5,486
Insurance	2,896
Poor Clare Chapel maintenance	1,500
£10 Government Levy for Primary School children	4,590
Cathedral Renovation Fund	3,000
New electronic organ	3,900
New office equipment	4,932
Eucharistic Procession Fund	400
Bulletin, Folds, Missalettes, booklets	6,449
Church requisites	5,406
Repairs and maintenance	5,283
6% Retirement Levy	4,069
Telephones	789
Bank charges	237
Miscellaneous expenses	2,717
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	82,108

COLLECTIONS 1997

Peter's Pence	£905
Trocaire	£1,891
Mission Sunday	£1,085
St. Anne's Adoption Soc	£802
North Korea	£898

COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

There has been general agreement in the media that the appointment of Bishop John Buckley as Bishop of Cork & Ross is a popular decision. "A man with the common touch", "a man of the people", "a bishop loved by his people" were phrases regularly used.

Dr. Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel & Emly, picked up this theme at Bishop Buckley's installation in the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne when he quoted St. Augustine of Hippo: "For you, I am a bishop," he said. "With you, I am a Christian."

The beautiful liturgy, embracing the installation and the Mass, never lost sight of this theme. Everything was done with great dignity. But through it all ran a sense of controlled spontaneity. The applause which greeted President Mary McAleese, for instance, and, of course, the very warm applause for Bishop Buckley himself as the procession wound its way out of the Cathedral at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Bishop Buckley was glowing in his praise of priests, religious and lay people. He insisted, despite the problems, that now is a "great time" to be a priest or bishop. With "the joy that the gospel can bring", he looks forward with hope and trust to the new millennium and beyond.

Along with Archbishop Clifford, we say to Bishop John Buckley, "your heart is in the right place". We wish him well in all his endeavours.



NO PARKING !

Massgoers are asked please not to obstruct the laneways in the Church grounds when parking cars. Please park only in the areas allotted. Laneways must be clear at all times.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue visitation in Kenley during the week.

Annual Diocesan Pioneer Mass

St. Joseph's Church, Cloughdubh, on Friday 20th February at 8.00 p.m. (Cork-Macroom road, turn left for Crookstown and signposted from there, or travel past St. Olivers Cemetery back of Ballincollig - straight road all the way).



Bails'n Baspaign Gramophone Circle

Our monthly Recital will take place next Wednesday, 18th February, at 3 p.m. sharp in the Crypt of our Church at Dennehy's Cross, when Eddie Hogan will present some of his favourite music. An afternoon of glorious music is assured, and everybody is welcome to attend.

Human Life International

Will hold their fourth National Pro-Life/Pro-Family conference in Ennis, 6-8 March, at West County Hotel. Key speakers from around the world will address participants on topics such as Marriage and Family Life, Euthanasia, Sex Education, Abortion and much more. Details available on posters in Church, or phone Human Life International, 6 Belvedere Place, Dublin, tel. 01-8552504.

Open Night

St. Aloysius School, Sharman Crawford Street, Wednesday 18th February, 7.30-9.00p.m. for parents of 5th and 6th class pupils. All welcome.

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The February issue is on sale this week-end. Included are:

- * Photos and articles of Bishop Buckley's installation ceremony.
- * Helpful article for parents of children preparing for Confirmation.
- * Feature on Kilmurry parish.
- * Story of Cork priest working in Iceland.
- * Searching for God.
- * How can we best help and minister to people who are very ill?

And much, much more.



Offertory Procession

New rota now available for collection at Altar rails.

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