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Ballineaspais Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

At this stage all of our parishioners should know that our Triduum begins this coming Monday. I noticed on the card sent to each home last weekend that it said, "You are cordially invited to a special Lenten Triduum to the Holy Spirit"; unlike the retreats of years gone by when everything stopped in a parish during a retreat or mission, and people felt they had to attend. Nowadays it's an invitation to come. I find myself much more encouraged by that sort of announcement. I go because I want to. I go because maybe something will help me to reflect on the way I live my Christian life.

I recall one day in Carrigaline Community School. At the end of a class one of the pupils said, "We didn't read the chapter of the lesson in the book." I had taken a different approach to the lesson in the book, but without using the book. I then asked the pupils a few questions and they gave me all the answers that were contained at the end of the chapter. The point was that, often unknown to ourselves, we learn even though

it may be done in a different style.

I invite you to be open to the Holy Spirit during the next few days. Maybe we will find out something we had never stopped and thought about before.



LENTEN TRIDUUM

Commencing this Monday 23rd,
for three days, at 10.00am
and 8.00pm. (no evening Mass)

Prayer to Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
Inspire us by your wisdom,
Heal us by your love.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Correct us with your justice,
Protect us with your power.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Renew our Parish,
Enflame us with love.

Come, unfailing hope,
Come, true light,
Come, O powerful one,
Come, and renew us.



Our Prayer List

Death

We pray for the late Eleanor Reddy, St. Clare's Avenue, who died recently after a short illness. To all who knew her she was a kind and gentle person. She made her home a place of warmth and welcome to her family and friends. We extend our sympathy and prayers to her husband Michael, and family.



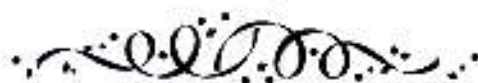
Variety Concert

Bishop Edward J. Calvin's Memorial Variety Concert will take place at the Cork Opera House on March 29th in aid of the Missionary Society of St. Columban (The Maynooth Mission to China).



Faces in the Stone

The Church of the Assumption, Ballyphehane, will be the venue for the performance of the sacred drama 'Faces in the Stone - Dancing a Woman's Story of God' on Thursday March 26th at 8.00pm. The drama is based on the writings and sacred music of St. Hildegard of Bingen, a Benedictine nun who lived from 1098-1178. Veronica Sacred Theatre, based in Portland, USA, which is touring in Ireland, England and Wales this month, will perform 'Faces in the Stone'. It is an occasion not to be missed. Adm. £5.



Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to BELA KOS, St. Francis Avenue, on the death of his brother.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 <i>March</i> Ambassadors By not holding people's sins against them, we carry the message of Christ into the world. <i>2Corinthians 5:17-21</i>	23 <i>Faith</i> Sometimes God asks a very pure kind of faith from us: to trust in the word of Jesus. Such faith produces miracles. <i>John 4:43-54</i>	24 <i>With Us</i> God does not always remove troubles from our lives, but God is always with us, even in our greatest distress. <i>Psalms 45</i>	25 <i>The</i> Annunciation The greatest sacrifice is to accept the will of God. When we do that, we can change the world. <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	26 <i>Fruit</i> What we do shows what we really believe. May our deeds reflect the faith in Jesus Christ we proclaim. <i>John 5:31-47</i>	27 <i>Innocent</i> Strive to be blameless in the sight of God, and do not worry about what other people think. <i>Psalms 34:17-23</i> 	28 <i>Unity</i> Each day is a new opportunity to trust in the Lord and to walk in his ways. May we follow our Savior this day. <i>Psalms 7</i>



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

EVOLUTION NOT REVOLUTION

What little comment appeared in the media hardly gave recognition to that great man of peace, Cecil Hurwitz. It is hardly conceivable that Cecil, almost single-handedly, has been promoting P.E.A.C.E. (Prayer, Enterprise and Christian Effort) in Cork for all of 22 years now.

On Sunday, March 8, Bishop Gerard Clifford, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh, spoke on the need and the hopes for peace in the North at a packed Concelebrated Mass for Peace and Reconciliation in Ireland in St. Francis Church. He called for evolution, not revolution, and asked for our continued prayers. Bishop Buckley was the chief celebrant in a Peace Mass composed specially by Marian Ingoldsby and sung by the Crosshaven Singers and the Harmonica Singers accompanied by organist Angel Climent.

On the following Sunday, Rev. Paul Kingston, a native of Drimoleague and former President

of the Methodist Church in Ireland, spoke of the need to overcome sectarianism at a poorly attended Ecumenical Service at Trinity Presbyterian Church. The theme was "Sectarianism as a Threat to Peace". One wonders where the huge numbers attending St. Francis Church were. Comparing sectarianism with a tree with roots, shoots and fruits, he said that with careful nurturing the tree bears good fruit while all too often we witness the evil results of sectarianism in the bad fruits.

The hymn-singing was beautifully led by the Cork Garda Choir conducted by Ann Dunphy and accompanied by Ursula O'Sullivan.

Kantara,
Farranlea Park

Dear Editor,

I have just come from 9.00 Mass. I feel I must write to congratulate and thank the Altar Society for the beautiful flower arrangements, especially those on St. Patrick's altar for his feast day. It has given me and many more a joyous start to our day.

Sincerely,
Mary McDonogh





Mass and Sacrament of the Sick

On Saturday 28th March at 3.00pm in the Crypt. Contact people please ensure that transport is available where required.

As always, the organisers are dependent on the wonderful response from Contact people and parishioners who supply sandwiches and cakes to ensure that those who attend the Mass enjoy the social aspect afterwards.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will visit the Glasheen area during the week.

Lough Derg

One day Retreats during May, August and September. For details see noticeboards in porch or C.P. Centre.



Information Service

The Southern Health Board has launched a new Information Service telephone number - 1850 742 000. Through this line information will be provided on SHB services and entitlements. It operates Monday to Friday, 9.00 to 5.00.

Cork College of Commerce

Now accepting application forms from school leavers and adults for the following day courses: childcare, catering, tourism/secretarial, teleservices, auctioneering, business studies, computing, fashion, accountancy, pre-nursing, security, antiques & fine arts, beauty therapy/holistic health studies, repeat for honours.
Call now on 270777.

Parental Equality

The joint parenting group offers free advice and support with access/guardianship, custody rights. Tel. Paul (343389) or J.P. (509965). Confidentiality guaranteed.



Walk on Mother's Day

The Irish Heart Foundation is organising a walk this Sunday, leaving County Hall at 2.30pm, proceeding to Anglers Rest, onto Lee Road, past Shrine and finishing at Sacred Heart Church. This is not a fund raising event, but to encourage the public to walk this Slí na Slainte (path to health) route.



Bridge Night

Ursuline Past Pupils Union will hold a Bridge Night (for charity) on Sunday 29th March at Constitution Rugby Club, Temple Hill, Blackrock, at 7.30pm. Adm. £5, great prizes for various categories. All are welcome.

Readings for Sunday 29 March

Is. 43:16-21. Ps. 125.
Phil. 3:8-14. Jn. 8:1-11.

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(To be used when you cannot contact the priest at his home.)