



NOTICE BOARD

DON'T FORGET:

Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to every home in the parish next week-end. If you do not receive your copy perhaps you might let us know.

Liturgy Group

Minutes are available for collection in the Sacristy.



Cork Marriage Counselling Centre

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to Dennehy's Cross parishioners who contributed £377 through our annual collection in March.



Alpha Introductory Day

On Saturday 16th May at Ardfallen Centre, Douglas Road, 10.30-1.00 p.m. It is a 10-week basic introduction to the Christian faith. This course has been run with great results in all Christian denominations around the world. More details from Sr. Bridget Dunne, 9 North Main Street, tel. 270362.



Mount Mercy - Córca Gaeilge '98

One week Irish Course for boys and girls, 10-16 years, June 29-July 3, 10.00-3.30 p.m. Catering for Fourth to Sixth Class Primary and 1st to 3rd year Post Primary. Seisiúin teagaisc, dramaíocht, céili. Apply to the Secretary, Mount Mercy College, tel. 542366.



A parishioner observed the church cleaners in action recently and would like to compliment them on the excellent job they do. The place is shining!

PARISH TEAM

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

Readings for Sunday 17 May

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29. Ps. 65.
Apoc. 21:10-14, 22-23.
Jn. 14:23-29.



Sunday 10th May 1998

**Ballineaspais
Bulletin**

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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FR. GOOD WAS NOT "BANISHED" TO TURKANA

It was nice to read of so much support for my good friend and one-time brilliant class fellow, Fr. Jim Good, in recent issues of the Bulletin and elsewhere. Marjorie Morgan asked a very pertinent question in last week's issue - "Who on earth is stopping him coming back to Cork?" The simple answer is - Nobody.

I know the late Bishop Murphy invited Fr. Jim to return to Cork very shortly after he took over as Bishop. Bishop Buckley has said publicly he would welcome him with open arms and - as far as I know - Bishop Lucey invited him back before he retired.

Fr. Good was not "banished" to Turkana - he went as a volunteer missionary, and, as everybody knows, Bishop Lucey joined him there as a simple volunteer missionary after his retirement in Cork. The relationship between these two men was based on a very sincere friendship - I recall receiving letters from Bishop Lucey in Turkana where he wrote: "Jim Good has been a wonderful friend to me since I came here."

I remember too the bishop insisting that Fr. Good take his car for his holiday here.

One further point - it was not Bishop Lucey who ordered Jim Good out of the Diocese when he went to Limerick - he went there at the request of U.C.C. to set up a new Education Faculty there. He lived there with the Redemptorist Fathers - and they said - he was the best Redemptorist in the house!!

Finally, what was the point at issue in the recent programme in T na G? As far as I know (I stress this), the original withdrawal of faculties was never formalised in writing - so nobody thought of erasing it.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
PARISH COMMUNITY EXHIBITION**

Reminder to all groups - please hand your poster/display into the C.P. Centre on or before May 24th next.

If your submission is parishable or in need of special attention please let us know on or before Monday May 24th. Then if you so need you may withhold it until the morning of Saturday May 30th at 11.00 a.m.

We are looking forward to this community venture which we will share together for the glory of God.



A PARISHIONER WRITES...

6 Bishops Court Rd.

Dear Editor,

Dean O'Connor addressed the subject of vocations in his homily and subsequent remarks in his usual pragmatic manner at the 6.15 Mass last Saturday night. The message is pretty stark - last year in the Dioceses of Cork & Ross eleven priests died and there were no ordinations. There are no ordinations scheduled for this year.

On the assumption that this is representative of the country as a whole - where are we going?

No forward looking organisation could persist with current recruitment policies that produced this kind of result without at least some soul searching as to its viability. The Harvest is indeed great but the Labourers are getting fewer!

Maybe it's time to cast the recruitment net in different waters and I look forward to the day when our Church can say, with pride - "We are an equal opportunities employer".

Yours sincerely,
Kevin O'Mahony

Rest In Peace

Sean O'Donoghue, Laburnum Lawn, died quite unexpectedly in the early hours of Sunday 26th April. Sean had attended the Novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel at St. Augustines the previous evening - but it was clear for some time that his health was failing. A large crowd attended the removal and funeral Mass - celebrated in Belgooly Church - and everybody had their own story of kindness received from Sean over the years - and indeed they were many and varied. We extend the sympathy of the community to his wife Terri, brother, sister, and his very many relatives and friends.

We pray for the late Mary Healy, Páirc na Gréine, Victoria Cross, who died recently. Babe, as she was known, had not been well for the past few months. She was well known for her hospitality and welcome to all who called to her home, and would have been delighted with the number of people who called to her home when she was waked. Babe was a native of Berrings. A woman who always had time for a chat and a smile, she bore her illness with great dignity. To Paddy her husband, Marion and Michael her children, we offer our sympathy and prayers.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to CHARLES LEAHY, our Sacristan, on the death of his sister.

To PEGGY O'KEEFFE, Roger Casement Park, on the death of her brother.

To SR. ELIZABETH McHUGH, St. Columba's Convent, on the death of her sister.

To TRACY O'SULLIVAN, formerly of Laburnum Drive, on the death of her husband Myles.

To BERNIE HANLEY, Kenley Crescent, on the death of her father.

To LEO HANNON, Laburnum Lawn, on the death of his sister.



The children of the parish who took part in the re-enactment of The Lord's Passion on Good Friday