

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Ballineaspais Bulletin

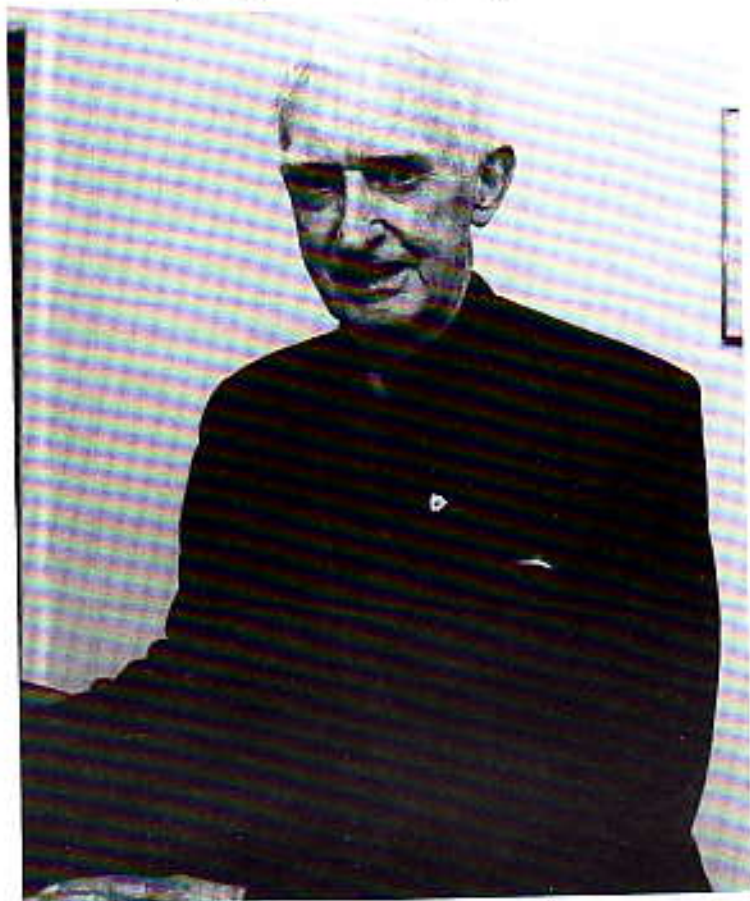
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, DUBLIN

## *Dean Denis O'Connor 1948-1998*



*Thou art a priest for ever, according to  
the order of Melchizedek.*



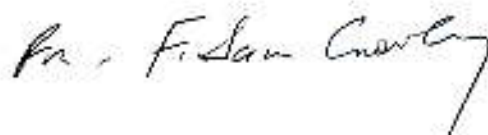
## FR. FINBARR

When people speak of Dean O'Connor, they speak of his warmth, kindness and holiness. Having worked with the Dean for the past seven years, I have to agree fully with these sentiments.

To know Dean O'Connor as a fellow priest is a privilege that only a few have experienced. As the late Frank Sinatra sang, *I Did It My Way*, the Dean never expected that one would do it his way, but with the gifts that God bestowed on others, to do it their way.

As a fellow priest, I feel I can call him a friend forever, one who has always been there to support and encourage, and often to pick up the pieces.

Thank you for sharing your priesthood with me.



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## THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

On the 20th June 1948, Fr. Denis O'Connor was ordained a priest in Maynooth. Today, Dean O'Connor celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his ordination. We in the parish are honoured and privileged to celebrate this great occasion with him.

Since his appointment as Parish Priest in 1984 he has, by word and example, enriched our community. Through his leadership and encouragement, one of the first Pastoral Councils in the dioceses was formed in 1987, and one of his great desires is to see as many lay people as possible actively involved in the life of the parish.

Despite his many and varied duties in the parish and in the dioceses, he is never too busy to stop, to talk and to listen to people. He places a special emphasis on the care and visitation of the sick and housebound. He is a devoted priest who has given a lifetime of service to his calling.

We, his parishioners, would like to congratulate him on this very special day, to thank him for his commitment and to wish him well ad multos annos.

Michael Lehane  
Chairman



## *A Profile*

Our beloved Dean was born in Dromore, near Bantry. He attended the local national school where his father was Principal, and went to Farranferris College for his secondary education. At Farranferris he achieved a love and knowledge of the Irish language, encouraged by trips to Ballyferriter in Co. Kerry with his College. The day after his ordination, Fr. Denis said his First Mass in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, in the presence of his parents and family members.

Fr. Denis's first appointment was in Youghal and from there he served as curate in the South Parish, Carrigfada near Rosscarbery, and Kinsale. In 1970 he was appointed to Togher, which was gaining the status of Parish, and there he oversaw the building of the new church and parish residences. He was then appointed Administrator of the North Cathedral, and was there when our own Fr. Finbarr was ordained in the Cathedral. Fr. Denis then moved to Farranree, before coming to Dennehy's Cross in 1984, and in 1988 the late Bishop Murphy appointed him Dean of the Dioceses of Cork & Ross.



*Degree Day in Maynooth*

The Dean has now retired as Parish Priest, but thankfully is staying on as Assistant Priest. We hope he will have more leisure time to devote to gardening, to attend matches, and to visit more frequently his native Dromore where he spends his holidays in the family home with his sister, and where he enjoys the place and the people.

He has endeared himself to parishioners wherever he served, and we, the parishioners of Ballineaspig, hope he will have many more happy years in our midst.



## Ave et Vale

"Ave et Vale" - this may sound a trifle pedantic, but many of you will recall this little Latin tag from your school days - "Welcome and Goodbye". I am privileged to extend a very warm welcome to our new Parish Priest, Fr. Tom Clancy. He has been a long and very close friend of Fr. Finbarr and I, and we both hold him in the highest esteem. He is a man of deep spirituality, as you will discover in time. He has had a brilliant academic career as student, teacher in Farranferris, and lecturer in U.C.C. and Maynooth. Many will recall wistfully his excellent contributions to the Cork Examiner under the title of "Reflections" - and later published in book form.

He has worked as a curate in the South Parish and Turner's Cross, and is no stranger to pastoral work. Born and bred in Cork City, and a past pupil of Sullivan's Quay, he is finely tuned to Cork thinking. We pray that he has a very fruitful and happy term as P.P. in our Parish.

It is with a very genuine tinge of regret we say goodbye to Fr. Denis O'Leary, who is leaving us to undertake duty as Parish Priest of Kilmichael. In the short few years he spent as Assistant here, he quietly found a warm response in the hearts of the people in this Parish. Fr. Denis is a man of very considerable intellectual prowess, but preferred to hide his talents from the world. He will be long and lovingly remembered for his gentle and unselfish relationship with us all. I know I am expressing the feelings of all when we wish him every happiness and fulfilment in his new Parish.

*Denis O'Leary*

### Ministers of the Eucharist

New rota ready for collection at altar rails.  
Please note positional changes.

### Pentecost Community Exhibition

The Communications Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone involved in any way in the Exhibition. We know the Holy Spirit will bring many blessings on our parish for the faith so beautifully portrayed in our Exhibition.

### Cathedral Parish Festival

In aid of the Renovation Fund will be held in the Cathedral Grounds on Sunday 21st June from 3.00 to 6.00 p.m.

### Cursa Gaeilge

At Mount Mercy College, girls and boys, 10-16 years. Details from 542366 (10-4pm) or 968496 (6-8pm).

### Scoil Columbain

On 26th June parents and pupils, past and present, are invited to celebrate our amalgamation with Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh, commencing with Mass at 9.30a.m.

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