



28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Ballinaspais Bulletin

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENEY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR  
**PARISH TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

I READ a fine article by our own Billy George on Sonia O'Sullivan in Wednesday's Examiner Arena. They discussed her stunning successes and her disappointment at the Atlanta Olympics. Her failure at Atlanta was a huge crisis in a career that had gone from success to success in world events during the previous two years. As we all know she has now put this disappointment behind her and continued her winning ways on the world stage. Billy George states that as a result of her experiences she now has a new maturity and appreciation of what is important in life.

We all experience problems and stress as we go through life. These can make or break us. Some are predictable, others crash upon us - a sudden illness in ourselves or somebody very close to us; serious problems arise in marriage - love is gone (or you thought so); your fourteen year old refuses to go to Mass any more; your eldest daughter declares she is pregnant and moves out to share a flat with her boyfriend.

The experience brings

restlessness. Guilt is lurking somewhere in the background. The hurt goes really deep and destroys your peace of mind for yourself and all at home. Your friends don't seem to care, or you can't communicate with them at all. God seems far away - prayer dies.

Strangely enough when all seems dark and gloomy the unexpected silver lining can break through. "It is when we are weak, we are strong." A fervent, even desperate plea to the Lord will bring the serenity you thought had gone forever. "Peace comes dropping slow."

"The one who asks always receives - knock and the door will be opened for you." (This Thursday's Gospel reading).

*Denis O'Keefe*

## BAPTISM

### Baptisms

We welcome the following into our Christian community:

SARAH PAULA MCCARTHY-MADDEN

KEVIN SEAN QUIRKE

EMMA MAUREEN JOAN MCCARTHY

JOHN THOMAS KEARNEY

KATHLEEN LACEY O'DRISCOLL

### NO PAGANS IN AFRICA

The series of lectures organised by the Adult Education committee got off to a wonderful start last Tuesday. Fr. Fionnbarra O Cuilleain, currently on sabbatical from the S.M.A. mission Tanzania, gave an inspiring account of his thirty years spent as part of the African wing of the Irish Church. His talk, illustrated by superb slides from his own collection, ranged over many aspects of missionary life: from the visits of the Pope and the late Cardinal O Fiach to the work of Ann Jones from Ballineaspais; from the churches run by local communities to life in the refugee camps on the Tanzanian borders. Above all he celebrated the faith, the generosity and the simplicity of the African people.

The series continues next Tuesday, 13th October, with "History of the Liturgical Movement" by Fr. Brian Magee, C.M.

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**I Love the**  
**HOUSE**  
**where**  
**you live O**  
**LORD.**



## Our Prayer List



Pray for these...



We pray for Anne Mulcahy (nee Quirke), Roger Casement Park, who died recently. Even though Anne had not enjoyed full health for some time, her unexpected death came as a shock to her family and friends. A young widow, Anne deeply appreciated the love and care of her brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. To all her family, we offer our prayers and sympathy.

We pray for Jerry Twomey, late of Orchard Road, who died last week. Jerry had been suffering ill-health for the past few years. He worked as an Anaesthetist in the Bon Secours Hospital, where kindness to his patients was always his priority. As a young doctor Jerry worked in Africa as a volunteer with his wife Emily. Jerry spent three years as a Minister of the Eucharist in the parish and his love and faith for the Mass was something he often spoke about. To Emily and family we offer our sympathy and prayers.





# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## A PRELAPSARIAN IRELAND?

THE PEN, we are told, is mightier than the sword. Certainly it can be as destructive. It can often - as can its modern equivalent, the word processor - be very subtle.

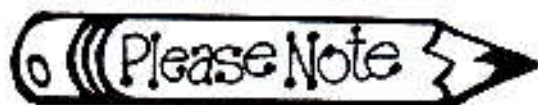
Notice how the media speaks, almost casually, of the "post-Christian era". Time was when this description applied to the UK and mainland Europe - until Ruairi Quinn decided that it applied to Ireland too. A sort of status symbol, perhaps? Now, in the current Aer Lingus CARA magazine, Jocelyn Clarke - writing on, of all things, the Abbey Theatre - talks of a "prelapsarian Ireland"!

I find it strange that a media that paints Ireland in this lapsed and/or post-Christian mould can, itself, be so infatuated with things religious. If we have all become so "liberated" that we no longer need to rely on the "opium of the masses", to whom are the media addressing their message? The current preoccupation is with communion. And when the media have exhausted this topic, they will move on to the next, and the next.

Is it possible that the media, having dismissed Christianity as being almost an irrelevancy in today's world, still believe that - for good old-fashioned commercial reasons - religion still makes good copy? That the bottom line, as it so often is, is money, money, money?



NOT CANTALOUPE!! SAID TO BRING ME  
A PAIR OF ANTELOPE! See Genesis 7:9.

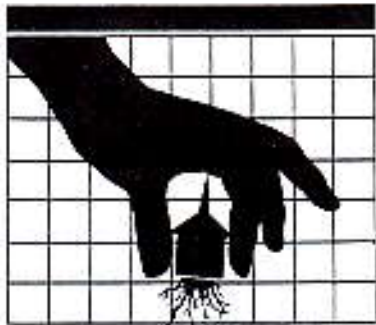


# The Fold

## THE FOLD

On sale this week-end. Articles include:

- \* Series of special articles dealing with child sexual abuse.
- \* Report on the final profession of a former camogie player, and the ordination to diaconate of a young man on his way to being a priest.
- \* Story of a volunteer religion teacher in the small Central American country of Belize.
- \* Adult literacy groups.
- \* Childhood memories of Pipers family amusement Fair.
- \* Pope John Paul's 20 years as Pope.



**MISSIONS**  
PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH WORLDWIDE

**Mission Sunday**

Next Sunday, 18th October. A special collection for the Missions will be taken up in the porch of the church.

**Bulletins to Homes**

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next week-end.

**Gaelscoil Uí Riada**

The Minister for Education & Science, Micheál Ó Máirtín, T.D. will officially turn the sod for the new building at the Orchard site, Wilton, on Monday next 12th at 11.30 a.m. Failte roimh chách.



**Industrial Peace and Job Creation**

The twentieth Annual Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay, on Sunday 18th October at 4.00pm. Fr. Bill Toner, S.J. will preach the special Sermon. All are welcome.

**Pastoral Council**

Meeting next Monday 12th in the C.P. Centre at 8.10pm.

**Reminder**

Adult Education Series continues next Tuesday 13th with "History of the Liturgical Movement" by Fr. Brian Magee, C.M. All welcome.

**St. Michin's Church, Dublin -**

Five girls from Mount Mercy paid a most interesting visit to Dublin on 16th July when they joined the Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman John Dennehy and Coiste Comórtha '98, in paying tribute to the memory of the Cork-born Sheares brothers, United Irish Patriots who were executed 200 years ago in 1798. The Commemoration took place in St. Michin's Church, where the remains of the patriots were interred in a vault underneath the church.

The trip was sponsored by Iarnród Éireann as a reward for the research the girls carried out on the lives of the Sheares brothers. Sinéad Keane, Leaving Cert, laid a wreath on behalf of staff and students of Mount Mercy. Clare Ahern, Junior Cert, gave a talk in Irish and English on the lives of the brothers. Elizabeth O'Donovan, Elizabeth Sheeran and Catherine Hayes, all Junior Certs, marched in the wreath laying procession which was led by a lone piper.

**Readings for Sunday 18 October**

Is. 45:1-6, Ps. 97:1-6R/ v.2.  
Ph. 3:8-11, 17-20. Jn. 17:1-8.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

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