



Ballinaspais Bulletin

Feast of All Saints



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR
PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

CENTRAL AMERICA was an area that suffered injustices under corrupt governments and dictatorships for many years. One of the countries in that area which suffered most was Guatemala, a country which in 1944 elected a president with a vision "that all should be treated equally". At that time Guatemala was virtually owned by a few wealthy people and foreign companies with business interests there. The democratically elected president was overthrown by a planned military takeover in 1954, and suffering, murder, injustices became the order of the day. In 1996 a glimmer of hope began to dawn with the signing of a peace accord. One of the main pro-justice people was the late Bishop Juan Gerardi who was murdered in April of this year, because he highlighted what had gone on during the previous 40 years.

Bishop Gerardi once said, "The building of the Lord's kingdom involves risk. Only those who are strong enough to confront those risks can be builders". John Hume and David Trimble received this year's Nobel Prize for being men who took risks.

We now begin the month of the

holy souls, when we remember those who have gone before us. We remember them for their goodness and kindness. Many of them weren't Bishop Gerardi, John Hume or David Trimble, but parents, partners, children, friends who strived in their own way to do what was right. They too have a right to be acclaimed by our remembrance of them. We thank them for their goodness, their love and example. We pray that for the risks they took to love, the sacrifices they made for us will be remembered by the Lord by His welcome for them in His Kingdom.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married during September and October:

PAT HORGAN, 22 Bishopscourt Road, who married Deirdre McDonnell, Monkstown.

PATRICK JOSEPH KERRY, Bishopstown Avenue, who married Deirdre Gilroy, Carrick-on-Shannon.

PAT MULLINS, 115 Leedale, who married Gail Boland, Freemont Drive.

VINCENT RIORDAN, St. Clares Avenue, who married Aine Twomey, Carrigaline.

TINA O'SULLIVAN, 14 Leedale, who married Michael Tobin, Gillabbey Park.

NOELLE CLINTON, 28 Mount Eden, Model Farm Road, who married Michael Forde, Ballincollig.

A LETTER FROM OMAGH

Dear Fr. Clancy,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the Book of Condolences you sent us in the aftermath of the bombing tragedy in Omagh.

On behalf of the priests and people of this parish of Drumragh - in which the bomb exploded - and also on behalf of the clergy and people of the wider community, we wish to thank you and your parishioners for this very kind and christian expression of solidarity and support. It is a help to us to know that we have the sympathy and prayers of so many people. The Books of Condolences are to be kept in a special memorial which is being prepared by the Omagh District Council.

The signatures of so many people and the other messages and expressions of sympathy and goodwill serve to remind us that out of the most dreadful tragedy God can bring great good. It is our hope and prayer that this particular incident marks the end of this long period of violence in our country.

Wishing you every blessing.

Fr. Michael Keaveny, PP



We offer our sincere sympathy to MAY QUINN, Wilton Avenue, on the death of her daughter Maeve Dorgan, Ballincollig.

BELLS - THE VOICE OF GOD

The second last in the series of lectures organised by the Adult Education Committee was given by Adrian Gebruers on last Tuesday night. His topic was "Bells - The Voice of God". Some of those who attended were not too sure what to expect, but all came away delighted to have heard a most interesting and unusual (in the best sense of that word) talk, beginning with the history of bells from the time they began to be made in China right down to the present day. Adrian recalled how in 1916 the carillon which Bishop Browne had purchased for Cobh Cathedral arrived in Liverpool from the Continent and was then brought secretly to Cobh on a British destroyer by courtesy of the Admiral!

The Cobh carillon is among the best of its kind anywhere, and it is a pity that the people of Cork are not more aware of its existence. Should you wish to hear Adrian play it, try to be in Cobh this Sunday, All Saints' Day, at 4.30 pm.

The lecture series ends on Tuesday next, 3rd November, when James Cronin (U.C.C.) will speak on "Church Architecture".

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COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A THIN THREAD

I HAVE heard many representations of the word "faith", all valid. But I heard a new one (for me at any rate) while listening to an interview with the G.B. Radio Show. Gay Byrne was speaking to a monk, a novice-master from the Carthusian Monastery at Parkminster in West Sussex. His name was Dom Cyril Pearse.

The purpose of the interview seemed to be to "plug" a new book and CD called "In the Silence of the Word". I gather the CD (a collection of the monks singing Gregorian Chant) will be available shortly in Ireland. But the interview - as it so often can with Gay Byrne - became something much more.

In answer to the question: "What exactly do you pray for?", Dom Cyril explained that the

monks' prayer - hours and hours of it, day and night, individually and communally - was an expression of gratitude to God. It was prayer TO, not FOR! Prayer, Dom Cyril claimed, could be a very humbling experience, especially in the silence of one's own heart when you plumbed the depths of your own humanity.

His interpretation of Faith? "Faith", he said, was "a thin thread holding together our relationship with God" - even in the solitude of the hermitage.

The hermitage he described as a place of great joy and peace, of tranquility and certitude where there was a sense of the order of things. All (sorry!, men only) are welcome to share the liturgy and the silence.

Both Dom Cyril and Gay Byrne went to Synge Street school, although at different times. Dom Cyril ended up, observed Gay, in the silence of the monastery. Gay ended up, he conceded, making a lot of noise in the studios of RTE. A thought-provoking interview.

Rest In Peace

Joe Nolan, Wilton Road, died at Marymount on Wednesday 21st October. Joe had been unwell for a considerable time, and was lovingly cared for at home by his wife Mary and family until his condition required hospital care. He was a man who in his spare time loved the outdoor life - golf, the sea, and boats. We offer sincere sympathy to Mary and family, Brian, Kieran, Hugh, Roisin and Cliona, his brother Kieran, sister Mai and other relatives, and large circle of friends.

Eileen Jenkinson, Laburnum Lawn, died in a tragic accident on the Carrigaline Road on Wednesday 14th October. Her unexpected death left her family, and indeed the whole community, numb with grief. Eileen had been such a popular friend and neighbour she was everybody's loss. We extend sincere sympathy to her husband Dick, her family Frank, Mary, Helen and Sarah, her brothers and sisters, grandchildren, relatives and her many friends.



Novena of Masses for the Dead

Commences tomorrow Monday 2nd and will continue until 11th November at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 pm. Envelopes available at church doors for names to be included.

All Souls Day

Tomorrow 2nd. Holy Hour will take place at 8.00 pm.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration

Will take place next Friday from 10.30 to 7.30 pm.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Meeting next Thursday in C.P. Centre at 8.00 pm.

Church Architecture

The final lecture of the Adult Education Series takes place this Tuesday 3rd, at 8.00 pm. on Church Architecture, by James Cronin, U.C.C.

What Are Your Favourite Hymns?

Our Senior Choir are recording a CD and are interested in hearing what hymns are favourites with the congregation. Boxes will be placed at the church doors. All suggestions very welcome.

Thank You

Thanks to Aoife O'Leary, Lisa O'Connell and Regina Cremin of Mount Mercy, and their teacher Valerie Walsh, for preparing the November list in the Sanctuary.

Fashion Show

At Jurys Hotel, on Sunday 8th November at 3.00 pm. in aid of Scoil an Spioraid Naímh (C) development fund. Family ticket £10, adult £5, child £3.

Premarriage Courses

Organised by N.A.O.M.I. 36 Washington Street. Fridays 6.30-10.00, Saturdays 10.00-5.00. Fee £30 per couple. Dates available November 20/21, December 4/5, January 22/23, February 12/13. Contact 272213.

Foróige

The Dennehy's Cross Foróige Club will have its first meeting on Monday 2nd November at 6.30 to 8.00 pm. in the Crypt of the church. Members between 12 and 18 years are welcome to attend.

Coeliac Society

Meeting in the SMA Centre on Tuesday 3rd November at 8.00 pm.

Cork Older Women's Network

Wed. 4th Nov. Health Issues for Older Women, by Public Health Nurses.

Wed. 18th Nov. Guest Speaker Kevin O'Connor, Wilton & Coburg Street.

Wed. 2nd Dec. Guest Speaker Colin Roberts on Family Law and Inheritance Issues.

Venue: Community Resource Centre, Lower Friars Walk, 2.00-4.00 pm. Tel. 319085/321571 to confirm attendance.

Russian Mission Fund

Gramophone Recital in Jurys Hotel on this Sunday 1st November at 8.00 pm. Music by Gerry O'Callaghan. Tickets £5. Proceeds to build Chapel in a prison for foreigners, organised by Fr. Philip Andrews from Cork.

Readings for Sunday 8 November

2 Mac. 7:1-2, 9-14. Ps. 16.

2 Thess. 2:16-3:5. Lk. 20:27-38.