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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, COBK.



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

Many years ago I was locking up the church for the night when I noticed a note left on the altar before the tabernacle. I took it and read it. It contained a desperate plea to the Lord for a very special request. I knelt and prayed for that intention.

We all meet situations in life when only God can solve the problem which confronts us. Then our fervour really takes off. But, like other emotions, fervour quickly fades - like a star that shines brightly, but for one night only.

Some people regularly say, "I make my own way to God", "I say my prayers", "I don't feel the need to go to Mass", "Those who go are a lot of hypocrites anyhow". The reality is our fits of fervour on our lonely way to God do not yield enough strength for our day to day service of the Lord (except for saintly hermits). We need help. We need to kneel down with others who live the Faith. We need the feeling and support of community. It's just being human, that's the way we are made. Any of us who have been to Lourdes have

experienced the support and example of others in prayer.

The Lord knew this, so He left us His Church, and His own special prayer and sacrifice - the Mass. We desperately need His help to see what is true and good and beautiful - and follow that path. God knows we are all far from perfect and may stumble and fall along the pathway of life, but then forgiveness and repentance is very much part of our Christian inheritance and our relationship with the Lord.

We are all very much the poorer, those within the family of God, and those who have opted out, if we turn our backs on Him and walk away, even for the holiday period.

Have a lovely break, come back safe and refreshed, and "Praise the Lord".

Annis O'Connor

Message from the Editor

This edition, the 600th issue of the Ballineaspig Bulletin brings the bulletin teams to their summer holidays. On behalf of my fellow team members I would like to thank the regular contributors to the bulletin for the news, reports and opinions expressed.

The Bulletin returns in the Autumn on Sunday September 5th!

Rest In Peace

Hugh Bowdren, formerly of College Road, died at his home in Limerick City on Sunday 13th June. His wish was to be buried with the family at St. Finbarr's Cemetery, where a large gathering of his relatives and old friends awaited the arrival of his funeral. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Maude, his daughters Margaret and Mary, his son-in-law, grandchildren, brother, sister and his many friends.

"Brón ar an mbáis - sé dubh mo croidhe-se". Brendan Linehan, Roskelton, Wilton Road, was taken from us quite unexpectedly on Tuesday last, 22nd June. Brendan was truly one of nature's gentlemen, to the very core of his being. He was loyal to his Lord and to his Church to the end - in fact he sang at 10.30 Mass on Sunday last. His work with the choir, as cantor, his chanting of the "Exultet" on Holy Saturday night, his work for the Liturgy Group, providing shamrock for St. Patrick's Day, and so many more of "those little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love" made Brendan very special to all of us. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to his family - Colm (Editor of our Bulletin), Richard, Anne and Deirdre, his brothers Canon Diarmuid, Sean and Paudie, his many relatives and friends. Truly we are all in mourning for a faithful friend and tireless worker in our parish. May God reward him as he joins his dear wife Moirin in Heaven. Beannacht Dé le'n a anam uasal.

Joe Kenny, Bishopstown Avenue West, died at the Bon Secours Hospital on Friday 11th June. Joe had a distinguished career in the Irish Army, reaching the position of Lieut. Colonel. He was a keen sportsman, a member of St. Finbarr's Hurling Club, and a Bridge player. Above all he was loved and respected as a family man. Joe was pre-deceased by his wife by about twenty years. We extend sincere sympathy to his family, Brenda, Pattie, Fionnuala, Ronan and Kevin, his brother Colm, sister Brighid, his grandchildren who were so dear to him, and friends.

Pastoral Council

Two members of Council were congratulated and thanked for bringing forward their ideas for two projects recently. The Council decided to proceed with their suggestions. The members involved took the initiative and with the help of others, including the enthusiastic support of the parish clergy, two successful events resulted.

Those lucky enough to attend the Interfaith Service on 26th May were well rewarded and many were touched by its simplicity. The real sense of Pentecost was felt. It was a prayerful and learning experience and it is hoped that this will become an annual event.

"Lots of people were moved by it" were the words of the Dean in referring to the second event, the celebration of Fathers' Day in the parish. The great amount of thought and preparation that went into this day was obvious to all. Fr. Clancy said that we



were all enriched by these ideas and members of Council should be encouraged to bring forward other ideas. Suggestions from parishioners would be most welcome.

The Chairman proposed that the centenary of the Pioneer Abstinence Association should be celebrated in the parish and this will be discussed at next meeting. The Parish Social is confirmed for 29th October at Jurys Hotel. A Triduum, in preparation for the millennium, will take place from 22nd - 24th November.

Looking forward to September, Fr. Clancy said he would like to emphasize the liturgy and the many ways in which it can enrich all our lives, children, young people and adults, and he thanked members of Council for their work at the end of his first year as Parish Priest.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by suggesting that we consider the holding of a Diploma in Religious Studies Course at next meeting which will be on 13th September.

PARISH GROUP AT LOURDES

On Friday 11th June a group of 40 from the parish travelled to Lourdes as part of the Cork & Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage. It was a very rewarding experience seeing pilgrims participate and help in various ways, working with the sick in the hospital, bringing them to Mass, to processions, to the Stations of the Cross, and to the baths. Others prayed the Rosary in Irish, sang in the choir for the processions and helped in many

different ways.

On Tuesday 15th Fr. Finbarr was the main celebrant at Mass and 26 people participated - Readers of the Word, Prayers of the Faithful, Offertory Procession and Ministers of the Eucharist. It was very much a celebration and affirmation of our Baptism in which we are all called to ministry.

Trips were organised to Bartres, Gavarnie and Cite san Pierre, and some travelled to Spain for a day. In all it was a very enjoyable and prayerful pilgrimage. We thank Fr. Finbarr for being with us and for his total dedication and concern for all of us. A sincere thank you to Fr. Aengus, O.F.M. Cap., Rochestown College, for giving us something very special to reflect on.

Delighted to hear the Banner arrived back "home" having gone on a solo Tour de France!

MEDITATION GROUP

In her book "The Love of Christ", Mother Teresa of Calcutta says: "In silence He hears us, He speaks to us. It is very hard to pray if one does not know how. We must help ourselves to learn. The most important thing is silence. Souls of prayer are souls of deep silence. That is why we must accustom ourselves to stillness of the soul. See how nature, the trees, the flowers, the grass grow in deep silence..... Jesus is waiting for us in the silence..."

Our parish Meditation Group continues to meet every Thursday from 7.00 to 7.30 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.



NOTICE BOARD

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed for the months of July and August. Certificates available in Sacristy at Mass times.

First Friday

Next Friday 2nd July is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will take place next Friday 2nd from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.



Cope Foundation

Voluntary helpers required urgently (full board). Male and female 17 years or over to help on a holiday for persons with physical handicap, 3rd - 13th August at COPE Foundation, Beech Hill, Montenotte. Please ring Debbie, Sean or John at 507131 (office hours).

The beautiful garden of Catherine MacHale, Glenmahon, Rochestown Road, will be open on Sunday 27th June from 12 noon to 6 p.m. It is located across the road and just beyond the Rochestown Park Hotel, when approached from Douglas. There is also a super plant sale of rare and unusual plants from stock grown in the garden and all proceeds will be in aid of COPE Foundation.

Cursa Gaeilge 1999

At Mount Mercy College for girls and boys, 10-16 years, commencing 10 a.m. Monday next June 28 - July 2, catering for 4th to 6th class primary and 1st to 3rd year post primary. Seisúin teagaisc, drámaíocht, céilí. Apply Secretary 542366. Come along Monday morning at 9.45 a.m.



BON VOYAGE

We wish Fr. Finbarr well during his three-month Course in Spirituality in the U.S.



Tuesday, 29th June:

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

On the day traditionally considered in pagan Rome to be its foundation day by Romulus, we celebrate the twin founders of the Church in Rome. St. Peter died by crucifixion and St. Paul by beheading within two years of each other but on unknown dates.

Readings for Sunday 4 July

Zech.9:9-10. Ps.144.
rom.8:9, 11-13. Mt.11:25-30.

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