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# Ballinaspaig Bulletin

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Pat writes*

Forgiveness is surely one of the hallmarks of a Christian. The readings of the Mass today (24th Sunday of the Church's year) speak very clearly on forgiveness. Therefore we must forgive! While we should do many things, life teaches us that we so often fail to do that which is expected of us, namely forgive in this case. How many families are totally divided because of the inability to forgive? How many neighbours have not spoken for years because of 'resentment and anger'? We so often hear "I'll forgive but not forget", a phrase which carries its own threat of vengeance. We feel that if we extract our retribution our hurt will be taken away. But how will the removal of my enemy's eye restore sight to the eye which has been lost to me? The doctrine of eye for eye and tooth for tooth would in the end leave the world blind and toothless (Martin Luther King).

The real problem at the centre of lack of forgiveness is the hurt that was caused by the offence. While we still feel the pain, be it physical or emotional, we are unable to forgive. If we have been hurt by

others then it is only logical to admit that we have caused hurt to others. We require forgiveness also. If we do not acknowledge this, our case is lost. In the end it is only God who can really forgive our sins. He does not require vengeance. 'It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills.' (ps.102). When we experience God's forgiveness and healing for the wrong we have done, then automatically we will forgive others the wrong they have done us. Someone once said that the whole of the New Testament could be summed up in the phrase from today's parable: 'I cancelled that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant as I had pity on you?'

If we find it difficult to forgive others, maybe it is because we have not asked for forgiveness and healing for the wrong we have done to others. In an age where the sacrament of reconciliation is on the decline does it not seem likely that we will have yet more hurt and resentment to carry as heavy burdens?

I would like to thank everyone who has been so kind and welcoming to me since my arrival in the parish. Please God as the months and years go by we will come to know each other better and experience His Presence as the source and summit of all our lives.

MARRIAGE  
IN  
CHRIST



Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married during the Summer:

RUAIRI DOYLE, Ardoyne, Wilton Road, who married Tracey Byrne, Derry.

MONA QUINN, Belcor, Wilton Avenue, who married Bernard Casey, Dublin Hill.

TIM WALSH, Wilton Avenue, who married Maria Aherne, Glasheen.

SIOBHAN HARRINGTON, Wilton Park Villas, Bishopstown Road, who married Daniel Sheehan, Carraig na bhFear.

RACHEL KEARNEY, 17 Kenley Close, who married William Griffin, Adare.

ANNE GILTINAN, 8 Highfield Lawn, who married John Daly, Ballygarvan.

MICHAEL COSTELLO, 27 Kenley Close, who married Mary Frances O'Sullivan, Ballincollig.

WILLIAM WALSH, 46 Leesdale, who married Mari O'Riordan, Ballyvourney.

SIMON MURPHY, Glenlee, Model Farm Road, who married Sonya Murphy, Cashel.

LYNDA O'MAHONY, 54 Leesdale, who married Aidan O'Gorman, Halldene Drive.

SARAH FOLEY, Windsor Cottage, Model Farm Road, who married Sean Coughlan, Woodbrook Road.

ELAINE O'HERLIHY, 2 Leesdale, who married Michael Delaney, Friar Street.



**Bulletin Notices**

People who wish to submit notices for forthcoming events in the parish should ensure that they are delivered to the C.P. Centre no later than Wednesday night.

We welcome suggestions and articles from parishioners, but owing to space restrictions, it may not be possible to print complete articles and the editor reserves the right to edit where necessary.

**NOTICE**



**IN SYMPATHY**

We offer our sincere sympathy to DES DUNNION, Wilton Avenue, on the death of his sister Eithne in London.

To JIM McINTOSH, Kenley Circle, and to PADDY McINTOSH, Bishopstown Park, on the death of their brother Bill.



### FAREWELL

Fr. Finbarr will return from the U.S.A. during the week and will join us for 6.15 p.m. Mass on Saturday next (18th September). There will be a cup of tea in the Crypt afterwards.

It will be an opportunity to meet and reminisce about the fruitful and rewarding eight years he has served the parish. All are welcome.



### MOUNT MERCY NEWS

#### Leaving Cert '99:

Congratulations and well done to this year's class who achieved excellent results. Special congratulations to Aoife Clancy who achieved seven A1 grades in honours English, French, German, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Applied Maths, with an additional A2 in Honours Irish. Well done Aoife.



#### All Ireland Junior Camogie Final '99:

Ciara Healy, Kenley, a 5th year student is a member of the Cork Junior Camogie team who defeated Derry last Sunday 5th September scoring 1-13 to Derry's 2-9. Ciara plays full forward and scored 2 points for the winning team. Well done Ciara.

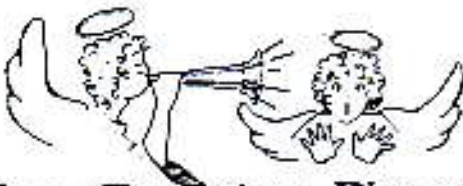
Something  
To  
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About





**Pastoral Council**

Monthly meeting takes place this Monday 13th at 8 p.m. in C.P. Centre.



Your Attention Please

**Tuesday Coffee Morning**

Resumes this Tuesday 14th in C.P. Centre after 10.00 Mass. Looking forward to seeing you all again.



Hear Ye!  
Hear Ye!

**Bulletins to Homes**

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend. Please let us know if you do not receive your copy.



Have You  
Heard?

**Bishopstown I.C.A. Guild**

Will meet on Thursday 16th September at 8 p.m. in the SMA, Wilton. New members are welcome.  
23/9: Craft Demonstration.  
30/9: Nutrition Lecture.

**The FOLD**

The September FOLD will be on sale next weekend 18th/19th September.



Friends of Saint Patrick's Hospital  
and Marymount Hospice Cork

**Hospice Coffee Mornings**

On Thursday 16th you are invited to join two local centres holding Coffee Mornings in aid of Marymount Hospice between 10.30 - noon:

The Sisters at St. Joseph's Convent.

The Rendezvous Bar.



**Bishopstown Community School**

Enrolling for Evening Classes will take place next Wednesday 15th from 7.00-9.00 p.m. Concessions are available for O.A.Ps.

**Readings for Sunday 19 September**

Is. 55:6-9. Ps. 144.  
Phil. 1:20-24,27. Mt. 20:1-16.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

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