



Sunday 26th September

# Ballineaspais Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Sr. Ursula writes*

Ten years ago I came to Ballineaspais. I will never forget my first Sunday Mass. I remember well the size of the church, the big congregation and the terrible feeling of isolation and aloneness. Among all the people present I knew no one. I knelt down, put my head in my hands and prayed. "Lord, I will never survive here, please help me."

We parish sisters have a saying among ourselves that we are "neither fish, fowl nor good red herring". We have no definite role and can be made inoperable very easily if we are not accepted by both priests and people. Thank God that didn't happen to me in spite of my initial trepidation!

It is now time for me to retire. I can look back with amazement at my reaction that first Sunday. There is a phrase in the Old Testament that I love. It is "The kindness of God". That is what I found in this parish during the past decade. From the very beginning people reached out to me, included me and made a place for me in the parish community. Thank you.

Thank you all very much. I am deeply grateful and always have been.

I know too that I could not be here for ten years without causing hurt to some people. For any hurt that I have caused I wish to take this opportunity to say that I apologise and that I am truly sorry. I would ask you to believe that it was human weakness rather than any deliberate wish to give offence.

There is one thing I am very happy about. I am not moving from St. Columbas. That means that there is no need for a formal goodbye. I'm glad of that. I hate goodbyes. I'll just say slán go foil until I meet you on the Model Farm Road, in the shopping centre or on the No.5 bus.



Joan O'Flynn, Farranlea Park, also known as Hannah (nee Steele), died recently in Dublin. A very dedicated person, she devoted many years to caring for her husband Sean up to the time of his death. She had also been a devoted carer to Sean's family. In earlier years she had been involved in voluntary work with Cope Foundation. We offer our sympathy to her son Brendan, daughter-in-law Louise and her beloved grandchildren, Laura and Rosie, to whom she was affectionately known as 'Granny Cork'. It was these who cared for her in her final illness. Our sympathy also to her own immediate family, Nellie, Mary, John and Paddy. Her neighbours in Farranlea Park miss her lovely smile and her warm and friendly personality - a gentle lady.

Tom Harris, The Orchard, Farranlea, died on September 15th at the Bon Secours Hospital. Tom was a gentle man, a family man, a great friend, a committed member of the parish and of the community. His loyalty to the production of the Bulletin was unswerving. From the beginning, over 600 issues ago, he gave freely, not only the benefit of his wide reading but also of his professional expertise as a printer with the Examiner. Indeed, he was scheduled, with his best friend and wife Elsie, to compile last week's Bulletin. It was not to be. It is through such generous fidelity that communities are sustained. Thank you, Tom. He will be missed by many, not least by the Bulletin Committee and by the members of the Tuesday afternoon Bridge group. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his wife Elsie, his family Mary, Ruth and Kevin, his grandchildren and the wider family as well as to his many friends and neighbours.

## Go Peacefully

*Go peacefully amid the noise and the haste,  
and remember what peace there may be in silence.*

*As far as possible,  
without surrendering what you believe in,  
be on good terms with all persons.*

*Keep interested in your own career,  
however humble;  
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.  
And be careful not to be taken in,  
for the world is full of trickery;  
but let this not blind you to what good there is:  
many persons strive for high ideals,  
and everywhere life is full of heroism.*

*Above all, be at peace with God.  
And whatever your labours and aspirations  
in the noisy confusion of life,  
keep peace with your soul.  
For in spite of all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams,  
it is still a beautiful world.*







## ALTERNATIVE SLANT

BY "RUTH"



Ruth writes:

Fr. Clancy commented in his homily last Sunday that when we know we are truly loved envy dies in our hearts. He was speaking in relation to the gospel story of the disgruntled workers in the vineyard, but his words leapt out at me!

I thought how true it is and how vital it is that all parents should know it, and apply it to how they bring up their children.

Every child is deeply loved by his or her parents and the greatest tragedy in the life of a parent is to lose a child. Yet, do we show our children that we love them? Are they secure in the knowledge of our unconditional love? Do we say the words "I love you" often enough, and do we take time to be with them, to talk to them and to listen to them?

Children who grow up secure in the knowledge that they are loved unconditionally find who they are have a high sense of self-worth and don't need to turn to alcohol or drugs to boost their confidence. There is great wisdom in the old Irish proverb "Mol an óige agus tíocheadh sí".

## THANK YOU

Thanks to the parish team and pastoral council for inviting me back last Saturday to celebrate the 6.15 Mass, and for the gathering afterwards.

I spent eight very happy years in Dennehy's Cross and that was thanks to the parishioners and my fellow priests and parish sister.

I wish my successor all the best in his new appointment.

As priests we do move on and I look forward to being as happy in the Lough parish as I was at Dennehy's Cross.

Keep me in your prayers as I will keep you.

Fr. Finbarr Crowley





# LOOKING AHEAD

## First Friday

Next-Friday 1st October is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

## Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday 1st from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

## St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection will take place at Masses next week-end.

## Bulletin Folders

Rota for 1999/2000 is now available for collection in C.P. Centre.

## Light Out of Darkness

is a gentle human/spiritual growth Course that allows us to know God as a true friend. The Course will start in the parish on Tuesday 5th October at 8 p.m. Interested? Please contact Eileen at 541582.

## Walking for Charity

The Irish Wheelchair Association will hold the following millennium walks:

China - 20-30 April 2000. Great Wall, Tiananmen Sq., Beijing, Xi'an.

Holy Land - 21-30 October 2000. Jerusalem, Bethlehem and many other religious and cultural sites.

Further details from Rita Woods at 966544.

## MOUNT MERCY NEWS

### Leaving & Junior Cert. '99

Further congratulations to Lorraine Lester and Maria Kinnane who also obtained straight As in this year's Leaving Cert. Well done to all the Junior Certs who achieved brilliant results and a special congratulations to the following students who received ten straight As in High Level subjects - Rebecca Brennan, Sarah Harrington, Catherine Hayes, Sínead Lawton and Breeda Lynch. Comhghairdeas libh go léir.

## PRIESTS' AREAS

In last week's Bulletin, Orchard Road was omitted from Fr. Pat Walsh's area.

### Readings for Sunday 3 October

Is. 5:1-7. Ps. 79.

Phil. 4:6-9. Mt. 21:33-43.

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