



A Reminder

Would Eucharistic Ministers who take Communion to the sick and have no further need of pyxes at the moment, please return them to the Sacristy as they are needed. Thank you for your ministry.

Annual Collection

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday. We are asked to share in the worldwide missionary activity of the church with prayer and a financial offering for those in the young Churches who are "hungry for God, not just bread and freedom". (Pope John Paul II). Collection will take place at all Masses.

Public Lectures in Theology

The Church and Nationalism - A Theological Perspective. Lecture by Gregory Baum, a convert from Judaism, at Boole 2, U.C.C. on Tuesday 19th October at 8.00 p.m. Admission free.

Supper Dance

In aid of East Timor in Jurys Hotel on Wednesday 20th October, 8-12 midnight. Tickets £6 from Vincent Jones, 544762 or 086 2313470.

I.C.A.

Craft Lecture in S.M.A. Centre on Thursday 21st October at 8.00 p.m. All welcome.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

087 - 251 9940

Readings for Sunday 24 October
Is.55:1-3. Ps.144:8-9; 15-18.
Acts. 13:46-49. Jn.6:24-35.

NOTE:

Parish Social

On Friday 29th October from 8.00 to 12.30 a.m. Music by The Diamonds. Cold Supper, spots galore. Tickets £10 from Pastoral Council members or in the C.P. Centre.



Ballineaspai Gramophone Circle

The Gramophone Circle will meet on Wednesday next, Oct. 20th, at 3.p.m. in the Crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross. Seamus Murphy will present an afternoon of great music. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS
IN THE PARISH**

Parish Social: 29th October.

Triduum: 22/23/24 November.

Reconciliation Day: Sunday, 28th November.

Jubilee Booklet: Distribution in November.

First Communion: Enrolment Ceremony Saturday 20th November, 1999 at 11.30 a.m.
First Communion - Saturday 27th May, 2000.

Confirmation: Confirmation Commitment Ceremony 10.30 a.m. Sunday 14th November, 1999.
Confirmation Ceremony on Wednesday 5th April 2000.

Sunday 17th October, 1999



Ballineaspai
Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

GIFTEDNESS 2000

A thousand years ago, in 999, there was a widespread fear in Europe that the world was about to end. The fearful had no vision of what wonders the next millennium would bring.

In 1999, the consequences of drug addiction, the pain of marriage breakdown, the destructive possibilities of new technology, the dangers of global warming, the awesome vistas of genetic engineering, the decline of religious practice, all awaken fears of disaster in many hearts. Some of our ancestors felt helpless and hopeless in the hands of a vindictive God who had tired of his creation.

In our time however, many believe that there are no limits, physical or moral, to the march of economic and scientific human progress. Common to people at the end of both millennia may be a failure to be aware of the wonder of our own giftedness and the giftedness of all creation. This lack of awareness of God as the source of all gifts leads to a destructive self-centred

independence rather than to the fulfilment that comes from living out the interdependence of all God's gifts.

Millennium celebrations are an opportunity to focus on the gifts of life and love, of family and faith, of relationships and reconciliation. Let us begin to celebrate the gift we are to each other and grow into a deepening awareness of God's gift of himself to us.

Tom L. Loney

Pastoral Council

Social: Tickets on sale through Pastoral Council members and also in C.P. Centre.

Contact People: It is hoped to have a meeting of all Contact people on Monday 8th November at 8 p.m. in the Crypt.

Millennium: The committee reported that Millennium booklet will be ready early November and Millennium candles will be available at £1 or £2.

Liturgy Committee - new members are needed. It was suggested that, in the absence of altar servers, perhaps the readers would ring the bells at daily Mass. It was also suggested that the death of a parishioner would be announced at each Mass.



WEDDINGS



Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married in September:

CAMILLA COUGHLAN, Kenley Heights, who married Matthew Shaw, Palmerstown, Dublin.

RAYMOND FORREST, Wilton Gardens, who married Audrey Kelly, Dunkettle.

BARRY FAHY, 48 Leesdale, who married Fiona Dennehy, Farranree.

EVELYN GOUGH, 22 Parkway, who married John Cronin, Church Street.

BRYAN HYLAND, St. Francis Avenue, who married Tracy Finnegan, Templeogue.

ELIZABETH KINGSLEY, Highfield Lawn, who married Richard Taffs, Chorley, Lancs.

EDWARD JAMES LAWLOR, The Chines, Wilton Road, who married Susan Gleeson, Killarney.

NICOLE MURPHY, 4 Leesdale, who married Cathal Forde, Blackrock.

SORJA MCGUINNESS, 3 The Manor, who married Felim McLoughlin, Belfast.

CATHERINE O'LEARY, Magazine Road, who married Desmond McMahon, Montenotte.

PHILIP O'SULLIVAN, Woodlawn, who married Paula O'Shea, Frankfield.

COLETTE O'CONNOR, 95 Leesdale, who married Kieran O'Brien, Friars Walk.

DANIEL O'SULLIVAN, Farranlea Park, who married Ruth Gleeson, Bishopstown.

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

MARTINA HEANEY, Leesdale, who married Donal Madden, South Douglas Road.

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Susan Heywood and Emma Hawkes, Junior Cert. members of the Togher Children's Choir, will participate in the Choir Olympics 2000 in Linz, Austria, next July. Both girls recently performed in "Androcles and the Lion" in the L'Arche Centre, Togher.

A Service of Light in St. Finbarre's Cathedral was attended by Leaving Cert. students Sharon Collins and Maria Fitzpatrick, together with students and teachers from city and county. The Service consisted of Readings, Prayers and lighting of

the millennium candle. Transition students have recently enjoyed outings to St. Colman's Cathedral, a geographical tour of the Lower Harbour, and the Heritage Centre all in Cobh; also to Cappanalea Outdoor Activity Centre where they enjoyed abseiling, hillwalking and many other activities, and to Oysterhaven for various water sports.

Finally, congratulations to Rhian and Louise Fitzgerald who excelled during the summer at various horse riding events.

FR. FINBARR

To show our appreciation of Fr. Finbarr's years among us, there will be an EXIT collection in the church this week-end. Boxes will be in the porches after each Mass.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

The new evangelisation which can make the next century a springtime of the Gospel will depend very much on the lay faithful being fully aware of their baptismal vocation and of their responsibility for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Today it is often the laity who must be in the forefront in seeking to apply the Church's teaching to the ethical, moral and social questions which arise in their communities or at the national level. The specific mission of lay men and women is the evangelisation of the family, of culture, and of social and political life.

Pope John Paul's address to Irish Bishops, June 1999

THERE ARE NONE SO DEAF...

"Often those who have not heard the Gospel are doubly poor, doubly hungry, doubly oppressed. They are materially poor, lacking possessions; they are spiritually poor, lacking that hope which springs from the knowledge and love of Christ. Their hunger is not only for bread and rice, but also for the word that gives meaning to their existence."

- U.S.A. Bishops

ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS

40th BIRTHDAY!

St. Catherine's Mass for the school year was celebrated on Mercy Day, 24th September, in the Parish Church. A prayer service in the school for the younger children was attended by some of the Sisters who are now retired from St. Catherine's.

St. Catherine's is 40 years old this year! We are happy to mount an exhibition as part of our celebrations. Any old photos, memoirs, memorabilia etc. which you could loan us would be gratefully received. Contact Mrs Margaret McCarthy or Mrs Catherine McCarthy at the school, Telephone 546868. Any material you submit will be returned.

Congratulations to Aoife Hayes, Aoife McCarthy and Julia Duff who won three of the five awards in the Cork Energy Awareness Poster Competition.

A big "Thank You" to all who contributed to our fund-raising of £300 for the Hospice Foundation and £300 for the CSCPA World Animal Awareness Week.



The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time.

Sharon Lynch