

Sunday 20th February 2000



Ballineaspais Bulletin

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**

writes

NO NEED TO RECALL THE PAST

The millennium surge of new hope and fresh beginnings may be running out of steam. The temptation is to settle back into the humdrum of safe routine and lazy mediocrity. This can happen in our relationships, in our work, in our recreation, in our service to the community. For believers, the challenge is otherwise. As Isaiah reminds us this weekend, the Lord says:

"No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?"

FAITH AND JUSTICE GROUP

Monday 21st February

Meeting 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt

As a further follow up to Fr. O'Driscoll's talk, you are cordially invited to explore with us how followers of Jesus can respond to the wider justice issues in our world. Sometimes we feel the issues are too big for us to make a difference. Yet, we must and we can. Join us. Monday at 8.00 p.m.

The Lord is always opening up opportunities for us if only we would see them and respond to them today. The invitation is to create new bonds of loving service and hope. Yesterday's opportunities are gone. For followers of Jesus, there is an urgency about grasping today's. We are never alone in that regard. St. Paul reminds us that:

"It is God himself who has anointed us, making us with his seal and giving us the pledge, the Spirit, that we carry in our hearts."
2nd Reading.

We are called to exploit the potential goodness of the present. Never postpone doing good.

Thomas Blaney

Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer is a world-wide movement of Christian women who come together from all the different churches on the first Friday in March each year to observe a common day of prayer. The service will be held here at the Descent of the Holy Spirit at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 2nd March, 2000. The theme of the service will be "Young Woman Stand Up". All men and women are very welcome to join in the prayers of people, worldwide, on this very special day.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1999
Presented by the Parish Finance Committee

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Sunday & Holyday collection	63,780	Wages & PRSI	24,682
Poor Clare Chapel collection	3,965	Heating and Lighting	7,340
Shrines & millennium candles	8,970	8% Levy to Diocesan Office	5,644
Bank Interest	398	Insurance	3,143
Folds, Directories, Booklets etc.	1,500	Poor Clare Chapel maintenance	1,500
Subscriptions for Parish from Groups	1,128	Government Levy for Primary School children	3,936
Miscellaneous Income	862	Cathedral Renovation Fund	3,000
TOTAL INCOME:	80,603	Equipment	182
		Eucharistic Procession Fund	400
		Bulletin, Folds, Missalettes, booklets	8,144
		Church requisites	8,019
		Repairs and maintenance	20,922
		6% Retirement Levy	4,222
		Telephones	1,272
		Bank Charges	238
		Miscellaneous expenses	1,774
		Triduum	400
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	94,818
SUMMARY			
Income 1999	£80,603		
Expenditure	£94,818		
Deficit	£14,215		
Credit Balance 1/1/99	£50,289		
Credit Balance 31/12/99	£36,074		

Special Church Collections 1999

C.M.C.C.	£302	Trocaire	£1,930
Holy Places	£400	Mission Sunday	£1,215
Episcopal Commissions	£400	St. Anne's Adoption Society	£552
Peru (incl. church boxes)	£3,548	Kosovo	£10,205
Education of Priests	£1,345	Pioneers	£235
Peter's Pence	£890	White Fathers	£1,545



PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

PARISHIONERS' VIEWS WELCOMED

The agenda for the February meeting covered such topics as Mass leaflets, computerisation, parish finance, interfaith service, adult education and the holding of a parish pilgrimage. Fr. Clancy introduced a very good Mass Booklet for 6 to 10 year olds which is published by the Redemptorist Fathers. It was decided to purchase 100 of these and place them with the adult leaflets at the entrance points in the church beginning on the first Sunday of Lent. They would also be given to teachers to introduce the children to them and if required a supply will be made available to parents who wish to purchase. Council felt that these booklets should help to make Mass more attractive for our younger parishioners.

Evening Mass on weekdays during Lent will be at 7.30 p.m. May 21st will be a day of National Pilgrimage for Jubilee 2000. A committee will be formed soon to organise a Parish Pilgrimage and Picnic at Gougane Barra on a date to be decided. An interfaith service will be held on June 13th as a follow-on to last year's successful event. The Adult Education Committee announced that Fr. Clancy would deliver a series of five lectures on Tuesdays during Lent.

A committee headed by the Council Chairman will seek the advice of other parishes already involved in computerisation with a view to introducing a system

for parish records, bulletin, etc.

The Council would welcome the views of parishioners on any of the above topics.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I write in response to recent letters in the Bulletin concerning serious parking difficulties in the church grounds. It may be helpful to look at the situation under two headings.

1. Weekend Mass Parking

New lining may ease this difficulty. As suggested, some people who can conveniently do so might leave a car at home occasionally. However, the continuing large congregations, especially at the 6.15 and 12.15 Masses, are greatly welcomed. Long may they continue to come and to grow. Goodwill, tolerance and cooperation gets people out reasonably quickly afterwards. Parking rage damages everybody's health.

2. Weekday Parking

At funerals, weddings and other church functions, extraneous parkers deprive church users of the parking space needed on these occasions. Some people park frequently for much of the day. A solution that does not unduly inconvenience church users is being sought. Suggestions can be made to any member of the Pastoral Council or the Finance Committee before the end of the month, please. Safe driving.

Sincerely,
Tom Clancy, P.P.



Cork Peace Week

Sunday 5th March: Concelebrated Mass at St. Augustines Church, 3.30 p.m. Bishop Buckley the chief celebrant and Bishop Laurence Ryan will preach the sermon.

Wednesday 8th: Robert Swann, former Loyalist killer will speak at the Charismatic Prayer Meeting at Nano Nagle Hall, Evergreen Street at 8 p.m.

Friday 10th: Peace Vigil at the Assumption Convent Church, Blackpool at 8 p.m. with Mass at 10 p.m. conducted by Rev. Liam Crowley (Durrus).

Sunday 12th: Ecumenical Service in the North Cathedral at 4 p.m. Most. Rev. Richard Clarke, Church of Ireland Bishop will preach the sermon.

Blood Transfusion Service

Clinic at the S.M.A. Hall, Wilton, on Thursday 24th from 6.00 to 9.00 p.m. There is an ever increasing demand for blood from hospital and patients.

Cerebral Palsy

Volunteers are sought to help out at Cerebral Palsy shops a few hours every week. Full training provided. Please contact 272828 or 278260 if you can help.

Computer Courses

At Colaiste an Spioaid Naoimh in wordprocessing, database, spreadsheet, commencing 23rd February for intermediate, and Thursday 24th for beginners, from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. for ten weeks. Cost £55 (students £40). Further details from the school at 543790.

Bishopstown I.C.A.

Meeting in S.M.A. Hall, Wilton at 8 p.m. on Thursday 24th, with a crafts demonstration. All welcome.

Mount Mercy News

Congratulations and well done to Elizabeth Harris, 1st year, who has won the Peace Essay Award, Junior Cycle, run by the Cork P.E.A.C.E. movement, and to the following students who won prizes for their slogans for peace, as gaeilge:

Clare Ahern, Transition Year, first prize and a special prize for the best entry as gaeilge.

Maeve Ryan, 5th year, 4th prize.
Sarah Moran, 5th year, 7th prize.
Cathy Kennefick, 5th year, 8th prize.

Weekend Courses

In Interview Guidelines, Creative Writing Workshop, and Introducing the World Wide Web, at Colaiste Stiofain Naofa. Details available from Denise or Jacqueline at 961020/961029.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next February 23rd at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt of our Church at Dennehy's Cross, when Dr. Vincent Barry will present an afternoon of great music, and everybody is welcome.

Fine Gael

The Model Farm Road branch will hold its annual general meeting on Monday 21st February at Upper Room, Rendezvous Bar, Model Farm Road, at 8.30 p.m. Intending new members very welcome.

Readings for Sunday 27 February

Hos. 2:16-17, 21-22. Ps. 102
2 Cor. 3:1-6. Mk. 2:18-22.

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