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Ballineaspais Bulletin

The Body and Blood of Christ



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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OUR PARISH PRIEST

writes

MIDSUMMERS DAY this week marks half way in our celebration of Jubilee 2000. It has been a six months of many highlights.

Our Millennium Mass on New Year's Eve was a good beginning with its large prayerful congregation and its tangible sharing of our faith. Our Lenten lunchtime talks broke new ground both in timing and in content. The large attendances were reassuring. The 'Nourishing Our Faith' lectures continued to be appreciated. Holy Saturday, with its outdoor Easter fire this year, continues to be a key moment in many a person's faith journey. First communion and confirmation were key moments for our young, their families and all who joined them.

Undoubtedly, our parish jubilee pilgrimage to Gougane Barra was an outstanding community experience of travelling the road of life and of faith together, and will be remembered by young and old over the months ahead. Our broadcast Masses on Radio One allowed us to share our worship and the gift of our splendid choir with our own housebound and with many others

throughout the land.

This six months period has also seen the sowing of another gospel seed, an undramatic one but one with huge potential for Christian living. It was the formation of a Faith and Action Justice Group who continue to meet on the third Monday of each month. The group set out to reflect on what demands the gospel of Jesus makes on us in the hurly burly of rapidly changing modern life, and especially on how we are called upon to respond to our brothers and sisters in greatest need. This group arranged our participation in the Trocaire letter-writing campaign against injustices in Brazil. It is now focusing on our duty towards asylum seekers and refugees arriving on our shores. (See inside and insert).

So in the midst of a decline in religious practice and a growing loss of faith, there are many seedlings of hope. As the Chinese proverb says: "Do not curse the darkness. Light a candle of hope and love."

Sincere thanks to all who took part in parish life over the last six months, all who inspired and helped to enrich us and all who prayed for our well being. God bless you all.

Tom O'Leary



Rest in Peace

Sr. Anne Marie Brosnan died at St. Columba's Convent recently. Anne Marie was a native of Headford, Killarney, and trained as a nurse at the South Infirmary. She joined the Sisters of Mercy after qualifying and nursed for some years at the Mercy Hospital. Later she worked as a theatre nurse at St. Finbarr's and the Regional Hospital. When the late Bishop Murphy opened Cara House to care for the elderly of Cork's north side, Sr. Anne Marie took up nursing and administrative duties there. She was in failing health for most of a year at St. Columba's before she died. We extend our sympathy to her family members and the Mercy Sisters at their loss.

Colm McCarthy, Model Farm Road, died peacefully surrounded by his family at Marymount on 5th June 2000. Colm was a Dubliner who remained a Dub all his life even though he came to enjoy Cork with deep affection. His work in insurance took him from his original family home in Wilton Gardens, but he was very happy to be able to come to live in this parish again on his return to Cork some years later. A gentle and kind man, he will be missed by all who knew him and most especially by his wife Gertrude, his children Trish (Canada), John, Clare, Deirdre and Sally (Australia) to whom we offer our sincerest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

Angela Long died peacefully at her home in Kenley Close on 9th June in her 82nd year. Widowed on the death of her husband Billy in 1964, she reared her family in Wilton Gardens. She shared love, affection and humour with all who knew her. A camogie star for Cork with whom she won an All-Ireland, she retained a life-long interest in sport. Taking up bridge, she thoroughly enjoyed Thursday nights in Highfield. A daily Mass attender, she would have enjoyed her funeral liturgy with its family involvement and the music of Cor Spioraid Naoimh of which she was an ardent admirer. It was a fitting climax to a rich and faith filled life with family and friends. We extend our sincere sympathies to her daughters Breda, Mary and Eileen, her sons-in-law and her seven grandchildren. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a hanam dílis.

Patrick Kelly died at home in Wilton Gardens on 10th June surrounded with all the care and love his devoted wife and family could bestow. Pat was a native of Galway and joined the Customs and Excise at an early age. He received appointments in different parts of the country prior to coming to Cork where he lived for over thirty years. Pat was a man who never tired of doing good, and his retirement was a busy time helping in so many ways in a voluntary capacity. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Joan, his family Michael, Jennifer, Helena, Fiona, Pauline, Grainne and Niamh, his brother and sisters.





TODAY

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

A parish group will assemble at the Church at 2.45 p.m. today and leave 3.00 p.m. sharp to walk to Daunt's Square. Others will make their own way to the Eucharistic gathering there for 3.45 p.m. The preacher at the Benediction Ceremony will be Fr. Tom Clancy, P.P.



REFUGEES

Legal Definitions

Refugee: Under the 1951 Geneva Convention, a treaty that Ireland has signed, a refugee is someone who is unable to return to his/her country of origin due to a well-founded fear of persecution and who is not afforded protection by the forces of law and order of his/her own state.

Programme Refugees: Refugees who have been invited by the government of a country and usually come as a group, i.e., Bosnians and Kosovars.

Asylum Seeker: A person who applies for refugee status. Everyone has a right to seek asylum in any country. Under the Geneva Convention, Ireland must examine each application lodged. Thus a person is called an asylum seeker while the case is pending.

Economic Migrant: A person who moves from one country to another seeking work or improved employment conditions. That person must apply for a work visa outside the state and have it arranged before entering.

Should Asylum-Seekers have the Right to Work?

The Ballinespaig Faith in Action Group is interested in playing a part in the integration of asylum-seekers and refugees. The Group is particularly concerned that asylum-seekers do not have the right to work.

Not being allowed to work

- takes away the dignity of asylum-seekers;
- debars them from self-reliance, and forces them into dependency;
- gives them nothing but time on their hands at a period, when they are already traumatised by their experiences which forced them to seek asylum, and when they are more vulnerable than average to psychosocial problems;
- removes the opportunity of integrating, and of developing friendships and understanding through working with others;
- removes an opportunity to contribute their abilities and skills to the economic development of their area.

Please support our campaign by adding your address and signature to the enclosed letter and sending it to the local public representative of your choice at Dáil Eireann (no postage required).

Cork North Central: Bernard Allen, F.G.; Liam Burke, F.G.; Billy Kelleher, F.F.; Noel O'Flynn, F.F.; Dan Wallace, F.F. Minister of State at the Department of the Environment

Cork South Central: Deirdre Clune, F.G.; Simon Coveney, F.G.; John Dennehy, F.F.; Micheál Martin, F.F. Minister for Health and Children; Batt O'Keeffe, F.F.



Eucharistic Adoration

Will continue on First Fridays during the Summer, times 10.30 to 7.30 p.m. followed by evening Mass. Thank you to the altar society for their continued decoration of the Sacred Heart altar on First Fridays.

Is It Yours?

Lady's watch found in vicinity of the church.

Irish Course

One week Irish Course begins at 10.00 a.m. on Monday next 26th June at Mount Mercy College, tel. 542366, 10.00 to 4.00 p.m., or 893638, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thank You

Many thanks to Sean for £20.00 received in post for Peru Mission.



Congratulations

To Highfield U-16 rugby team who won the All-Ireland Final, beating Portadown 31-0. Well done.

Creative Writing Workshop

At Triskel Arts Centre, Saturday/Sunday 8th and 9th July. Details from 277300.

Carrigrohane School of Ballet

For details and registration for Autumn term please contact 871431.



We would like to thank all those who volunteered to become Special Ministers of the Eucharist, most of whom will be commissioned today. We realise this requires great generosity of spirit and commitment; we pray for them today on the Feast of Corpus Christi and wish them well in their ministry.

Rosemary Cusack
Paddy Golden
Dan Higgins
Denis Keily
Clare McCutcheon
Mae O'Connor
Sheila O'Herlihy
Maureen Shanahan
Frank Whelton

Readings for Sunday 2 July

Wis. 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Ps. 29;
2 Cor. 8:7, 9, 13-15.
Mk. 5:21-43.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

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Ollí Eireann,
Dublin 2.

Dear

Asylum-Seekers' Right to Work

I wish to support the call of the Faith in Action Group from ^{St. Michael's} Parish in Cork, that you would take whatever action is necessary to permit asylum-seekers to work here, as soon after their arrival as they are ready to do so.

The fact that asylum-seekers are not allowed to work, as soon as they are ready, is destructive and counter-productive.

The right to work gives asylum-seekers dignity and independence and a productive use of their time, and provides the opportunity to integrate, to develop friendships and to contribute to the community.

Asylum-seekers, forced to be dependent, are seen by many Irish people as a burden on the state. Allowing asylum-seekers to work would avert this reaction, and would also meet some of the critical shortage of skilled and unskilled workers in this country.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,