



Ballinaspaig Bulletin

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writes

This weekend's Gospel highlights the gift marriage is to the human family. One of the real dangers of the debate about divorce is that it may condition young people especially to believe that they are no longer capable of lifelong married love. To destroy the vision of such a fulfilling life is to impoverish the young irrevocably.

The challenge facing society and all of us is to keep alive a vision of the potential greatness that lies in every human heart, and of the limitless generosity, fidelity and joy that a committed love relationship can evoke. If one does not believe that one is capable of such a commitment, then one can never attain it. This belief is endangered today. Without vision, there is no hope. Without hope, there is no perseverance. Without perseverance, there is no growth in love with its life-giving fidelity.

But Jesus came to focus this vision, to enrich the hope to nurture the perseverance, to inflame the love and to enable each of us to reach our potential. He knew that despite all our limitations and failures we are made for greatness. He

encourages us to strive for it always no matter what our circumstances.

God's ideal is not always achieved. It is only God's love that can totally embrace the failure as tenderly as the success. We are called to imitate such tender love.

Tom Colaneri

A Motorist's Prayer

Lord, grant me a steady hand and watchful eye,
That no one may be hurt when I pass by.
You give life; I pray no act of mine
May take away, or mar, this act of thine.
Save those, dear Lord, who bear me company
From shock and pain, and all calamity.
Teach me to use the car for others' need,
Nor miss through love of speed
The beauty of this world; that so I may
With joy and courtesy go on my way.
Amen.

Weekend Celebrations

It was significant that baptism, being a reminder of 'New Life', was one of the focal points of celebration for the fortieth anniversary of our church.

We were celebrating the blessings of the past forty years, while at the same time looking forward in hope to the future. As a congregation we shared with great joy in the baptism of baby Kevin Michael Costello during the 12.15 p.m. Mass by vocally renewing our own commitment as children of God, our loving Father. At each of the weekend Masses there was a renewal of baptismal promises by the congregation.

At the overnight vigil of prayer Dean O'Connor led us through a prayerful recollection of the opening and dedication of our church by Bishop Lucey in 1960. Fr. Tom Clancy and Fr. Patrick Walsh directed other hours throughout the night, helping us to experience God's presence with us now and all through our lives.

It was heartening to see so many gather together as the night began. Some had to leave, but about twenty-five stayed throughout, and many returned to unite again in the celebration of Mass at 5.00 a.m.

The vigil was a tiring but enriching experience. I was inspired by the directed hours, the dedication of our prayerful priests and the evidence of faith in all those present. We give thanks to God for this special weekend. I believe we can look to the future in joyful hope. Our faith is living for God; the Spring of Living Water (as symbolised in baptism) is always with us. He never forgets us. We cherish the newly baptised among us and pray that the blessings of this weekend will give us courage to witness to Christ in whatever way we can.

Carmel O'Shea



*Born again in Christ by baptism
you have become members of
Christ and of his priestly people*



Mary At The Party

O Mary, you're nose, the true busy-body!

In the wedding kitchens you check out the supplies!

You don't wait to be served, never act grand lady!

Middle-aged fine gossip, overstepped your duty!

You spoke up to your son who was feeling lazy!

O cunning wise meddler, you're stubborn, you're naggy!

To the hosts at the feast, you spared deep loss of face!

Their guests returned home, all merry, all jolly!

And the servants were first to hear of the glory!

That it was only right was quite clear to your eyes!

That it was only right was quite clear to God's eyes!

She was looking through yours quite clearly on that day!

O Mary wide-awake, spot our need, we are short!

And this time, tisn't booze, but this time it is love!

O Mary, with firm hands, lift us up, we will stand!

O Mary, with strong arms, hold us up, we will walk!

O Mary, with firm toes, shoo us off on bold paths!

O Mary, with strong feet, fling us far wild and free!

M.N. MacNamara

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

May we add our word of congratulations to the Bulletin Team - and of course to the Dean - for winning the Annual Award of the Religious Press Association for Best Editorial for the Year 2000 AD. Over the years it has been a joy to read so many of the pieces written for the Bulletin by Fr. Denis. They are always so well composed, so timely and always written from a truly Christian perspective.

So from the other side of our city - but still in touch with Ballineaspig! - congratulations to Fr. Denis and well done to all on maintaining a great standard.

Sincerely,
Eileen and Pat Lemasney

Requiescat
in Pace



We offer our sincere sympathy to ANNE O'TOOLE, Liam Lynch Park, on the death of her sister Maureen.



Pastoral Council

A meeting of the new Pastoral Council will take place this Monday 9th October at 8.10 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

Did You Know....

That Mass is broadcast every weekday at 12 noon from Cork University Hospital Radio 106 F.M., also Rosary at 7.30 p.m.

Mass for Industrial Peace

Bishop Donal Murray (Limerick) will preach at the Mass for Industrial Peace and Job Creation at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay, on Sunday 15th October at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

Fashion Show

The Transition Year Students of Mount Mercy will hold TWO Fashion Shows on Sunday 15th October in Jurys Hotel at 2.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. Proceeds will go to Make A Wish Foundation and the Simon Community. Tickets:
£3 Primary school students
£5 Afternoon Show
£8 Night Show
£6 Students Night Show.

Computer Courses

At Colaiste an Spioraid Maoimh, wordprocessing, database and spreadsheet. Beginners starting Thur. 12th October, Intermediate Wed. 11th October, both from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. for 8 weeks. Class sizes are limited so please register in advance. Application forms and further details from the College, tel. 543790.



Agony in the Garden

Sin is in the blood. It can be read in the face of the libertine, the alcoholic, the criminal and the assassin. The shedding of blood, therefore, represented the emptying of sin. The Agony of the Garden and its bloody sweat were related to our sins which the Lord took upon Himself, for "Christ never knew sin, and God made him into sin for us" (II Corinthians 5:21).

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Readings for Sunday 15 October

Ws. 7:7-11; Ps. 89.
Heb. 4:12-13; Mk. 10:17-30.

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Adversity

Sin brings adversity and adversity is the expression of God's condemnation of evil, the registering of Divine Judgment.

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