

5th November 2000



No. 652

Ballineaspais Bulletin

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

Parish Bulletin is hungry for your contributions

The **Ballineaspais Bulletin** today throws out a novel invitation - even a challenge - to the people of the parish. We want to turn it into a parish publication for the people and by the people.

We have a good and willing team of workers. What we do not have is the reliable and constant flow of material. We have some wonderful people who, week in and week out, make their contributions. **But we want many more small items.**

Today's people - our men, women and young people of all ages - are better informed than ever before. They have opinions on almost every aspect of today's life. Better still, our people are speaking their minds with a refreshing courage and sense of conviction.

Opinions...suggestions...

The **Bulletin** wants to tap into that growing sense of self-value. We invite you to share your opinions and suggestions with the rest of the community. The parish and its people will be all the richer for the discussion and debate that follows. We will use your initials only if that is how you prefer it. But please include your name and address which will **not** be published if you say so.

Have you thoughts on the parish, past, present and future, on amenities for the young and for those with more time in which to enjoy life? In fact, on any subject that relates to parish life and parish people.

How about the many organisations and groups? Tell us about people with special or unusual interests. Have you a story to tell that will warm the heart and encourage others? A good parish newsletter has a unifying as well as an informing influence. We'd love you to be part of it all.

MAKE OUR BULLETIN THE BEST THERE IS

Send your contributions and your ideas to:

The Ballineaspais Bulletin, Parish Centre, Dennehy's Cross, Cork.

Our phone number is 43 444 52.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

I met an old friend during the week. In the course of conversation he disclosed to me that he had given up on religion, and not only that, but he had given up on God also – more or less. He had written his own gospel. It goes something like this: I want nothing to do with the idea of God. I don't hurt anyone. I will do a good turn if, and when, the occasion arises.

I feel this is a gospel quite a number of people have written for themselves today. The second part is great and will bring its own reward – “anyone who gives even a cup of cold water in my name will not lose his reward.” The first part is directly contrary to the teaching of Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel, which may be summarised as follows:



Rest In Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to **MOIRA QUIGLEY**, Kenley Heights, on the death of her brother **Hugh McCann**, Limavaddy.

- (1) Love the Lord your God with your whole heart and soul and above all else.
- (2) Love your neighbour as yourself.
- (3) Love yourself – in the sense of the need for a healthy self-esteem – in the words of the Psalmist “I thank you Lord for the wonder of my being.”

It's really wonderful how contemporary psychology has cottoned on to the importance of No. 3 above – something found in the teaching of Our Lord 2000 years ago.

The choice is ours today – to follow the Gospel of Jesus – or go our own way. Like the prophet of old: “As for me, I shall follow the way of the Lord”.

He knows best.

Aennis O'Looney

NOVENA PRAYER

Dear Lord, have compassion on all those Holy Souls who are nearest and dearest to us. By the merits of your own Son, and the prayers of our holy mother Mary, and St. Joseph, call them soon to their eternal home in heaven, where, by the help of your grace, we hope to be re-united with them for all eternity.

Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and to all whom we have been asked to pray for, during this novena.

Amen.

Let perpetual light shine on them O Lord. May they rest in Peace.

Amen.

May their Souls and the Souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.

Amen.



People

People in Ireland are living longer and healthier lives and in fifteen to twenty years time the number over 60 in Ireland could be greater than the number of children, a major Southern Health Board national conference in Cork was told recently.

Cork consultant geriatrician, Dr. Cillian Twomey, was applauded by delegates from all over Ireland when he said that people at the end of a life of giving their energies, work and contribution to the State should not have to worry about official financial limitation procedures. Nobody should have to sell off their house or use up their savings to pay for long-term care and become victims of a "have" and "have not" categorisation of elderly people in need of care, Dr. Twomey said.

- D.C.

An Outsider

In a short space of time I find myself suddenly isolated. Friends I once had now communicate with each other in a language I don't understand. I am bewildered. Nobody wants to write letters to me. The great world out there, which I once felt so much a part of, no longer wants to know me. I am one of the marginalised. Even my family and my small grandchildren have become part of this other life to which I do not belong.

My former friends now send messages (packages?) to one another to an address at which they all seem to live - Double Yew, Double Yew, Double Yew, Dot. My misfortune is - I am computer illiterate!

St. Matthew

The symbols of the four evangelists can be seen inside the dome of our church.

In early tradition the evangelists were associated with the TETRAMORPHS. These were winged animals based on the interpretation of St. Jerome on texts from Ezekiel (1:5-10) and Revelations (4:6-7); Matthew was symbolised by an Angel (Man) because his gospel begins with the human ancestry of Christ.

Matthew, in his gospel, stresses from the first that Jesus is King. He refers back frequently to the Old Testament always portraying Jesus as the Messiah. He puts great emphasis on the teachings of Jesus. It is in Matthew's gospel only that we read about the annunciation of Joseph, the star, the Magi, Herod's plot against Jesus, the massacre of the innocents and the flight into Egypt. It was probably written around 84 A.D.





Announcements

Ministers of Word

A short, but very important meeting of all Ministers of the Word will be held in the Crypt on Monday evening next 6th November at 8.00 p.m.

November Masses

During November there will be an additional Mass at 7.30 p.m. as well as the usual 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.

Irish Heart Foundation

Public Lecture at Imperial Hotel on Monday 6th November at 8.00 p.m. Professor Michael Murphy, U.C.C. "Heart Disease - Are You at Risk?" and Denise Cahill, M.A. "Coping with Stress". Admission free.

Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh

Parents/Guardians of prospective entrants are cordially invited to an **Open Night** at the school on Wednesday 8th November from 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. From 7.00 p.m. onwards you will be free to take a tour of the school, to view its facilities, and to meet teachers and pupils. At 8.00 p.m. the Principal will address the gathering in the School Hall and give a broad outline of the philosophy of the school and its curriculum.

Table Quiz

In aid of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland (Cork Branch) will be held at Nemo Rangers Club, Douglas Road, on Thursday 9th November at 8.30 p.m. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Charity Auctions

At Rochestown Park Hotel:

1) Thursday 9th November at 8.00 p.m. in aid of the street children of Calcutta.

2) Sunday 12th November in aid of Cork Deaf Enterprises, from 2.00 to 6.00 p.m.

Bereaved Parents' Support Group

There will be a commemorative gathering on Sunday 26th November at 2.30 p.m. in Bishop Lucey Park, Grand Parade at Tree of Heaven & Plaque, and at 3.00 p.m. in Imperial Hotel a dedication service/lighting candle for each deceased child. All welcome. Contact 4364695, or 4312978.



Readings for Sunday 12th November

T.R. 17:10-16; Ps. 145;
Hab. 9:24-28; Mk. 12:38-44.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

087 - 251 9940