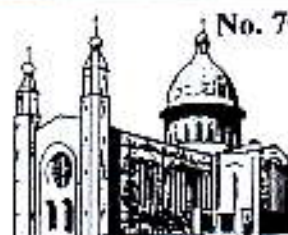


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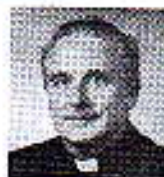
# Ballineaspais Bulletin

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK.



OUR  
**PARISH  
PRIEST**  
*writes*

## COMMITTED LEADERSHIP AND INSPIRING VISION

President Mary McAleese came to town last week. Two events on her itinerary caught my attention. She presented the award to the Cork Person of the Year, Gerry Murphy of Churchtown. He was not as widely known as the finalists from the worlds of sport and entertainment. Indeed, one person asked me where Churchtown is anyway. It was similar to the man in the gospel who asked if anything good could come out of Nazareth. It could and it did.

Gerry Murphy's vision was awakened by the imminent demise of the community where he was born and nurtured. Fired by an indebtedness to his roots, he harnessed the potential of a place and its people. By his leadership, he renewed hope and opportunity among his neighbours.

A similar spirit inspired the community housing project at Nano Nagle Walk, Douglas Street, which was opened by President McAleese on the previous day. On the site there, where Nano Nagle had founded her first

school, the Presentation Sisters donated redundant school buildings. A voluntary housing association was formed, which, in partnership with Corporation, Government, the Sisters and associates, developed twenty-one beautiful homes, bringing new families back into the South Parish. The first new baby has just arrived.

There are many similarities between the two projects, one in the inner city, the other in a rural setting. Each required committed leadership and inspiring vision. Generosity, courage and competence worked both ventures. For those involved, there were other options more rewarding materially. Thankfully, they choose the option that enables others to realise their potential as human persons. Their choices were truly Christian.

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right. They shall be satisfied."*

*Thomas Blaney*

**Please take a copy of  
the Bulletin home  
or give it to a  
friend or neighbour.**

## Letter to the Editor

Kenley  
Model Farm Road

Dear Editor,

I refer to a letter in last week's Bulletin from a nameless scribe which I must take issue with. I was, to say the least, very disappointed that this letter received such prominence and that it was in fact published at all, as these views are, I believe, completely unrepresentative of the congregation.

As far as I am concerned the singing at our Masses is beautiful and means an awful lot to many of us, and since I came to the parish I have never in my years attending Mass heard anyone complaining about it anyway. The singers at our Masses are volunteers who do their bit to participate in and enrich the service for us all, which cannot be easy, and the congregation are always welcome to join in as I understood.

In the meantime to our Priests and singers keep up the good work, the rest of us think you are wonderful.

Sincerely,  
Anita O'Sullivan

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### Make Me a Channel of Blessing Today

'Make me a channel of blessing today.'  
I ask again and again when I pray . . .  
Do I turn a deaf ear to the Master's voice  
Or refuse to heed His direction and choice?  
I know at the end of the day  
That I did so little to pay my way!



## Rest in Peace

Maire Costelloe, late of Farranlea Park, died peacefully on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. A retired Pharmacist, she lived in Farranlea Park all her life. An excellent Bridge player, she was a past President of Cork Bridge Club and played on the Munster Team which won the Interprovincials in 1966. Maire will be sadly missed by her sister Emily (Sister Brigid) in California, her relatives, neighbours and friends to whom we extend our sympathy.

Maura O'Brien, Laburnum Park, died suddenly at her home on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January. She was pre-deceased by her husband Jim, and had no near relatives. Maura was a native of Co. Limerick, but spent the best part of her life in Cork. She was very active in all kinds of social activities in our parish. She was a member of the Friendship Club, the Bridge Club, and Gramophone Circle and was popular with everybody - as seen by the large numbers who attended her removal and funeral. To all who miss her we tender our sympathy.

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### A note of your diary:

**Date:** Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>,

**Time:** 8pm

**Venue:** Crypt

the Trocaire Lenten evening.

**Speaker:** Maura Scully, Programme  
Advisor in Mozambique

**Topic:** The Worst Forms of Child  
Labour

*Further details next week.*



## LOCAL SCHOOLS

### Coláiste an Spioraid Naomh

The Under 16 hurlers added the Cork Colleges "B" championship to the Lord Mayor's Cup when they defeated Presentation College in a hard fought game at Páirc Ui Chaoimh recently.

Congratulations to Eddie O'Driscoll who has been selected to play with the Irish Schools' soccer team and to Eoin Kennedy who recently won the All-Ireland rock-climbing championship. C.S.N. chess players swept the board at the Limerick Open when they took 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the Senior Shield competition. D.J. O'Donoghue retained his title while David McCarthy took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Cian O'Riordan and Scamus Ó Cathail tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Alex Lopez held on to the Junior title he won last year, while Ken Rea took 3<sup>rd</sup> spot at the level.

### TO LOVE IS ENOUGH

My father was a religious man. His idea of religion was simple: "To love is enough". If we love God, then keeping his commandments etc. will be easier, because we would try not to offend someone we love. His favourite quotation was from St. Paul: "Eye cannot see, ear cannot hear, nor has it entered into the heart of man, what God has prepared for those who love Him." I have always thought this brings great hope to us all!

In fact, this very quotation is inscribed on Dad's grave today.

P.B.



## Bible Corner



### MOSES AND THE MESSIAH

Good communicators always set the scene to make their message most effective. St. Matthew was a master-hand at that craft. He wanted to portray Jesus as the Messiah, the long awaited prophet, and to do that, he highlights the continuity between Moses and Jesus. Deep in their memories, the Jews had images of Moses at Mount Hebron with the commandments. Jesus is teaching the new commandments, called the Beatitudes. So Matthew sets the scene of Jesus teaching on the hillside. In fact, of course, Jesus taught these beatitudes in different places and at different times, but Mathew brings them together as a code of living to parallel Moses' guidelines for life. Whatever about the setting, the substance is very challenging as we hear this weekend.



We offer our sincere sympathy to MICHELIA HORGAN, Liam Lynch Park, on the death of her father Gerald Cussen.

We offer our sincere sympathy to MICHAEL COSTELLO, Bendemeer Park, on the death of his father Michael.



## Announcements

### TAKE NOTE:

#### **Lent on the Edge**

Lent on the Edge begins Ash Wednesday, 1.10 p.m. Be there!

#### **St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**

Monthly meeting at 8.00 p.m. next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February in C.P. Centre.

#### **Afternoon of Prayer**

At Carmelite College, Castlemartyr, from 1.30 to 6.00 p.m. on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Theme: "The Cross – the price of our sins", directed by Fr. Michael Fitzgerald. Programme includes Mass, also talk, rosary and adoration. Offering €4. Further information 4541207 after 6 p.m.

#### **Living One Day at a Time**

The spirituality of the twelve-step programme for everybody, every day, at Dominican Centre, Pope's Quay, Wednesday 8.00 – 10.00 p.m. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup>. Sr. Margaret Kiely and Sr. Imelda O'Shaughnessy. Further information from 4502067.

#### **ISPCC**

Are currently recruiting new volunteers. Please contact 4962949.

#### **Alzheimer Society of Ireland**

Carers support meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February in Jurys Hotel at 8 p.m. Please note new address is Unit 2, NOF commercial Centre, Kilnap, Mallow Road, telephone 4391690/1/2.

#### *Faith in Action Group*

A meeting will be held on Friday next, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8 – 9pm in the Crypt, to discuss the actions planned for the coming months, and involvement in the Trócaire Lenten Campaign.

*All are welcome*

#### **God's Word**

#### **Readings for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

##### **First Reading:**

Is.58:7-10

Isaiah suggests some ways of living a good life.

##### **Psalm 111**

##### **Second Reading:**

1 Cor. 2:1-5

In Paul's letter to the people of Corinth, he speaks of his reliance on the power of God.

##### **Gospel:**

Mt. 5:13-16.

Jesus calls us to be examples of Christian living.

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBER**

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