

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



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COME HOLY SPIRIT

by Karen Hayes

Thursday next brings another big day in the faith life of this Parish. The girls of St. Catherine's Primary School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here in the Church of the Holy Spirit. Did you know that Confirmation is like the 'other half' of the Sacrament of Baptism? As you approach being an adult, you get the opportunity to claim the gifts of the Holy Spirit - beautifully illustrated above - and to personally commit yourself to living as a Christian. This was something your parents and godparents had to do for you on your Baptism day, when you were too young to appreciate what it was all about. Let's all do it as we approach Confirmation Day, and later, Pentecost .

This week, we are calling on **all parishioners** to claim the gifts of their Baptism, in the service of the Parish community. Since 1987, parishioners have had the opportunity to take part at all levels of planning and decision-making in this parish. Next Monday, April 24th, at 8p.m. in the Crypt, a 'State of the Parish' report will be presented, and a new Pastoral Council will be formed. Don't leave it to someone else.....take part!!!

(Please see Back Page: Scripture Note, Special Notice, Nomination Boxes in Church, Don't say you didn't know!!!)

Fr. Declan Mansfield

Attention!!

You are warmly invited to attend a General Meeting of Parishioners in the Crypt at 8.00p.m on Monday, 24th April. The Agenda for the meeting is:

Our Parish - Today and Tomorrow
The Work of the Pastoral Council
Election of new Pastoral Council

All parishioners welcome!

REMINDER

Nomination slips for election of new Pastoral Council to be returned by 24th April to boxes in church, parish office, Golden's Shop or at the above meeting. Spare nomination slips available in the church and office.

THANKS

The priests of the parish are deeply grateful to all who contributed to their support through the dues and the Easter Day collection.

Your generosity is much appreciated.

A special word of thanks to our envelope distributors.
Thank you.

Notice Board

Trócaire Boxes

A reminder that all Trócaire boxes distributed for Lent are now due back. Please bring them to your next Mass and hand them in to the Sacristy.

Thursday 27th April

Girls from St. Catherine's School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 10.30 a.m. There will be **NO** 10.00 a.m. Mass that day.

Church of the Assumption, Ballypnehane

The Pastoral Council cordially invites members of the public, in particular former parishioners, to our Golden Jubilee Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday 30th April at 3.00 p.m.

Cork Ursuline Past Pupils' Union

Will host its Annual Reunion and A.G.M. at the Ursuline Convent Blackrock, on Saturday 29th April at 3.00 p.m. Refreshments will be served, followed by Mass at 6. p.m. All past pupils of the Ursuline Convent Blackrock and St. Angela's College will be very welcome.



Congratulations to **Joe and Mary Crean**, The Orchard, Farranlea, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday 18th April.

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Bible Corner



This weekend's first reading is very apt for the parish. A new Pastoral Council is to be formed this Monday night. The reading records how the first Christians cared for each other and for the community. They realised that all God's gifts were for the benefit of all and the money they collected "was then distributed to whoever might be in need". The St. Vincent de Paul and meals-on-wheels and many others continue that vital service.

We are reminded that the whole group of believers was united heart and soul which means that we travel the road of life as a community of believers who are inspired by the Risen Jesus. Each one is invited to make her or his contribution according to talent and opportunity. Each one is enriched by the service we give in family and to wider community. The speaker at Mass this weekend will highlight how each one can make a difference. Listen with an open heart.

Fr. Tom Clancy

Easter Ceremonies

Sincere thanks to an army of parishioners who worked so hard to make the Ceremonies this year such a success. We salute flower arrangers, sacristans, choir, choirmaster, cantors, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, collectors, liturgy committee, pastoral council members, greeters, servers, all the young people who took part and sang at the Children's Stations, Prayers Around the Cross, our Paschal Firelighters, as well as those who set up the Altar of Repose. Superb teamwork!!

A special thanks to Tadhg and Mary Wall who made Holy Saturday night so special through the baptism of their baby son, David Edward.

St. Catherine's News

Well done to Sarah Peters and Rebecca Savage on winning the Knex construction challenge. This is going on in primary schools to encourage pupils to think more about engineering as a career and the results in St. Catherine's show great potential indeed.

We wish to thank all of our 5th and 6th class pupils who worked so hard to make a success of the Stations of the Cross Ceremony for children on Good Friday.

Applications are being taken for our new **Montessori Pre-school** which commences on August 30th 2006. Further information from the school office from April 24th.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

Ann O'Reilly, Greenfields, Model Farm Road, and **Joan O'Sullivan**, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, on the death of their sister, Mary O'Donovan.

Betty Foley, Laburnum Drive, on the death of her brother, Charles Axson.

Betty Layton, Bishopstown Avenue West, on the death of her brother Fred Kaar.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 30th April

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15,17-19; Psalm 4;

Second Reading: John 2:1-5; Gospel: Luke 24:35-48.