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A Treasure in our Midst

How many of us notice the statue of the Madonna and Child between the front doors of our church? How many have seen the name of Seamus Murphy carved on the side? In this centenary year of the Cork sculptor's birth the parishioners of Ballineaspaig can rightly celebrate this hidden treasure in our midst.



As I look at the statue and see the child snuggled into Mary's cheek, I am reminded of the other parish treasures I neglect: the hidden treasure of my neighbours, especially our newcomers. Once more I resolve, sadly, I confess, a resolution I've made before, that this summer I will try to get to know my neighbours better, even if it is a "hello", a hand with the wheelie bin or a brief chat over the hedge. Or will I be brave enough to knock at the door and introduce myself?

The Pastoral Council this year has also been preoccupied by the idea of fostering a Welcoming Parish. In the last month alone this focus has been reflected in so many parish events: the Parish Pilgrimage to Gougane Barra with its theme of "Reaching Out", our inter-denominational service where we reach out to our fellow Christians in Cork, and the Mass in Farranlea so beautifully organised by Patsy Curtin and Bernard Murphy, which gathered together neighbours old and new. Even the forthcoming renovation of the church porches and adjacent areas aims to create more welcoming entrances to our church. Welcome too will be the theme of several occasions in the autumn including our special Mass in October.

All these events challenge me once more to take even the simple step of learning the name of the person who sits near me at Mass or the couple who regularly walk their dog past my home. As I look again at Seamus Murphy's statue two quotations from the prophet Isaiah echo within me:

"I have carved you on the palm of my hand."

"I have called you by your name. You are mine."

Rosalie Moloney
Chairperson, Pastoral Council

My God in My Neighbour



A Parishioner's Thoughts

Love of my neighbour can be a huge challenge for me because of my human nature. Yet, anyone who fails to love another human being cannot know God.

Parkway - Leesdale - Greenfields

Annual Open Air Mass
on
Saturday next, 23rd June
7.30pm.



All welcome to attend
Annual Sports at 2.00pm on same day.

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Rest in Peace

Elma Barrett (nee Lynch) Wilton Road, died peacefully at St. Finbarr's Hospital on 6th June after a long illness. A native of Ballinora, reared on Curraheen Road, and a long time resident of Wilton Road with her husband Frank, she was rooted here. A people person, her customers in the pharmacy where she worked became friends as did many she met at the greyhound track, a lifelong interest of Elma's. Her kindness and interest in others endeared her to the neighbours. A woman of straightforward faith, she worshipped faithfully here in the Holy Spirit Church until illness confined her to St. Finbarr's Hospital several years ago. She was buried in her beloved native Ballinora. To her husband Frank, her daughter Denise and brother Vincent, we offer our sincerest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí.

Gerald Aherne, Farranlea Crescent, died peacefully at St. Finbarr's Hospital on 8th June. Born on the Lee Road, Gerald lived most of his married life in Tivoli before coming to live among us only a few short years ago. Even in that time, he endeared himself to us, especially to the 10 am daily Mass goers. Gerald was truly a man of family, friends and faith. His faith was unequivocal. He knew what he believed and lived by it. He was charitable in word and action. His friends were many as was evidenced at his funeral, where Dolphin heroes of long ago mingled with the younger generations that Gerald had helped to train after retiring from his own distinguished career on the rugby field. To his wife Mida, his children John, Geraldine, Declan and Fergus, grandchildren, sisters Mary and Sheila, and the wider family and friends we extend our deepest sympathy. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a anam dílis.

Billy O'Shea, who passed away recently in Marymount Hospice, lived on Wilton Avenue for 27 years. A Rockies supporter, who hurled with the Rockies in his youth, he grew up on a farm in the Frankfield area, where he and his wife, Sheila, later built "The Touchdown" pub. He and Sheila were inseparable, worked together, and shared many interests. In particular they were keen travellers and they loved gardening. Following their retirement they spent every summer in Rosscarbery, in their house and garden overlooking the lake. Life was never the same for Billy since his wife died five years ago. He lived a quiet, gentle life. He is survived by his brother and his nieces and nephews.

Farranlea Area Open Air Mass

In a picturesque setting - glorious evening and the wonderful singing of the birds, the residents gathered for their annual celebration of Mass. Welcoming all present, Fr. Tom Clancy spoke of three important factors which shape us as a people and community: friends, family and faith. All three help sustain and strengthen us on our pilgrimage through life, in particular the Eucharist which nourishes us with food for this life and the next. The Eucharist is a taste of eternity in time. Reflecting on the needs of our community, the prayers of the faithful touched on the sick, especially those in hospital, the housebound, our young people sitting exams and those who died during the past year.

Bernard Murphy, Chairman of the Residents' Association, thanked Fr. Clancy for all his help and support. Patsy Curtin and her helpers supervised the serving of a wonderful selection of food enjoyed by all, especially by the many children present. The singing was led by the beautiful voice of Mary McDonogh. A word of thanks to John Houlihan who worked so hard to make the evening a success.

Readings for Sunday 24th June

First Reading: Is 49:1-6; Psalm 138;

Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26; Gospel: Luke 1:57-66,80



Photographed at the recent Interchurch Service in the Crypt are Rev. John Faris, Rev. Laurence Graham, Fr. Christy Fitzgerald, Dean Nigel Dunne, Fr. Tom Clancy, Rev. Helen Steel and Rosalie Moloney, Pastoral Council Chairperson.

St Catherine's News

Summer has arrived and we thank God for all that has happened in our school since Easter! The Official Opening and Blessing of our new extension and refurbishment took place on a rainy 11th May. Micheál Martin TD cut the ribbon, and Fr. Tom blessed the school.

In April our Green Flag committee organized the Spring Clean around the school grounds and the neighbourhood.

Ceoltóirí Chaitríona won First prize in all of the five competitions they entered at the Middleton Feis!

Our First Communion celebration was a little different this year, as each child sat with her family for the Mass. This helped to make the occasion even more special for each family, and emphasized the important role the family has to play in the religious development of the child.

There was a lot of buzzing in the school on Friday 8th June for the inaugural St. Catherine's Spelling Bee! Every child from 2nd to 6th class took part, with a winning team in every class.

Well done to the Parents' Association for organizing this event.

All classes are going on school tours this month to various locations in Munster.



Kilsinan,
Bishopstown Park

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

A sincere thank you for your support and generosity at our recent coffee morning in aid of SUAS Development. The sum of €4413 was raised. The morning would not have been such a success without the generous help of so many.

Sincere thanks,

Ber Healy

Notice Board

Peter's Pence Annual Collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

Lost

Some time ago in the church or its environs, a gold ring with a bar across the top, of chipped imitation diamonds. Sentimental value. Reward. Phone 086-0713776.

Coffee Morning

In aid of Marymount Hospice on Friday 22nd anytime after 11.00am at Greenwells Glory, Laurel Bank, Bioshopstown Ave. All welcome.

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