

NOTICE BOARD



Second Week of Lent

MASSSES on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be at 7.30 A.M., 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 P.M. Don't forget that Thursday 19th is the Solemn Feast of Saint Joseph.

Liturgy Day

OUR DIOCESAN Liturgy Commission have organised a Liturgy Day for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, which will be open to any other interested party! Given by a team from Carlow, it will be on Saturday next, 21st March, in St. Al's, beginning at 10.30 A.M. If you are going, all you need to bring is a packed lunch - tea will be provided!

Perfect Timing...

TRADITIONALLY, St. Patrick's Day is a day when we're 'dispensed' from the fasting we have undertaken for Lent. Those who want to stock up cakes for that splurge, might like to note that the St. Joseph's Young Priests Society are holding a Cake Sale in the Crypt, after Masses this Sunday!

"Religious Cultism"

IMPORTANT MEETING for all those concerned about the proliferation of new cults. Fr. Louis Hughes O.P. talks about the challenge at the Crypt on Tuesday 24th March, at 8.00 PM.

La Fheile Phadraig

OUR FLAGS will be up on this Tuesday, 17th March, for the feastday of our National Patron, Saint Patrick. It is, of course, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be:- 7.30 P.M. on Monday evening, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 12.15, and again at 7.30 P.M. on Tuesday evening.

Day of Prayer

THE PRESIDENTS of the Bishops' Conferences of Ireland, England and Wales, and Scotland ask for prayers on St. Patrick's Day, for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

In a letter signed jointly by Tomas Cardinal U'Fiaich, Basil Cardinal Hume and Archbishop Thomas Winning, they say:-

"The fact that the world sees Northern Ireland as a conflict between Catholic and Protestant is a reproach to Christianity. The Gospel calls us to repentance, with the promise of forgiveness and the gift of peace. We appeal at this time to our Catholic people to be mindful of the words of Christ;

"to pray continually and never lose heart" (Lk. 18: 1).

The Bishops suggest that special prayers be said on the day; these will be part of our Prayer of the Faithful at all Masses on the 17th.

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Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross.

SUNDAY MASSES:

7.30 (SAT.), 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 & 12.15.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

9.00 A.M., 10.00 A.M. & 7.30 P.M.

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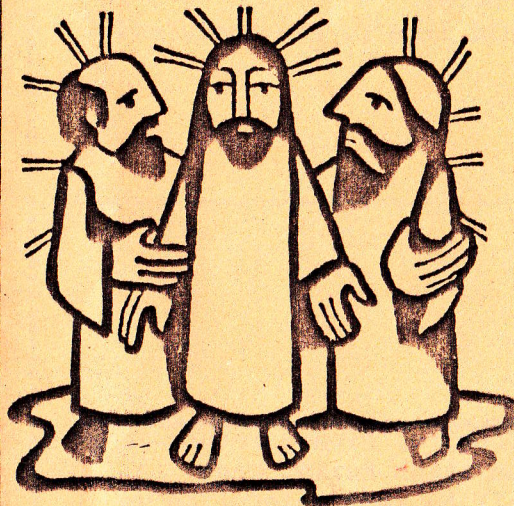
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URGENT CALLS: RING 362906 ANYTIME.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



*He was transfigured
before their eyes*

On Mount Tabor the sky was clear. Jesus' face shone; his clothes dazzled. He had Moses and Elijah with him.

And the voice of the Father. No wonder Peter said "It is wonderful for us to be here."

But there came another day and another hill. This time the sky was dark. The face of Jesus was covered with sweat and blood. His companions were two thieves. No voice from heaven. And no disciples with him.

The only thing in common was that once again Jesus prayed. Prayer sustained him in bright and dark moments alike. And so too for us...

All notices to the Editor before Thursday, please!



PARISH MISSION

CONFIDENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE - PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN

Please tick as appropriate:

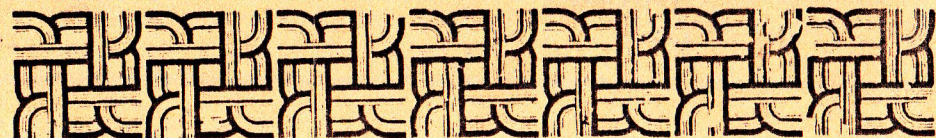
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18 - 25 _____	Youth Mission _____ (Each session _____ One session _____)
25 - 45 _____	General Mission
45 - 65 _____	
Over 65 _____	
	Twice each day _____ Once each day _____
	A few times _____ Never _____

Please write your POSITIVE COMMENTS here:
(what you liked about the Mission)

Please write your NEGATIVE COMMENTS here:
(what you would change, what you would like to see included)

ANY OTHER COMMENTS:

Thank you for completing our Questionnaire. Please return it to the C.P. Centre, or to the box on the Altar Rails, soon. The results of this Questionnaire will be very helpful to us in planning the Missions of the future. Thanks for your help.



Ballineaspig News

At Home With God Forever
LENA O'CALLAGHAN died during the week, at St. Paul's Home, Bushmount, Clonakilty. She had lived with her late husband at "Carrigville", Magazine Road. May they both rest in peace.

A Favour, Please...
WE'RE VERY KEEN, in this Parish, to know how you feel. Feedback is very important to us. And because such hard work has been put into this Mission, we're very interested in your reaction to it. Hence the Questionnaire in this Bulletin which we ask you to fill in at your earliest opportunity.

(If others in your house have opinions different to yours, please collect extra questionnaires for them at the C.P. Centre, where there are plenty!)

A Priest of Your Own
IT WOULD BE wonderful if each of the priests of the parish could know each of you, the people of Ballineaspig. Unfortunately, the size of the population puts that beyond their reach.

So, for convenience, the parish is divided in three areas, and each priest is responsible for one area. The priest of your area will try to visit your home, will look after your sick, and will celebrate Baptisms and Funerals from your area. He is also available to you to help with marriage arrangements.

For one of a variety of reasons, you may not know who the priest of your area is (eg. you may be new to the Parish). So, to help you, the colour of your Bulletin this weekend will tell you the name of the priest responsible for your area.

I.E. If your Bulletin is YELLOW, your priest is Canon Denis O'Connor. If yours is BLUE, your priest is An tAthair Tadhg Ó Mathúna. And if your Bulletin is PINK, the priest of your area is Father Bernard Cotter.

THERE'S MORE to our Pastoral Team than priests! Sister Frances, our Parish Sister, looks after the whole parish in her unique way. And Sister Brendan cares for our elderly. WE ARE ALL AT YOUR SERVICE!

