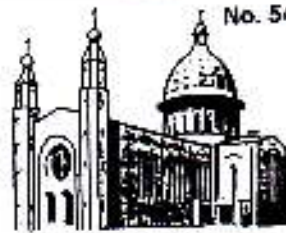




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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

# Ballineaspig Bulletin

Passion (Palm) Sunday



## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Sr. Ursula writes

Margaret was a very ordinary and a very extraordinary woman. She was an ordinary housewife and mother, a Siol leader in her parish of Coolock, and a wonderful neighbour. She was a deeply spiritual woman with great faith and love of scripture and a wonderful friend and support to me. Her house was always open during my time in Ballymun. She was a mother of four children. The youngest was dyslexic.

Margaret developed a slight mark on her upper lip. The diagnosis was melanoma and the operation was immediate. Her friends and neighbours asked for a day's adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and everyone was amazed at the numbers who came to pray. Margaret had touched many lives simply, but very deeply. For two years she struggled with her illness. She was always full of faith that God would do what was right and she got great consolation from scripture.

The last time I visited her she spoke a lot about death and the great good that could come from it. I have to admit I listened in awe. It was her eldest daughter's twenty-first birthday and Margaret was too ill to go to a restaurant, so they had a small celebration at home.

On Palm Sunday Margaret died, R.I.P. This is why I remember her today. Her funeral Mass seemed to have been an extraordinary spiritual experience for all who attended. She had arranged the Liturgy herself. A Jesuit priest who was her spiritual director said to her husband a few days later: "I'm not praying for her, I'm praying to her and she's working already."

Margaret had a very deep realization of the triumph of the Cross and a total belief in the glory of the Resurrection. I learned a great deal of the ways of the Lord from her and will be for ever in her debt.

As dheis De go rsibh a ainm dills.

*Sr. Ursula*

P.S. A word on the Triduum. The attendance was small, but the feedback was extraordinarily positive. Fr. Kevin touched many people at a very deep level. For myself I have to say that in over forty years of religious life, I found it outstanding.

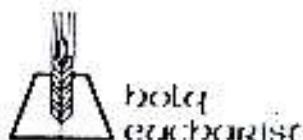
### Special Thank You

To the men who cleaned the steps of the Church over last week-end.

And to all who helped at the Mass for the Sick, especially the Mount Merrion staff.

**Easter Reconciliation Service**

You are all warmly invited to come and join our parish in final preparation for the events of Holy Week next Tuesday, 6th April at 7.30 pm (no Mass). The joy and celebration of Easter will be all the greater if we prepare well. God is constantly inviting us to be part of His plan and at our Reconciliation Service we will celebrate, as a faith community, his divine love and forgiveness. The Service will be led by Fr. Gus Byrne, C.C. (whom many will remember as a Deacon here). Our own priests and priests from neighbouring parishes will be available for Confession.



**Family Mass Holy Thursday**

Come and join the youth of the parish for our family Mass on Holy Thursday. The Last Supper will be re-enacted on the altar by the boys and girls of the local schools.

**Chriesm Mass**

At the Cathedral on Holy Thursday at 10.00 am. Lay representation from our parish would be welcome.

**Triduum Committee**

Meeting will take place this Monday, 6th April, at 8.00 pm in C.P. Centre.

**Altar Servers**

Practice for Holy Week Ceremonies will take place as follows:

- 1) On Thursday 9th April at 2.00pm for Holy Thursday 7.30 Mass, and for Good Friday 12 noon and 3.00pm ceremonies.
- 2) On Saturday 11th April at 11.00am for Holy Saturday Vigil.

**EASTER TRIDUUM AT  
POOR CLARES**

**Holy Thursday**

Mass of Last Supper 7.00pm.  
Followed by a Holy Hour before the Altar of Repose.

**Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross 12 noon  
Celebration of the Passion 3.00pm.

**Easter Vigil**

Ceremony commencing at 9.00pm.

**Easter Sunday and Monday**

First Mass at 8.00pm.

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**Bishopstown Community Association**

Meeting on Tuesday 7th April at 8 in Wilton Park House. All welcome.

**Readings for Sunday 12 April**

Acts. 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117.  
Col.3:1-14 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9.  
Jn. 20:1-9.

**PARISH TEAM**

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**087-519940**

*(To be used when you cannot contact the priest at his home.)*

**Sympathy**

We offer our sincere sympathy to BILL HENNESSY, 22 Wilton Gardens, on the death of his sister, Sr. Patrick Hennessy.



## *Rest in Peace*

"Welcome Sister Death!" was how St. Francis answered the final call. This surely found an echo in the heart of the spiritual daughter of St. Francis and St. Clare, our dear Sr. Joseph, a native of Carrignagour, Lismore, Co. Waterford, who died at the age of 68, and 43 years a Poor Clare. She had been diagnosed, only a month previously, with a terminal illness, but never expected Sr. Death to come so soon - 1.40am. on March 14th, after having renewed her Religious Vows, received the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion, and had joined silently in the Rosary. She received the best of care in the Bon Secours next door to the Monastery.

Her sudden homegoing brought her suffering to a welcome end but what a shock to her family and Poor Clare Community, as well as to the countless people she ministered to at the Monastery grille, having served as Portress for many years. "She knew all my story", was the spontaneous reaction of so many. She was a gifted listener, and took everyone's troubles to heart as if they were the only one, and everyone found a place in her prayers.

Certainly, we pray that she is now with the Lord in the fullness of His Love and Peace, but we beg her, on behalf of all who entrusted their intentions to her, to intercede for them and to do more for us all now than she could have ever done in this life.

Sr. Joseph's eternal hymn has begun, in the words of St. Clare: "Be praised, my God, for having created me!"

## COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"  
WHOSE ETHOS?

Articles two and three of the Constitution are in the news these days and a lot of heat is being generated. Much less emphasis is being placed on the possibility of a change to Articles 41 and 42. The Constitutional Review Group are concerned that the wording of these articles does a disservice to those who are outside of the major Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths.

It is difficult to understand this concern. Articles 41 and 42 take account of the inter-denominational aspects of education. It would seem that the review body feels that this tiny minority - accounting for 6% of the population - are not catered for by these articles of the Constitution. Yet the proposal to alter the two articles would seem to pave the way for non-denominational schools for non-believers in parallel with the existing inter-denominational schools.

Dr. Desmond Connell, Archbishop of Dublin, argues that no Constitutional change is necessary since, he claims, "the State is already empowered to provide schools which meet the needs and reflect the desired ethos of parents and children, be that ethos Christian, non-Christian or non-denominational."

Parents and dedicated teachers need the support of the Constitution in "promoting a wide cultural appreciation, excellence in academic standards and a deep respect for the religious and spiritual dimension of the person", he says.

# Ballyneaspais Bulletin **HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES**



Tuesday



Masses: 9.00, 10.00 am.

Reconciliation Service: 7.30 pm. (No Mass)

## TRIDUUM



### Holy Thursday

**Masses:** Family Mass at 5.00 pm.  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 pm.  
*Please bring Trocaire Boxes.*

**Confessions:** 4.00 p.m. and after 5.00 pm. Mass.  
7.00-7.30 pm and after 7.30 pm. Mass.

**Holy Hour:** Keeping Watch 9.00-10.00 pm.

### Good Friday

**Stations of the Cross:** 11.00 am for children, 12 noon for all.

**3.00 pm:** Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
Veneration of the Cross  
Holy Communion

**Confessions:** After Ceremonies and 7.30-9.30 pm.

**Taize Hour:** Continuing the Watch 8.30-9.30 pm.



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HOLY CROSS  
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### Holy Saturday

**Confessions:** 12.00-1.00, 4.00-5.00, 7.00-8.30 pm.

**The Easter Vigil:** 9.00 pm.

**N.B.** No Vigil Mass at 6.15 pm.