



Ballineaspais Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENMDY'S CROSS, CORK



OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION - ENCAPSULATED IN OUR ANGELUS PRAYER

This month chat show hosts and gossip columnists are focusing on possible millennium babies. It is unlikely that they will advert to this week's key feast without which there would be no millennium to celebrate.

Thursday next, March 25th, is the feast of the Annunciation. We remember and we rejoice that God, our Father, invited Mary to be Mother of his Son. She accepted the invitation and the first millennium began. The God child was conceived and the world could never be the same again. God pitched his tent among us so that we may truly become brothers and sisters of Jesus and of each other.

The event is encapsulated in our Angelus prayer. To have lost the Angelus from one's life is to be cut off from the root of faith. To be faithful to the Annunciation story is to be replenished daily in faith, trust and hope.

When the Father sent his Son among us, it was to create a new

way of human living, with deepening respect for all God's creation and its creatures, especially one another. When we celebrate Jubilee to mark the millennium it must be to enable the spirit of the living God to inspire new initiatives of deepening family bonds, enriching all human relationships and sharing the planet's resources more equitably among all people. It is a task we must undertake individually and together. Every journey begins with the first step.

March 25th is the day for the new beginning. Do not let it slip by unnoticed.

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

On Tuesday 9th March, eighty second year students and their teachers travelled to Stratford-on-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. While there they visited Shakespeare's house, Ann Hathaway's cottage, Mary Arden's house, Warwick Castle and the University town of Oxford. The trip also included a sightseeing tour of London and a performance of Shakespeare's "Troilus and Cressida" at the National Theatre, London.

Art Competition: Congratulations to Lynda Mulcahy, 1st year, who won 3rd prize in the Irish Heart Foundation Art Competition.

Lenten Action

FAMILY PRAYER FOR LENT

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



(while candle is being lit)

Leader: May the Light of Christ always shine on us.

We thank you for the gift of being here.

(Pause and pray for one another in silence.)



Reader (Adult):

The Annunciation

'Rejoice, so highly favoured!
The Lord is with you.'

(Luke 1:28)

'I am the handmaid of the Lord;
let what you have said be done to me.'

(Luke 1:38)



The Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now, and at
the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
be it done unto me according to
thy word.

Hail Mary...

The Word was made flesh
and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of
God, that we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O
Lord, thy grace into our hearts,
that we to whom the Incarnation
of Christ, thy Son, was made
known by the message of an angel,
may, by his Passion and Cross, be
brought to the glory of his
Resurrection, through the same
Christ our Lord. Amen.



We offer our sincere sympathy to
EILEEN KIELY, 'Assumpta',
Magazine Road, and to MARY FORDE
and ANNE KELLEHER, 'Cherryfield',
Wilton Road, on the death of
their brother.

To FLOR GOUGH, Parkway, Model
Farm Road, on the death of his
brother.

To KATHLEEN ECCLES, Parkway,
Model Farm Road, on the death of
her father.

To JOHN LYNCH, Leesdale, Model
Farm Road, on the death of his
mother.



Pastoral Council

Margaret O'Sullivan shared with us a reflection on COURAGE. Together we prayed for this very important attribute.

Plans are being made for our Interfaith Service at Pentecost.

All agreed to confirm a booking in Jurys for the parish social on Friday 29th October (weekend after the Jazz Festival).

Speakers for our Triduum in Advent are being considered.

EASTER: In general, the same format of events as before will

be used.

The possibility of Lay Ministers bringing the Eucharist to the housebound on Sunday is to be investigated.

A suggestion of placing bequests and legacies in a reserve building fund was put forward.

Thank you to all the readers who have participated in the dramatisation of the gospels, it has added greatly to each Mass. Thank you too to Carmel O'Shea for the artwork at the altar.

Next meeting April 12th.

RUTH WRITES:

OBEYING THE RULES?

Road works, road closures and still more road works! They seem to be a permanent feature around Bishopstown these days. Hopefully it will all be worth it in the end; no more pot-holes and trenches... I won't hold my breath!

But, since the traffic lights have been switched off at the junction of Rossa Avenue and Model Farm Road, a new style of driving has evolved. Drivers (like me!) who are normally aggressive, have had to slow down and use a combination of self-defence and courtesy to negotiate the junction. At first I avoided the place, but now I nearly go out of my way to drive through it, just to witness how everyone co-operates. I've never heard an angry hoot or seen an 'amber gambler' there, and I haven't heard of any accidents there either.

Of course we need traffic lights for our safety. But it

makes me think that those who make rules should allow for people's responsibility and creativity in interpreting them!

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

was one person's summary of the talk on 2nd March on Reconciliation. Fr. Clancy challenged us to throw off the negative haversack of guilt and celebrate the God of the present, a God who freely gives us his gift of forgiveness. The animated conversations after the talk revealed the richness of the ideas, illustrated by example and image. The aspects explored included the varying roles of the confessor as physician, judge and fellow-pilgrim and the difference between non-retaliation and forgiveness.

The series of Lenten lectures on the Sacraments organised by the Adult Education committee concludes next Tuesday 23rd when Fr. Sean O'Driscoll, former chaplain at Cork University Hospital, discusses the Sacrament of Healing for the Sick.

Rosalie Moloney



Announcements

Easter Dues

Envelopes will be distributed over the coming week.

Holy Week

The times of all ceremonies will be included in next week's bulletin. The times are also included on the back of the dues letter.

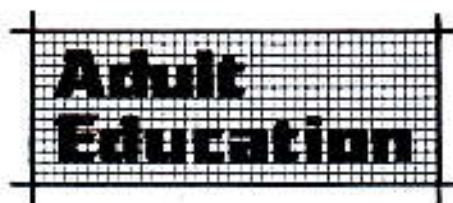


Ministers of the Eucharist

Our Annual Mass will be offered for all current and former Ministers at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 25th March. A short meeting will follow to arrange the Holy Week rotas. You are all welcome.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 11-16 June

As part of the Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes, a group will travel from this parish. There are still some places available, details on notice boards in the church. Booking forms available in C.P. Centre and Sacristy.



Reminder

The Adult Education Series concludes next Tuesday 23rd with a talk on The Sacrament of Healing for the Sick, given by Fr. Sean O'Driscoll, former chaplain at Cork University Hospital.

Síol Members

An hour of Reflection in honour of the Feast of the Annunciation will be held on Thursday 25th at 8.00 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.



Flower Festival

At Farranferris College on Friday 26th, 7.00 to 9.00 p.m., and Saturday/Sunday 12 noon to 6.00 p.m. Adm. £3 (incl. tea), children under 12 free.

Pioneer Centenary Ball

In Carrigaline Court Hotel on Saturday 27th March at 9.00 p.m. preceded by Mass at 8.00 in local parish church. Tickets £18 from Brid at 888107.



Ballinaspaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next, 24th March at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross. Recital will be given by Marie Murphy. Everybody welcome to attend.

How to Prevent Heart Attack

A public lecture will be given at the Imperial Hotel on Monday 22nd at 8.00 p.m. Admission free of charge.

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Readings for Sunday 21 March

Ez.37:12-14. Ps.129.
Rom.8:8-11. Jn.11:1-45.