



Sunday 16th April

Ballinaspaig
Bulletin

Palm Sunday

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK.FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM***Fr. Patrick writes***Sacrament of Reconciliation
Medicine or law?**

The biggest headlines in the media last week were given to us by Catherine Nevin. Her trial generated more interest than any other for many many years. Our criminal justice system has the power to do this from time to time. Some years ago the O.J. Simpson case excited a media audience on a world scale. The big effect is to determine guilt or innocence so that punishment or freedom may follow. The jury in the Catherine Nevin trial made Irish history by the amount of time they took to determine her guilt. We should not underestimate how much our thoughts on guilt and shame and sin are influenced by our criminal justice system and its coverage in the media. While our society does need guards, courts and prisons, our attitude to sin and guilt should be different. Because Christ died and shed his blood for us we no longer have to face the shame and punishment that are the consequence of our sins. Rather Christ shows how much he loves the sinner and wishes not punishment for him or her, but peace. This message may

have been around for two thousand years but we still find it hard to believe. It is, however, the Gospel.

Thus we should not approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a person standing trial. In fact the courtroom model of rules and regulations is very unhelpful. We are, of course, meeting the priest, but in reality we meet Christ. He is the Almighty, he knows all our sins even before we commit them and certainly before we confess them. It is for our own sake as human beings that we confess our sins to the priest. The Catechism states: "The Confession (or disclosure) of sins even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others."

It is when we put our guilt into words and express them to another that clarity appears. The priest as the delegate of the Church (the community) and of God provides the listening ear, so the individual may come to accept himself or herself in the light of God's forgiveness. If it is human to sin, then it is a human need to admit the guilt of that sin and be forgiven by another. We cannot do this for ourselves. Each person is an individual with a unique story to tell and as such they each require individual care. No more than the doctor would prescribe a blanket two disprins for everyone in his waiting room, neither should the

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priest give a blanket or general treatment to all. A trouble shared is a trouble cared; or as the psychologist might say: "That which is shared is integrated, that which we are unable to share is our burden and pain." The Council of Trent says: "If the sick person is too ashamed to show his wound to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know."

It was the Irish priests who first developed the practice of individual confession in the sixth century. We will continue this tradition next Tuesday at 7.30p.m. with our Reconciliation Service for Holy Week. There will be many priests there to receive you, not as your judge, but as would Christ. I pray that you will experience the healing joy of these words: "The Lord has freed you from your sins, go now in peace."

Patrick Walsh

Mount Mercy News

On Tuesday 21st March first year students and their teachers travelled to Dublin, visiting the National Museum, Dublin Castle, the Book of Kells, Trinity College Library and the Dáil. In the Dáil the students were met by Deirdre Clune, T.D. and Simon Coveney, T.D. who had visited the school and spoken on their lives and work as T.Ds. Bhi la iontach ag gach einne.


Best wishes to the 5th year choir who travel to Chester on 13th April to participate in an international choral competition. Go n-eire go geal teo.

Jubilee Bells News to Ring About

On Monday 27th March Seamus Brennan, T.D. presented Jubilee Bells with a National Millennium Award. Fifteen-hundred projects were submitted to the N.M.A committee from all parts of Ireland. Only 193 won awards - and Jubilee Bells was one of them! To quote Seamus Brennan, "Your project has shown vision and I have no doubt it will contribute enormously to the benefit of many in the new millennium". We felt very happy and proud, not only for Jubilee Bells but for all our community in Dennehy's Cross.

Jubilee Bells will be playing for Telethon (People in Need) in Wilton Shopping Centre on Friday 5th May. Come, listen and help People in Need.

The Award allows us to buy additional bells so we would welcome new members. Contact Jubilee Bells, C.P. Centre.

Rest in Peace 

Sam Walsh died peacefully at his home in Leesdale, Model Farm Road on Sunday 26th March after a comparatively short illness. Sam was an old native of this parish, originally from Sheares Park, Glasheen Road. He worked as a baker with Thompsons and other firms in the city. He was a quiet, unoffensive gentleman in the best sense of that term, dedicated to his wife and family, and in his later years lavished affection on his grandchildren, who were so special for him. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Anna, his son Billy, daughters Rosarii, Ann Maria, Margaret, his relatives and wide circle of friends.



WASHING OF THE FEET

Twelve people from the parish are needed to take part in the ceremony of Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. All age groups would be represented and if you, or anyone you know, would like to take part please contact Fr. Clancy as soon as possible.

Safety First

Due to the increasing frequency and speed of motorists taking a short cut through the church yard, it has been found necessary to close the Wilton Road gates during much of the week. The resulting inconvenience, especially to early morning Mass goers is regretted, though, of course, you can still use the Model Farm Road gates.

FAITH IN ACTION

BALLINEASPAIG PARISH GROUP

Refugees and Asylum seekers in Ireland.

You are invited to an information meeting
On Monday 17th April in the Crypt at 8 pm.

With

Fr. Fachtna O'Driscoll S.M.A.

Fr. O'Driscoll is a member of The Refugee Council and CARASI (Cork action on Refugees and Asylum seekers in Ireland).

***Come along and be enlightened on
this important question.***

Readings for Sunday 23 April
Acts. 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117
Col. 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9.
Jn. 20:1-9.

EASTER TRIDUUM AT THE POOR CLARES

Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Last Supper, Washing of the Feet and Procession to the Altar of Repose 7.0 pm.

A Holy Hour to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life will follow the Procession.

Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross 12 noon
Celebration of the Passion 3.0 pm

Easter Vigil:

Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Blessing of Water, Liturgy of the Eucharist 9.0 pm.

Easter Sunday } Mass 10. a.m.
Easter Monday }

Chrism Mass

On Holy Thursday the Chrism Mass will take place at 10.00 a.m. in the Cathedral, when oils used in church ceremonies for the coming year will be blessed. The priests of the parish invite you to join them at this Mass as they renew their priestly vows.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next, 19th April at 3 p.m. in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross. Paddy O'Gorman will present an afternoon of glorious music, and everybody is welcome to attend.

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HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

TRIDUUM



Holy Thursday

Mass: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 p.m.
Please bring Trocaire Boxes.

Holy Hour: Keeping Watch 9.00 – 10.00 p.m.

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross: 11.00 a.m. for children.
12 noon for all.

3.00 p.m.: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion

Taize Hour: Continuing the Watch 8.30 – 9.30 p.m.



Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil: 9.00 p.m.

N.B. No Vigil Mass at 6.15 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 18th : Reconciliation Service 7.30 p.m. (No evening Mass)

Good Friday: After ceremonies and 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.

Holy Saturday: 12.00 – 1.00; 4.00 - 5.00; 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.

Note: Sacred Heart Church has a Reconciliation Day on Wednesday 19th
from 10.30 a.m. until the Reconciliation Service at 7.30 p.m.