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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

# Ballineaspais Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

## THE FEAST OF PENTECOST THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Some years ago the news media reported the death of a well-known millionaire. Apparently he had stumbled out of a night club in a drunken stupor, fallen and badly injured his head. He was found dead in a clump of bushes the following morning. A friend of his wrote of his life and exploits, and lamented that a man of such rare talent and ability had achieved so little in life. Summing up, he wrote "He never grew up, he never achieved maturity".

The Sacrament of Confirmation is sometimes referred to as the Sacrament of maturity. We receive it at a time in life when we are expected to start making decisions in our lives. The Lord pointed out that there are two very different roads to choose in life. There is the road that promises fulfilment in selfishness and pleasure – but can never deliver. There is the contrasting path that puts God first, and a genuine concern for others, when we strive to love rather than be loved, for it is in giving we receive, and it is in pardoning

we ourselves are pardoned. This is very much at the heart of the religion we profess, but it's a philosophy of life not much favoured in the times in which we live.

Happily the Holy Spirit who lives within us, and whose feast we celebrate this weekend, gives us strength in times of weakness, wisdom to guide our conscience in the way of righteousness, and courage to follow through when it is difficult or unpopular.

The Spirit brings love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. These are beautiful qualities and make life joyful. Let us give the Holy Spirit a chance to work in us.

"O, Holy Spirit, Love Divine,  
before thy throne I plead.  
O, Give to me, thy feeble child,  
the light and grace I need."

### Change of Sunday Mass Time Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>

The mid morning Mass will be at 10.00 a.m. and will be broadcast on R.T.E. Radio One. Please be in the church before 10.00 as broadcast is strictly confined to 45 minutes.  
Masses at 9.00 and 12.15 p.m. will be as usual





## We Learned It All from Teacher

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be I learned at nursery school. Wisdom was not at the top of the university mountain, but there is a sand-pit.

These are the things I learned.

Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Live a balanced life. Learn a bit and think a bit, and draw and sing and dance and play and work every day.

Take a nap in the afternoon. When you got out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant does up, and nobody really knows why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup – they all die. So do we.

Think what a better world it would be if we always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

- Robert Fulghum

To be surprised, to wonder, is to begin to understand.

José Ortega Y Gasset

## Mount Mercy News

Well done to the girls who took part in this year's Trócaire Lenten Fast. All year groups responded most generously and a total of £3,300 was collected.

**Athletics** – Congratulations and well done to Fionnula Lombard 5<sup>th</sup> year, who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the shot putt and Sharon Kelly, 5<sup>th</sup> year, who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100m Hurdles in the Munster Senior Track & Field Championships 2001.

Congratulations and well done also to Triona O'Neill and Katie Fitzgerald, 1<sup>st</sup> year, who performed brilliantly in the following Athletics competitions – Riverstick/Kinsale A.C. open, the Munster Colleges Cross Country in Dungarven, and the Nestlé Schools' Cross Country.

Student Mary Jo Murphy has transformed her talent for Art into a winning formula. Having won numerous prizes in the past, she has the distinction of being the only Secondary School award winner from Cork City & County in the Texaco 2001 Art Competition. Well done!



*Cheerfulness is among the most laudable virtues. It gains you the goodwill and friendship of others. It blesses those who practise it and those upon whom it is bestowed.*





## Announcements

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

The monthly meeting will take place next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.

## Family



### Family Ministry

Family Ministry in conjunction with Cork & Ross Social Services invites applications for a temporary, part-time position at Family Ministry, 34 Paul Street. The candidate would assist the Directors in their work of providing support, education and leadership skills training in the areas of bereavement, parenting and family studies. Experience in counselling, networking with caring agencies and sourcing grant funding desirable. The successful candidate must be a good team person with good communication skills and be able to work on own initiative. Ongoing training in the work will be provided on site. Application form from 34 Paul Street, or 4275136. All applications forms and C.V's to be returned by 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### **THANK YOU FOR THE ROSES**

On the walkway from Model Farm Road into the church grounds the first rosebuds are nearly ready to blossom. The two rows of new young rose bushes are thriving and about to enhance our environs for the coming months. We are very grateful to our anonymous donor whose thoughtful generosity will lift many a heart over the weeks ahead.



### Emergency Foster Carers

If you feel you could foster a child/children we would be interested in hearing from you at the Fostering Resource Unit, St. Finbarr's Hospital. Tel. No. 4923035. Families irrespective of marital status, employment /unemployment who can offer a friendly home environment to a foster child may apply. All fostering enquiries welcome. Preparation training and support will apply. A substantial fostering allowance will also be paid to approved foster carers.

### Found

Small gold chain in churchyard. Also, a pair of glass in brown case found across the road from the church. Please contact parish office.

## GOD'S WORD

### Readings for Sunday 10 June

#### **First Reading**

Proverbs 8:22-31. Wisdom's role in the creation of all things.

#### **Psalm**

No. 8. God, the creator of all, is to be praised.

#### **Second Reading**

Romans 5:1-5. Paul reflects on faith, hope and love.

#### **Gospel**

John 16:12-15. Jesus explains the vital role of the Spirit.

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