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# Ballineaspais Bulletin

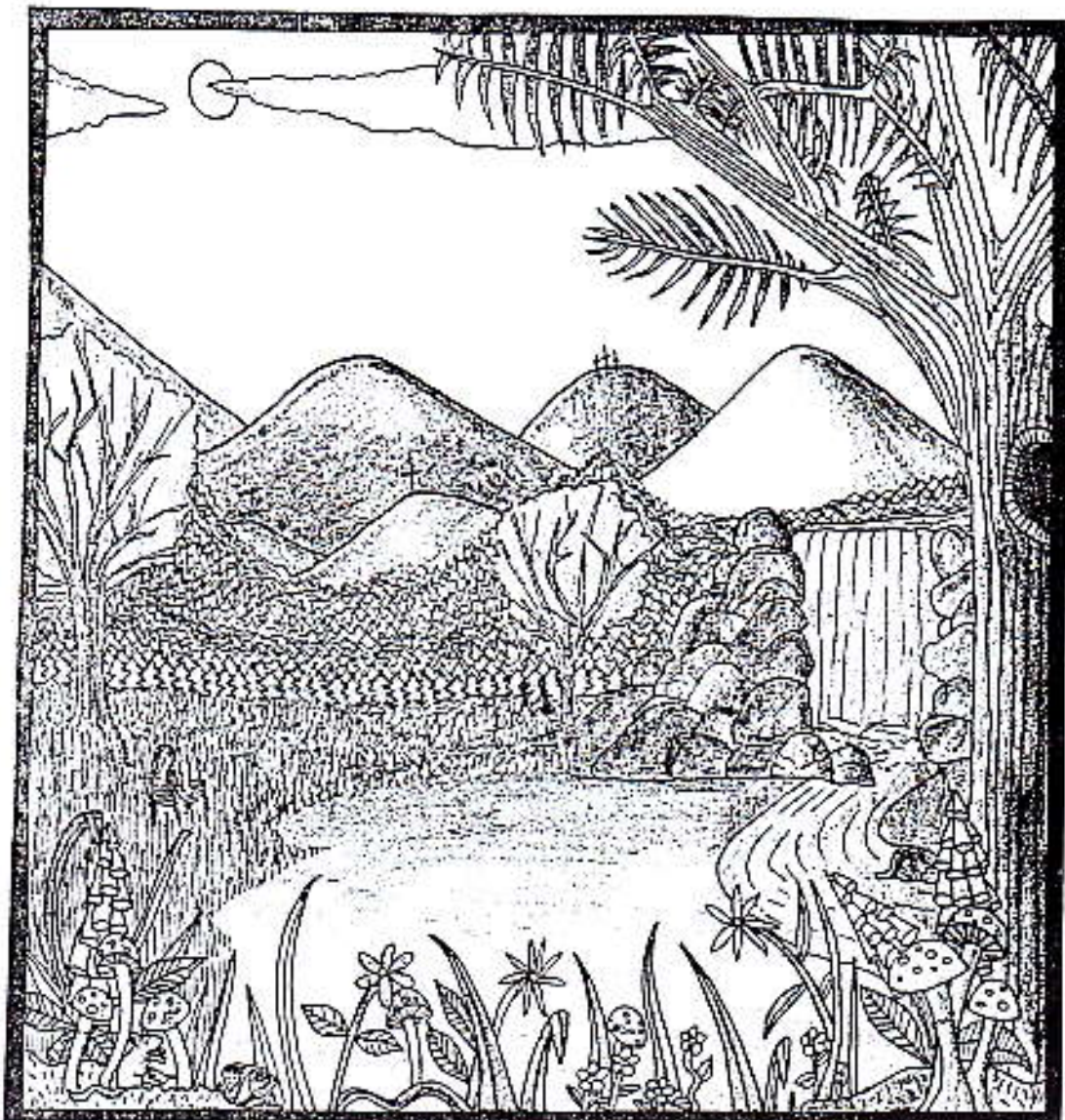
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENEHY'S CROSS, CORK

## PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE



*Clark Hagen*

*Life is a creation of God's love and is all around us*





FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Patrick writes*

Where are they? Jesus expresses his disappointment that the other ten did not return to give thanks to him. It is a human and natural reaction. After all, he had cured them of leprosy and restored them to life in the community.

Many parents in their old age rarely see or hear from their children. They too feel the pain expressed by Jesus. Thanksgiving, as well as being a human quality, is also divine. The word eucharist comes from the Greek word to give thanks. All we have, all we are comes to us as a gift from God, yet fewer come to the Eucharist to give thanks - where are they?

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**First Reading:**

Deut.10:17-19. The people of Israel are challenged to treat the stranger well, remembering that they were strangers once.

**Psalm 120:**

The Lord who created all will protect all.

**Second Reading:**

2 Tim.3:14-4:2. The task of the missionary is spelled out by Paul. They are to 'proclaim the message, welcome or unwelcome.'

**Gospel:**

Lk.10:17-24. Those who spread the Good News can rejoice, because their names are written in heaven.

**Bible Corner**



**LEPERS - not really!**

In our times, the word leprosy is used for Homer's disease, a very loathsome and destructive disease that afflicted so many so badly worldwide until modern medical progress gave protection and hope of a cure. The heroic work of St. Peter Damian on the island of Molokai gave powerful images to the western world of the suffering such leprosy wrought.

The biblical use of the word leprosy referred to a much wider range of infectious skin diseases. The afflicted were still ostracised by the community to protect itself. The role of the priest in such lepers' lives was not that of healer, but rather of one who was to decide that a person was now clear of infection and so was ready to be allowed back into the community. It was for such a verdict that Jesus sent the ten lepers in this weekend's gospel to the priest. They were ready for a new beginning.

**Local Schools**

**MOUNT MERCY**

**Opening School Mass**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, staff and students of Mount Mercy celebrated the opening school Mass in the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit. The Mass was celebrated by the school's chaplain Fr. Patrick Walsh, C.C. The pupils participated through prayer, readings, music and song.



## The Race of Life

Life is priceless. God is no capitalist shopkeeper looking after his own interests. Rather, he is a loving father who presents us with this precious gift. Once we tear away the wrapping of material things we are left with what lies inside, the real present, the spiritual opportunities life gives us. One of the gifts which lay inside my parcel was the joy of athletics. Being alive means that I have the chance to experience the freedom which running gives to me. The value of life, for me, is most obvious in those adrenaline-filled race days, in the skittish laughter with my friends as we run along, in the escape from worry running offers to me. Life, through running, allows me to experience the high of victory, the anguish of defeat and almost every other emotion imaginable. To me this is the essential value of life, that mixture of joy and sadness, achievement and disappointment. But whereas I, as an athlete, am never assured of victory, God himself has guaranteed it for us humans

in life. In athletics, I only occasionally capture the true joy of being alive, but God has assured us of constantly experiencing it through eternal life. Whatever pain there is now will make our ultimate joy greater. That is the deal and the beauty of our existence.

I'm Dan. I've just turned 18 and for the past two years have become more and more interested in theatre. Before then, nothing could have been further from my mind as something to be interested in. But the day I joined my first class, I knew it was something that had just been for me. As time went on, that world opened up to me just as fast as my passion for it grew.

I was born neither extroverted nor to perform, or so I thought. Being on stage is now something I almost crave – always looking forward to the next time. It has shown me a side of myself that I never knew existed and that I will keep working on for life. If life is, as the saying says, to be enjoyed, then this is where my future lies.

- Darren, Leaving Cert. student



We offer our sincere sympathy to RUTH O'MAHONY, Kenley Close, on the death of her mother.

## MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday. "Two thousand years since the start of Missions, there are still vast geographical, cultural, human and social areas which have not yet been penetrated by Christ and His Gospel" (Pope John Paul II). Support the missionary activity of the church by prayer, offering of suffering and a generous financial contribution.





**Cri de Coeur**

Wanted urgently – Readers – Sundays and/or weekdays. Your parish needs you now. Phone Seamus Murphy 4541155 or any of the parish clergy.

**Bulletins to Homes**

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

**Mission Collection**

The annual collection for Missions will be at all Masses next weekend.

**Alzheimer Society Cork Branch**

A table quiz will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 8 p.m. in the Deanrock, Togher. For further details contact Sarah or Kit at 4323525.

**Autism Association**

Voluntary collectors urgently required for Flag Day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Anyone interested in helping please contact Liz Kiely at 4271808 or 4371041 (evenings).

**Special Mass**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Mass for industrial peace, job creation and social justice will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 4.00 p.m. Bishop Jim Moriarty, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin will preach. All welcome.

**Catechism Group**

Meeting on Wednesday from 8.00 to 9.00 p.m. in C.P. Centre. Discussion item – **The Sacraments**. All very welcome.

**Computer Courses**

Wordprocessing, database and spreadsheet, at Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh. Beginners Class starting Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> October. Intermediate Class starting on Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> October. Both classes 7.30-9.30 p.m. for eight weeks. Class sizes limited so please register in advance. Further details from the College, phone 4543790.

**Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh**

Parents/guardians of prospective entrants for September 2002 are cordially invited to an Open Evening at the college on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2001 from 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. From 7.00 p.m. onwards you will be free to take a tour of the school, to view its facilities, and to meet teachers and pupils. At 8.00 p.m. the Principal will address the gathering in the School Hall and give a broad outline of the philosophy of the school and its curriculum.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

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***BISHOPSTOWN SOCIAL CENTRE***

***WILTON PARK HOUSE***

New opportunities for older people in our community

Tues. 16 October, 2.30-4.30 p.m.  
*Cards.*

Wed. 17 Oct. 2.30-4.30 p.m.  
*Respite/Social*

Thurs. 18 Oct. 2.30-4.30 p.m.  
*Relaxation and gentle exercise with Una Hayward.*

Tel: 4348595 (between 2.30-4.30 p.m.)