



# Ballineaspig Bulletin

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity. For most of us it's hardly an occasion that fires us with love and enthusiasm. But really it's wonderful in the best sense of that word. It was Jesus Himself who took us into His confidence, and explained what the life of God is like – Three Persons in One God. We have no experience of such life in anyone or anything here on earth. That shouldn't surprise us – after all, God is God – He holds the whole world in His hands.

It might help us too to reflect on what a wonderful and precious gift human life is. "Life comes from God, it is His gift, His image and imprint – a sharing of His breath of life. The sacredness of life has its foundation in God and His creative activity." (Pope John Paul)

So your life and mine is precious to God. Each one of us is loved individually and personally by God. Nobody but nobody has a right to damage or destroy this life. All this may seem obvious to you and to me, but we need to commit ourselves consciously to this position in a world where the most vulnerable are targeted

every day – the unborn and the old. Sadly also violence against the person is portrayed in T.V. and print as a matter of course. No wonder it has become a reality in our cities and towns.

Jesus said that He came that we might have life and have it to the full. What a beautiful ideal – often He has no hands but mine to make this real.

*Anne O'Leary*

## God's Word

### Readings for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### **First Reading:**

Deut. 8:2-3,14-16. Contains Moses' reminder of how God sustained his people in the desert with the gift of manna.

#### **Psalm 147**

#### **Second Reading:**

1 Cor.10:16-17. Paul reminds us that in sharing the bread of life at Mass, we become one body.

#### **Gospel:**

Jn. 6:51-58. In the Gospel Jesus says he himself is the living bread of believers.

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### A GIFT

The famous composer Rossini was presented with a beautiful pocket watch by the King of France. Rossini was very proud of his watch because it was a royal gift.

Some years later a friend said to him, "Although you've had this watch for some time you don't know its real value." "Nonsense", replied the composer. "It's true," said his friend, "please let me have it for a moment."

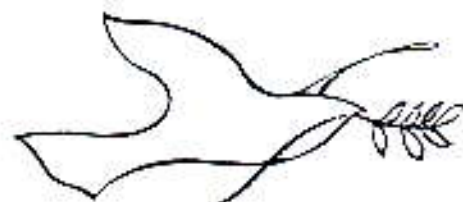
Taking the watch the friend touched a secret spring and an inner case flew open to reveal a beautiful portrait of Rossini himself - the composer had never realised that the painting was there.

As we are celebrating the Feast of Pentecost this weekend, perhaps we too are unaware of the great power of the Holy Spirit within us. We know about the gift of the Spirit on the Church, but we do not always realise that the gift of that same Spirit dwells within us, moves our lives, helps us to pray.

When we truly respond to God's gift of the Holy Spirit, it is surprising what power, strength and beauty can be released in our lives and in the life of the Church.

*"Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love."*

Arthur O'Callaghan



We offer our sincere sympathy to MRS. CONSTANT, Bishopstown Avenue, on the death of her sister Mary O'Connor.

To BER HEALY, Bishopstown Park, on the death of her sister Patricia Costello.

To THE PURCELL FAMILY, Kilcrea Park, on the death of their son and brother Niall.

### Questions People Ask

**Q.** Since the Blessed Trinity is a mystery, is there any point in thinking or talking about it?

**A.** To be sure, we cannot fully understand the inner life of God. But much has been revealed in Scripture about the story of the three divine persons. Without some understanding of the Trinity, we would never comprehend the incarnation of the Son or his return to the Father. Nor would we appreciate what we share in at Mass - the worship of the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit in us. Our God is a living family of intimate relationships through knowledge and love.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn, OFM. Cap



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

*Monday 27*

St. Augustine of Canterbury. He was sent by Pope Gregory the Great to preach to the English. He is honoured as the apostle of England.

*Thursday 30*

St. Joan of Arc was traditionally honoured today. She was burned at the stake in Rouen when she was not yet 20-years old.

*Friday 31*

The Visitation. Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth marked the first meeting of their unborn children, John the Baptist and Jesus. This was the occasion on which Mary glorified the Lord in her *Magnificat*.

### **LOCAL SCHOOLS**

Congratulations to Jane Cunningham, 5<sup>th</sup> year, Mount Mercy, who was recently awarded a senior prize in the '2002 Europe at School Essay Competition.' Jane's essay was entitled "Our Histories - Our European Future". Jane received a travel prize to a gathering in the Netherlands in July. Well done again to Jane who will spend three weeks in India in August after winning a prestigious All Ireland scholarship in the E.I.L. essay competition.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to TIM and MARY SPILLANE of Farranlea Grove, who recently celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary. Our best wishes for many happy years ahead.

## KNOW RACISM EMBLEM DESIGNED BY JOHN ROCHA



As part of KNOW Racism the National Anti-Racism Awareness Programme, international designer John Rocha has designed a special emblem. The silver piece is a fusion of Asian-Celtic design. The emblem is available from a range of stores nationwide including participating SuperValu Supermarkets, Shell Petrol Stations, Marathon and Champion Sports Stores and Superquinn Supermarkets and costs just €2. Everyone is being encouraged to wear the emblem to demonstrate support for saying no to racism in Ireland.

John Rocha's design concept is based on the theme *five continents one people*. "The human race has so much to share, we have so much to learn from each other and so much in common, we are after all only divided by space, five continents - one people." John Rocha.

KNOW Racism is a three-year Government funded programme that aims to create the conditions that make it difficult for racism to exist in Ireland. It includes a major national communications campaign, a grant scheme for community groups, an education programme and partnerships with state, business, sporting and community organisations.

For further information see the website: [www.knowracism.ie](http://www.knowracism.ie)



**NOTICE BOARD**

**CORK CITY  
ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC  
PROCESSION  
NEXT SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE**

**Pioneer Total Abstinence Association**

The Annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 p.m. New members of the pioneers will be enrolled at this Mass. Any pioneer of 25 or 50 years who would like to be presented with silver or gold pins please contact Judith Coffey (4345281) or Liam O'Driscoll (4544682) before 5<sup>th</sup> June, as pins and brooches have to be ordered. Silver Pin €21, Gold Pin €22.50, 9ct. Gold Pin €108.00.

**Divine Mercy Triduum**

Triduum in honour of the Divine Mercy in preparation for the Feast of the Sacred Heart from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June at Ballyphehane Church, Rosary 7.40 p.m. Mass at 8 p.m.

**Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima**

Mass and Holy Hour at St. Maries of the Isle, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. Priest Fr. I. Power, O.S.A. New Ross.

**Help Wanted**

Childminder required for two children, ages 2 and 5 years, Glasheen area. Tel. 4310425. References essential.

**Alzheimer Society**

Carers support meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June in Jurys Hotel at 8.00 p.m. Contact number of Society 4391690/1/2, address Unit 2, NOF commercial Centre, Kilnap, Mallow Road.

**Cook Required**

The Drishane Sisters, who are living in our parish, are looking for a mature person to cook the main meal three days weekly. Excellent conditions. Anyone interested could phone Sister Mairéad or Sister Rose for a preliminary chat at 021-4342348.



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