

Ballineaspai Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for
Sunday 18th
September.

First Reading:
Is.55:6-9.

Psalms 144

Second Reading:
Phil.1:20-24,27.

Gospel:
Mt. 20:1-16.



FATHER DECLAN
WRITES

Pobal Dé and Websites.....

The recently published Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Cork and Ross has a vision of a Parish as Pobal Dé – the People of God. In the Irish language, one of the names for a Church building is 'Teach an Phobail' – the 'House of the People'. Doesn't it seem strange that it was given this title instead of 'the House of God'? In the early Church, there were no official Church buildings. Public assemblies of Christians were outlawed, and so the followers of Jesus met in houses in small groups. They met on Sunday, the day of the Lord to celebrate the Eucharist. There was no Blessed Sacrament reserved in a special place. The People of God knew that Jesus was present to them in the Breaking of Bread, in the reading of God's Word, the minister who led the Eucharist, and in themselves. But the people of God took their whole identity from having received the Sacrament of Baptism, and being a Eucharistic assembly. Over the centuries, this vision was lost, and the Church became an institution, identified with the Hierarchy, the Pope, the Vatican, and Church buildings.

The Second Vatican Council tried to restore this simpler vision of the Church as People of God, where each of us belongs, where each of us is responsible for the Church, each of us equal in dignity, because of our Baptism, each of us with responsibility to build up the People of

God, as much as any Bishop or Pope.

I ask you, the reader – is this your vision of the Parish of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross? Do you find your place in it? Do you find it a Eucharist-centred community, where you belong? If not, why not? Can we, the priests and people, help you to feel more appreciated, more a part of a Parish as Pobal Dé, People of God? Maybe you can contribute more, in your own way, to building up a Christ-centred community? Please look closely at the new Website being launched this weekend, and at the profile of our Parish that it contains. Did you ever know there were so many groups and activities, so many people involved? Are you involved in any way? If not, why not? Your Parish is yours, your Mass is yours, your Church is yours. Priests and people as Pobal Dé. This has been the clear vision of our Parish since the election of our Parish Pastoral Council around 1987.

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ALTAR SERVERS

We invite boys and girls who have already made First Communion to join our team. On alternate weekends, a boy or girl serves at a time arranged in consultation with parents. Please contact Mercedes Cunningham at 4544113, or any of the priests. Training will take place later.

Rest in Peace

Richard Jenkinson, or Dick as he was better known to friends and neighbours in Laburnum Lawn, died at the South Infirmary on 28th July. At his Requiem Mass one of his grandchildren brought a spanner to the altar at the Offertory Procession - It was an apt symbol for a man who exemplified the dignity of work all through his long life. Dick liked the simple things of life, home and family, his fishing and garden, his long service as a skilled mechanical engineer. His religion was of paramount importance to him, and he was a regular at our church right up to the end. Dick was pre-deceased by his dear wife and long-life friend Eileen. He is missed by his family, Frank, Mary Helen and Sarah, his daughter-in-law and sons-in-law. May he rest in peace.

John Foley, Laburnum Drive, died at the Bon Secours Hospital on 7th August. He had been in failing health for a considerable time, and eventually slipped away in the gentle and dedicated care of his good wife Betty. John was a man with extraordinary Christian concern for his neighbours, their problems were his problems, and he reached out a helping hand to all who needed him. He was a long-time employee of Telecom Éireann, and was appointed Peace Commissioner because of his concern for the welfare of the public. In his retirement he liked to travel, and made many friends wherever he went. We offer the sympathy of the entire community to his dear wife Betty, his sisters Julia and Lena, his cousins John and Denis, and many relatives and friends. May his generous soul enjoy the reward of his goodness.

Dr. Noel Callaghan, Mapleholme, College Road, died unexpectedly at home on 7th August. His sudden death came as a great shock to his family, a wide circle of colleagues, former patients and friends. Noel was a highly gifted physician who established the neurological services in the Southern Region. He also held a senior academic position in the Faculty of Medicine, U.C.C. and, by example, taught generations of medical students in the art and science of medicine. Noel was a talented researcher and his writing on epilepsy established him as an international figure in its treatment. Whilst his col-

leagues and former students will remember Noel as an outstanding physician, teacher and researcher, his wife Anne and family will remember him as a loving husband and father. May he rest in peace.

The residents of Farranlea Grove were saddened recently by the death, in her early seventies, of Phyllis Morley. She and her husband Derry were one of the original families to move into that estate in the late 1950's, before the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit was opened. In recent years, Phyllis had become somewhat incapacitated by strokes, and her husband Derry had taken over the running of the home and had cared for Phyllis right up to her final illness and death in the Bon Secours Hospital. Phyllis will be greatly missed by Derry and by her sons Antony and Derry, her daughter Sandra, and her in-laws, relatives and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dlís.

LINK-A-PRAYER

if you or some member of your family is housebound we invite you to link in prayer with the Poor Clare Sisters in our parish. With this "Link-A-Prayer" the sisters and those who are housebound pray for the needs of the parish and people everywhere. Each housebound person is specifically prayed for by the sisters at an arranged time each day. A leaflet is available.

Please let the priest of your area know, or contact the Parish Centre (434 4452). The Poor Clare Sisters will enrol you in "Link-A-Prayer". Sr. Colette Marie is the co-ordinator.

FAIRTRADE UPDATE

Please let us know (c/o the Parish Office) if you find new Fairtrade products on sale, or places where Fairtrade products are served.

Two recent discoveries: FairBreak Wafer Biscuit, a delicious chocolate-covered biscuit, found in the Oxfam shop in Galway. Have you seen it on sale closer to home? The Rendezvous Bar in Model Farm Road serves Fairtrade tea and coffee. Are there others in or near the parish doing the same?

Bible Corner



Forgiveness, like love, is a mystery. Forgiveness is allowing love to absorb the agony without the bitterness. True forgiveness is never conditional or manipulative. Rather it risks its own security to give an offender's goodness another chance. It goes beyond justice, apology and retribution. It is appreciated through being experienced. It cannot be measured or counted.

Hence, the command of Jesus in this weekend's gospel is to forgive unconditionally again and again so that our hearts may be healed and enriched beyond all understanding.

NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to the Homes

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

Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday 12th in the Parish Centre at 8.10 p.m.

Tuesday Coffee Morning

Will resume on Tuesday 13th September after 10.00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

Friendship Club

Please note that the Club re-opens this MONDAY 12th at 2.30 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Wilton Bridge Club

Re-opening on 14th September at the S.M.A. Hall at 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome, especially new members. Just come along or ring Ann at 086 3118921. for further details.

Gentle Yoga Classes

At the Lough Scout Hall, Wednesdays 10.15 to 11.45 a.m. with Madelaine MacNamara. Enrolment on 14th September. Phone 4342255.

Check out our parish website
www.dennehycrossparish.ie