

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
October, 2005

First Reading:  
Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 79

Second Reading:  
Phil.4:6-9

Gospel: Mt. 21:33-43



## OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

### BUILDING BLOCKS OF LOVE

Last week's failure of the United Nations to reach agreement about the control of nuclear weapons is a sad scenario for the whole human family. In a world of starving millions, modern technology is producing even more advanced weapons of mass destruction to destroy one another rather than feed the needy.

This happens because we are afraid to trust each other and distrust is an ever spreading cancer. The danger in any family, community, neighbourhood or workplace is that we often put more energy into destructive talk than into building trust. Malignant gossip, even if it is true, hurts feelings, betrays loyalties, undermines solidarity and nurtures distrust. This is true in the home as well as outside it.

Do we need every detail of another's shortcomings? A great deal of gossip is salacious rather than relevant. Are my words building blocks of trust, or creating bullets of mass destruction? Words are never neutral. They have an enormous potential for goodness, to encourage, to show appreciation and tenderness, to guide and to challenge, to seek support and to give it. The words we speak are sacred building blocks of justice, peace and love.



Communion under  
both species every  
Wednesday at the  
10.00 a.m. Mass.

## LETTER TO EDITOR



Hi there,

A quick email to say "congratulations and well done" on your new website. I learned about it going live from my Mum and when I typed in "Dennehy's Cross Parish" in Google, the Diocese of Cork and Ross was the first on the list of hits and yours was the first within that! I was also delighted to be able to read the bulletin online - it almost made me feel like I was at home again. The Pentecostal Fire was also an excellent choice of logo. Best wishes again and keep up the good work. Evelyn McCarthy, Bucks, UK.

## NOTICE BOARD



### Special Day of Prayer at Knock

For the Pope, Church and families, bus €20 picking up from Ballincollig via Holy Spirit Church. For details phone 4501667.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection will take place next weekend.

### Short Courses at U.C.C.

Ten weeks' duration, fee €200. For further details and brochure contact Regina Sexton, Short Course Co-ordinator, at 4904717, email: r.sexton@ucc.ie.

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## Rest in Peace

Tim Bradley Bishopstown Avenue, died quietly at Marymount on 21<sup>st</sup> August. Tim was a gentle and unassuming man who never obtruded himself in other people's business. But unknown to us all he took care of the vast majority of us who travelled through Cork Airport. For Tim was air-traffic controller at the airport from the day it opened, and prior to that at Shannon airport. As you know it's a highly technical and responsible position with the safety of all air travellers in his hands, but in his long years of service Tim made no mistakes. He was a native of North Cork, a devoted husband and father, and a committed Catholic man. In his spare time he loved his garden, and cared for it to the end. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Brigid, his family Íde, Michael, Maire and Siobhan, brother Con, sister Mary, daughter-in-law Adrienne and his many friends and relatives. Ar dheis Dé go raibh anam dílis.

Anna Walsh, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, died at Cork University Hospital on 6<sup>th</sup> September. Though she hadn't been too well for some time, her passing left her friends and neighbours stunned at the news. Anna (nee Banks) was a native of the South Parish, and moved to Glasheen village on her marriage to her late husband from nearby Sheare's Park. Subsequently they came to reside at their home in Leesdale, where she was held in great respect and affection by her neighbours. She retained a deep interest and love of her native parish and the local GAA Club, Redmonds, where she was an active member of the Ladies' Committee. We extend our sympathy to her family, Billy, Rosarii, Ann Marie and Margaret at the loss of their dear mother. May she rest in

## IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to ISABEL SAUNDERS, Parkway Drive, at the tragic death of her sister Mary in a car accident. RITA O'HERLIHY, Wilton Gardens, on the death of her sister.

### Questions People Ask

**Q.** What is the point of repeating Hail Marys or other prayers over and over again? To me it is totally mechanical and boring.

**A.** The most important functions in life are repetitive, like heartbeat, breathing, eating, etc. I never heard anybody say that heartbeat or breathing were boring. The fact is that you could not live without them. Repetitive prayer need not be an empty mechanical exercise but a means of calming the mind as an aid to holding attention on sacred mysteries.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFMCap  
Intercom.



## Bible Corner

Phillipi was a key town on a military road between Rome and the Middle East. It had a Jewish community to whom Paul came preaching about Jesus. These early converts responded to the call with great enthusiasm. It was to such a receptive community that Paul wrote what we have as this week-end's second reading. It is in two parts. Paul first invites and challenges his readers to imitate in their lives the love of Jesus. He then goes on to highlight the awesome wonder of who Jesus really is as Son of God who has become human. This section is a ballad or hymn of praise, of faith and of worship of our adopted brother.

Read this passage prayerfully, savour it, bask in it. Reread it every day this coming week. It will deepen your faith and inflame your love.

## LOCAL SCHOOLS



### Mount Mercy

Congratulations to Mount Mercy's Leaving Certificate Class of 2005 who achieved excellent results. Special Congratulations to Maeve Fitzpatrick, Laura Hurley, Rebecca Lynch, Charlotte Murphy and Clodagh Murphy who achieved the maximum 600 points. Laura also came 3rd in Ireland in the "Griffith College Dublin Student Journalist Of The Year" competition, and will be presented with her prize at an Awards Ceremony in Griffith College, Dublin.

Well done to all the students and teachers who are now in the Guinness Book of Records having taken part in the Ceili Mór in the city centre on Saturday Evening. It was great to see Mount Mercy College so well represented there.

### Coláiste an Spioraid Naomh

The 2005 Junior Certificate results were given to the students on Wednesday September 14th and were of a very high standard with the students expressing themselves as extremely pleased and hugely thrilled with their grades. Now in Transition Year, the students were rewarded for their very hard work and studies with A's and B's across the board.

Frank McCarthy, Principal, in a special school assembly for the results, paid a huge tribute to the boys and their families for the sacrifices made and the great spirit of hard work across their third year in CSN. He particularly congratulated Barry O'Farrell and Peter Duffy who joined a small handful of students nationally with 11 A's, from around 56,000 students who sat the Junior Cert. All the teachers expressed huge satisfaction with the school's results and they emphasized the importance of the Junior Cert as a major national State assessment of Ireland's students at a critical juncture in their educational development. Needless to say, the students of CSN were delighted to be rewarded with a half day!!