

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
9th October.

First Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm : 22

Second Reading:

Phil.4:12-14

Gospel:

Matthew 21:1-14



THE DEAN WRITES

A Cri de Coeur from the St. Vincent de Paul Society



Who was Frederic Ozanam? He was a young law student in the University of Paris in 1832. So what? Well, he saw the plight of people who were worse off than himself. He spoke to some of his fellow students – they decided to do something about it – not just talk. They founded a society which they dedicated to that great champion of the poor from an earlier generation – St. Vincent de Paul (Feast day last Tuesday). This is what we have in our parish so many years later.

Our community is wonderfully generous in contributing every month, and this is great. But, and this is a big but, there are only a few active members to visit and care for the less well off in our combined parishes – ours, the S.M.A. and other neighbours. What's more, any of us, well most of us, wouldn't win a marathon.

So what do we want? New members.

When do we want them? Now.

What do they do? Attend a meeting each Monday evening at 7.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

What does this consist of? We say a few prayers, and make a modest contribution to the Secret Bag for the Society. The President takes reports of last week's work, and arranges visitation, etc., for the night – all done in pairs.

How long does all this take? About two hours in total.

How do I join? Call to Parish Centre any Monday night around 7.15 p.m. or give your name and address to any member, any of the priests, parish secretary or parish sacristan.

Now over to you.

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MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations and well done to the Junior Certificate Students of 2005 who achieved excellent results. Special congratulations to Kate McCutcheon who got eleven straight A's. Six other students got 10 A's each, Rachel Cusack, Niamh Hayes, Niamh McAuliffe, Laura O'Connor, Maura Power, and Olivia Van Wallegem. Well done girls.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

MARGARET McMAHON, 27 Greenfields, Model Farm Road, on the death of her brother, Timothy Joseph Murphy.

CAROLE NOLAN, Court Cairn, on the death of her sister, Sandra O'Neill, Blarney

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We welcome into our Christian community the following:

KILLIAN RIO FAHY
CIARA ANNA MURPHY
NIAMH NORA MURPHY
IAN MICHAEL MOLLOY
CAMILLE CATHERINE EGRET-HANLEY
CHANTEL DUVALE RANDALL
DARRAGH ANDREW O'BRIEN-KIELY
DONACHA MICHAEL BRUCE CRAVEN
ELLA GRACE MAIREAD TIERNAN
EAMON PATRICK COMMINS
FERGAL NIALL MCKILLOP-O'SHEA
AVA RUTH DRUMM
MAI SOPHIE GREEN
JOSHUA ANTHONY HEANEY
SEAN BARRA TWOHIG
LAUREN MORLEY
JAMES DANIEL DOOLEY
EVELYN JANE GEARY



Elsie Carpenter of College Rd. was laid to rest on September 7th, after several years of illness and gradual disability. During her illness, she was cared for excellently by the staff of St. Enda's Ward in St. Finbarr's Hospital. Elsie spent thirty years of her life in Africa, where she worked in the British Foreign Service. She was a person with a very quiet and retiring nature, who loved her home, her books and her music, and who rarely ventured out much in latter years, until it was necessary to move to hospital. We extend our sympathy as a community to her sisters Ina, Mattie and Bunty, to her nephews and nieces, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace.

Happily Married?

Ask yourself these questions:

Do you sometimes have a sense of wanting to be closer?

Wonder if things could be better between you.

Wonder what your partner feels.

Wish you talked more to each other.

Well then, whether you have been married one year or forty years a Marriage Encounter weekend may be just right for the two of you. The next weekend is on 18th-20th November in Ibis Hotel Cork. For further details contact Clive & Kathy Jones at 026 48234 or email cliveandkathyj@iol.ie

Scriptural Prayer Groups

The **Monday Morning Scriptural Prayer Group** will begin again next Monday morning in the Parish Centre, **after the 10a.m. Mass**. The **Tuesday Evening Scriptural Prayer Group** has resumed in **St. Catherine's Convent**, Bishopstown Avenue, after the summer recess. It meets at **8p.m. each Tuesday night**. **New members are welcome to attend either of these groups**. No knowledge of the Bible is required, just an ability to be still and let the Sunday Gospel speak to you, and then share a little of what you hear.



BIBLE CORNER

As every newspaper editor knows, a good visual has more impact than a thousand words. It is also true that a well crafted word image of a familiar scene can leave a lasting impression. Many of the great communicators of the bible were experts in creating such images.

As we read this weekend, Isaiah had the skill in a very simple but effective way. Vineyards were focal points in the Hebrew world of his time. A good vineyard was the pinnacle of achievement in a harsh and difficult terrain. It was difficult enough to find water and grazing for goats and sheep to provide the basic necessities. A vineyard required a special site, competent and dedicated care, akin almost to love. The sight of a well-cultivated vineyard conjured up fantasies of the finer things in life.

For a people to be compared to the Lord's vineyard was a real compliment. But to be threatened with being abandoned by the owner of the vineyard was a fate worse than death. The ruthless wilderness would quickly overrun what had been built with such dedicated love.

Those listening to Isaiah got the message very quickly. If we fail to respect the gifts of the Lord and to live accordingly, then the ruthlessness of selfishness will destroy the true wine of life.

Fr. Tom Clancy

Feast of the Holy Rosary:

On the **First Friday, October 7th, Feast of the Holy Rosary**, you are invited to pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, with short reflections, between the two morning Masses: **9.30-9.50a.m.**

First Friday

Next Friday, 7th October, is the first Friday of the month. Calls to housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 7th from 10.30 to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 6th in the Parish Centre at 8.00 p.m.

Cork Mended Hearts

The 21st annual Thanksgiving and Remembrance Mass will take place on Wednesday 12th October in Cork University Hospital Chapel at 7.30 p.m. Celebrant Fr. Bob Brophy, Homily Fr. James Good, Soloist Stephen O'Connor.

Alpha Course

An opportunity to explore the Christian faith will take place on a Wednesday night beginning 5th October at 8.00 p.m. with a simple meal and finishing at 10.00 m. in the Prayer Centre, 9 North Main Street. Further details from 4270362, 12.30 to 4.00 p.m.

Past Pupils of Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh

Grand Reunion and celebratory dinner at the Rochestown Park Hotel on Saturday 15th October. For tickets please call 087-0569185.