

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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PARISH SEMINAR DAY 2005



L to R: Noirin Lynch (Facilitator), Fr. Declan Mansfield, C.C., Clare McCutcheon, Chairperson, Pastoral Council

Last Saturday, October 1st, thirty parishioners representing ministries in our Parish (Pastoral Council, Liturgy Group, Vincent de Paul, Collectors, Coffee Morning.....), spent an afternoon of reflection in Mardyke House, facilitated by Nóirín Lynch, who worked for over two years with The Parish Development Team of the Diocese. The afternoon was in three parts

- How did I become involved in Parish ministry and what have I gained from it?
- What is Good News for the poor/prisoners/blind/oppressed in our Parish? (Luke 4:16-21)
- What are the general values which should guide us for the coming year?

In groups, we shared our joy and personal enrichment from having been involved in parish ministries over the years, and we wished others could hear and experience for themselves what we have gained. Involvement in the work of the parish has brought each of us a sense of community, a feeling of belonging, a deepening of faith.

In our Parish, there are elderly housebound, people with depression or addictions, people imprisoned by loneliness or bereavement. There are people who are financially poor; there are immigrants, people who do not know their neighbours, people burdened by caring for dependants. There are people without faith, people alienated from Church, people who have 'broken the rules' and who have no sense of belonging to a caring faith community.

Many of the groups in our Parish already reach out to some of these people, who need to be set free, and to hear Good News. There was a general consensus that in order to reach out and connect to others, our Parish at Dennehy's Cross must continue to work on being:

Open and **Welcoming**, **Inclusive** of all, (regardless of level of faith or commitment), **Aware** and **Caring** of people's needs, with a special love for **youth** and **students**. We must try to **connect the faith to people's lives**, and keep renewing the **invitation** and **welcome** to people to become involved. In this way, we will build up a sense of **Neighbourhood**, of a **Caring Christian Community**.

Can you, the reader, identify with this? Is this your vision? Can you become more involved?

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NOTICES

Bulletins to the Homes

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

Pastoral Council

Meeting in the Parish Centre this Monday 10th at 8.10 p.m.

Crypt Bridge Club

Do you play Bridge? Why not join us in the Crypt on Tuesday afternoons at 2.00 p.m. sharp. You will be out at 4.30 (before the traffic rush hour). Tea/coffee available. Anyone interested in learning Bridge on Tuesday afternoons, please contact Beryl at 4541468 - two qualified C.B.A.1 teachers available, John Durcan and Beryl Lennon. Classes would depend on number of applicants.

Simon Community

Church gate collection will take place on Saturday/Sunday 22/23 October. Please give generously.

Cyclists wanted for Charity Cycle

Cork – Macroom – Millstreet on 12th November in aid of Cope Foundation, Cork Simon Community and Mutomo Hospital in Kenya. Contact John Coughlan 4272242.

Fundraising Show for Alheimers

At Rendezvous Bar, 4.00-7.00 p.m. on Saturday 15th October.

Bru Columbanus Open Day

Bru Columbanus is a newly-built hostel on Cardinal Way, near the SMA Wilton Church, which was officially opened and blessed on the 26th September. It has been built by the Knights of St. Columbanus to offer accommodation to the parents and family of patients in Cork hospitals, and for whom long-distance travel would be a serious inconvenience.

An open Day has been arranged for Tuesday, 11th October from 3.00-7.00 pm, so people may have a guided tour of the building and the facilities being offered.



Bible Corner

Among the nomadic Hebrew people hospitality was often a matter of life and death. If the little food and water one had was not shared with the stranger, the stranger might well die before finding sustenance elsewhere. Festive meals were celebrated inclusively by the whole community together. They realised that the human heart is made for communal celebration, especially in the midst of the uncertainties of life. So the promise of a great feast for everyone without exception with rich foods and fine wines indicated a heaven beyond their dreams. The host of such a feast must be very special.

In this weekend's reading, Isaiah uses this image to reawaken hope in the one true God. In the gospel, Jesus uses the invitation to a wedding feast to highlight our choice about responding to God's invitation to celebrate with the community of believers no matter what other distractions are on offer. Too few respond positively and enthusiastically. Too many postpone the decision and the whole community loses out. Maybe the company does not really welcome the stranger.

Fr. Tom Clancy

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to AIDAN McCARTHY, 25 Kenley Drive, on the death of his mother.

FEEDBACK

webmaster@dennehyscrossparish.ie

We have become aware that our webmaster is not operational and wish to apologise to all those patient souls who sent material to it and heard no more.

Bear with us, we are addressing the problem and would appreciate your re-sending it to our e-mail address [holyspiritparish@eircom.net] for the moment.



South African Township Project

Two ex-pupils of Mount Mercy, Katie and Anna Lancaster, have been invited to join volunteers with the Niall Mellon housing project in November, when 100 homes will be built in a week at Imizamo Yetho. To take part they must raise €4,000 in sponsorship. Any help would be much appreciated and can be given to the Parish Priest, the Parish Office or sent to the girls at Briarhill, Waterfall, Nr. Cork.

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 16th October.

First Reading:

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Psalm : 95

Second Reading:

Thess.1:1-5

Gospel:

Matthew 22:15-21