

Ballineaspai Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
6th November 2005

First Reading:
Wis. 6:12-16.

Psalm 62

Second Reading:
Thess.4:13-18

Gospel:
Matthew 25:1-13

OUR PARISH PRIEST

PAIN AND SHAME

This week is a time of intense pain and great shame. In describing the enormous damage done to children through sexual abuse by a number of priests, this week's Ferns report evokes deep revulsion in all our hearts. For the victims and their families the report will lead to a painful revisiting of their ordeals but, hopefully, it will be an important stage in redressing the wrongs of the past. For many others in the church, there is a great sense of betrayal that some priests who, when trusted with children, abused that privileged position. For us priests, there is a great sense of shock and shame that our colleagues were guilty of such crimes.

To these children and their families and for all who have suffered such abuse anywhere else, apologies alone may sound very hollow, but we must acknowledge publicly again our pain and our church's failure to protect you.

We thank you for the trust you have placed in us here in the parish of the Holy Spirit and the ongoing support you give us. We promise you that the Child Protection policies being developed nationally will be fully implemented here with your co-operation.

We ask you to join us in constant prayer that the spirit of the living God may be with his people at this time inspiring us with wisdom, courage, reverence, mercy and trust, binding us into a caring, loving, forgiving and healing community here in this parish and throughout the country.

May God bless us all

Prayers at Cemeteries during November

St. Olivers: Mass on Saturday 5th
November at 2.00 p.m.

St. Finbarrs: Service of the Word
and prayers at the ISANDS plaque,
Sunday 6th November at 3.00 p.m.

St. Michael's, Blackrock: Prayers
on Sunday 6th November, 3.00 p.m.



EUCHARIST IN MY LIFE

A Parishioner's Thoughts

Eucharist – the Heart of Community
For me, the Eucharist is the focal point of our
Christian community. I believe it is through
the celebration of the Eucharist that our believ-
ing community lives and grows.

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Notice Board

First Friday

Next Friday 4th November is the first Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 4th November from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

All Saints

Next Tuesday 1st November, is the feast of All Saints and a holyday of obligation. Vigil Mass on Monday at 7.30 p.m. and Masses on Tuesday at 9.00, 10.30 and 7.30 p.m.

Holy Souls

The commemoration of the faithful departed is on Wednesday 2nd. On that day each priest will start a Novena of Masses for all the dead on our November list. Masses during Novena at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. Wed. to Fri. 4th and Mon. 7th to Thurs. 10th. Envelopes and prayer cards are available in the church. Please place your completed envelope in the box at the altar rails before 2nd.

A Foyer of Charity

Five day silent retreat with Fr. Killian Byrne, 7th - 13th November at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore. Theme: With Mary contemplate Jesus, the Wisdom of God made flesh. Contact Gearóid at 086-1293384.

Youth 2000 Festival

For young people between ages 16-35 years, consisting of music, prayer, adoration and celebration, from 4th - 6th November at St. Dominic's Retreat House Ennismore. Pre-booking essential. Contact Sean at 086-1651219 or Dave at 085 7167904.

Volunteers Needed

Help sick children play in Cork hospitals. Just 2-3 hours per week can make a difference. If you are over 18 years of age, love children and have a morning or afternoon a week to spare, find out more about becoming a volunteer and joining one of our "PlayWell" teams by contacting 4211822 or email: info@childreninhospital.ie.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to RICHARD KENEFICK, Arden, St. Francis Avenue, on the death of his mother, Nancy Kenefick, and to her sister, Frances Hegarty, 4 Bishops Court Lawn.

Unbroken School Attendance

Congratulations to Denise Ahern 5th year, Sarah McCluskey 4th year and Niamh O'Donoghue 2nd year who attended an awards ceremony in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Wednesday 19th October for unbroken school attendance. These awards are sponsored by the National Education Welfare Board in partnership with Cork City Council and were presented to the students by the Lord Mayor Councillor Deirdre Clune.

Champion Irish Dancer

Congratulations to Aisling O'Meara, 5th year student who won her 6th North American title in Nashville recently at the Irish Dancing World Championships.

Rest in Peace

Jerry Desmond, Roger Casement Park died on 21st October. Together with his wife Rita who died 15 months ago, Jerry was one of the very first families to set up home there when the Park was built. As Fr. Clancy said in his funeral homily, Jerry's very fulfilled life was built around family, friends and faith. He treasured all three and his fidelity to them was rewarded during his illness in his later years. With his son David's untimely death as well as Rita's, his family have suffered three bereavements in so short a time. We extend our deepest sympathies to his daughters Eileen and Breda, sons Derry and Michael, his sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, his sister, grandchildren and a wider circle of family, friends and neighbours. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a anam dílis.

THE WATER BEETLE AND THE DRAGONFLY

Once upon a time there lived a family of water beetles on the river bed. They were happy together, but one day one of them got sick and floated to the surface. When he came out into the light he turned into a beautiful dragonfly.

He looked around him in amazement at the lovely woodland and the brightness and he thought, "I had no idea there was a world of such beauty up here!"

He flew back with his lovely new wings to the water, wanting to go back and tell his family, but he bounced off the surface of the water and wasn't able to reach them.

"I'll just have to wait," he thought, "until they are ready to come and join me and see this wonderful world for themselves."