

# Ballineaspai Bulletin



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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2005

First Reading:  
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-  
20,30-31.

Psalms 127

Second Reading:  
1 Thess. 5:1-6.

Gospel:  
Matthew 25:14-30

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## CHARIST IN MY LIFE

### A Parishioner's Thoughts

Our preparation before receiving the Eucharist centres on reverence, prayer and humility.

Our thanksgiving expresses our worship, joy and gratitude, in a deepening relationship with Jesus, companion of all our days.

## THE DEAN WRITES

### WE REMEMBER OUR DEAD

I attended a funeral Mass in Togher last week. Fr. James Good – well known to some of you – celebrated the Mass and preached the homily. Fr. Good spent almost a quarter of a century preaching the gospel in East Africa. He brought the message of Christ to countless people who had never even heard of Christ. They learned about the love of God from him, but he learned much from these people also. They had a strong and time-honoured tradition about their dead. It was this – that they were never really dead while they were remembered by the living.

During the month of November, and especially during the Novena of the dead, we remember in a very practical way our deceased relatives and friends, simply by praying for them.

St. Augustine had a very holy and devout mother, Monica by name. She got seriously ill while visiting Rome with her two sons. Augustine made a big fuss about where his mother should be buried if she died - he thought she should be buried with her husband in Carthage, North Africa. Monica told him to have a small bit of sense. "Bury me wherever I die", she said. But promise me this: "Remember me at the altar of God where ever you may be."

Long ago I was friendly with a very wise priest, and a favourite saying of his was: "When you're dead, you're dead, and there's nobody as dead as a dead priest." His theory was that people who had family after them are always remembered, priests are not. So spare a prayer for our deceased priests, especially during the Novena. You can be sure they are praying for us too. "For us our homeland is in Heaven".

### MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR

Our traditional annual Mass for parishioners who died since November 2004 will be celebrated on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m.

Families and friends of the bereaved are especially invited to attend.

During Mass, as each name is called, a family member will be invited to bring a lighted candle to our November shrine.

All parishioners are invited

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## NOTICE BOARD

### Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word

An afternoon of reflection for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist will be held in the Crypt on Sunday afternoon, November 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2-6p.m., concluding with the celebration of Mass. All ministers are invited to make a special effort to attend.

### Cork Alzheimer Society

Carers' support meetings on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 8 p.m. in the SMA, Wilton. All welcome. For information on day and home care services please contact 4391690.

### Cork Theology Forum

At Silversprings Hotel on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 10 to 1.00 p.m. For bookings and queries please contact John Scanlan at 4316812/086 1931437.

### Why Jesus?

The Emmaus Men's Fellowship presents Fr. Jack McArdle at the Sacred Heart Community Hall, Western Road, on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 to 5.30 p.m. Healing Mass on Sunday afternoon. All welcome. Bring lunch, tea and coffee provided.

### Diabetes Federation of Ireland

Flag Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Free diabetes screening at Cork University Hospital, A & E Dept., 11.00 to 3.00 p.m. on the same day. Information meeting at the Commons Inn, Commons Road on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 8.00 p.m. All welcome.

### Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh Open Evening

Parents/guardians of prospective entrants in September 2006 are cordially invited on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. From 7.00 p.m. onwards you will be free to take a tour of the school, to view its facilities, and to meet teachers and pupils. At 8.00 p.m. the Principal will address the gathering in the School Hall and give a broad outline of the philosophy of the school and its curriculum.

### Celebration Life Pregnancy

Presentation in the Clarion Hotel at 7.45 p.m. on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Dr. Philip Boyle—Investigation and treatment of infertility and recurrent miscarriages, and Prof. Patricia Casey, Consultant Psychiatrist — Crisis Pregnancy Issues and Outcomes. Free admission. Refreshments. All welcome. To secure a place call 4270445.

### Cork Simon Community

Would like to thank all those who contributed very generously to their recent church-gate collection which amounted to €1,134.09. A sincere thank you on behalf of the homeless people.

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives of MAE MURPHY, who was buried from this Church.

## Bible Corner



### WISDOM OF GOD

Using images from a rural setting, most of the Old Testament was written in the homeland of the Hebrew people. But like the Irish, the Hebrews became an immigrant people setting up vibrant communities abroad in the leading cities of their time like Alexandria in Egypt, where the so-called Book of Wisdom was written. Greek was the language as well as the mindset of the urban writers there, quite different from the approach of Isaiah, Jeremiah and many other native Hebrew writers.

This weekend our reading is from this Wisdom writing. One way to come to an initial understanding and appreciation of this writing is to substitute the word of God for wisdom. Read it as:

“God is bright and does not dim.  
By those who love her, she is readily  
seen and found by those who look for her.”

We may find it unusual to use the female pronoun for God but the limitation is in us, not in God.

This wisdom is based on watchfulness for God, in longing for God. Wisdom represents God because only God answers our deepest longings. We must allow such a longing to take hold of our hearts.



Margaret Naughton, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, passed away quietly and peacefully at her home on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Margaret, or Peg as she was better known to her friends, was originally from the North Side, and had all the wit and humour characteristic of the place. She was a regular competitor at the Over 60's Concert, and enjoyed the singing and the 'craic' as well as her success. Her general health declined over the past few months, but she still looked at the sunny side of life, and was quite happy and content even in her illness. All credit to her daughter Ella, her husband Michael and family who cared for her every comfort at home right to the end. To them and her son Pat and his wife, and all her grandchildren, we extend sincere sympathy. At her own wish Peg was removed to her beloved North Cathedral for her funeral Mass, and buried in the family plot at Rathcooney.

## NOVEMBER SHRINE

Our sincere thanks to the 5<sup>th</sup> years of Mount Mercy, especially Katie Flannery, Karen Walsh, Nicola Collins and Deirdre Plant for the beautiful scrolls and calligraphy included in our November Shrine, and to their Art Teacher, Linda Hayes who assisted them.

Our thanks as usual to Carmel O'Shea and Mary O'Herlihy for designing and assembling this and many other shrines throughout the year.