

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
19<sup>th</sup> February

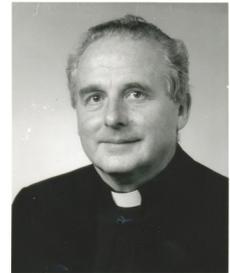
First Reading:  
Is.43:18-19, 21-22,  
24-25.

Psalms 40

Second Reading:  
2 Cor.1:18-22

Gospel:  
Mark 2:1-12

## OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES



### THE MASS MATTERS

Celebrating God's love for us is what we gather for every weekend. Our weekly Eucharist is the centre point of our religious practice. It is there we focus our thanks, our praise and our worship. It is from this source that our faith is nourished, our hope strengthened and our love influenced. It is here that we can allow God to touch our hearts and lives, if we so choose.

Set in the context of God's word, it is here we realise who we are, God's family. We gradually grow in a deepening awareness that God comes to us not only individually but as a community of believers to celebrate the love that binds us together as family. To be aware of this family love and to celebrate it together constantly sustains the bonds between us as we journey through life. Without the celebration, the bonds die.

Family celebrations are enriched when each one enters fully into the spirit of the occasion. Our weekend Mass can be the same. As at all family celebrations, some will come early and welcome the rest, especially newcomers to the family circle. Others will prepare the venue with flowers or a shrine. The more gifted will lead the singing, but all join in because we are among our own and no family get together is a performance. Others will share bits of family history (perhaps too formally) in the readings. Several will be required to serve the Bread of Life, the Body of the Lord, and even to bring it to those too sick to come but who are remembered in our prayers.

All, from grandparents to infants in arms, enrich the celebration by their presence. Knowing who we are and rejoicing in being loved, we can move on and outwards to bring God's loving care to every sphere of life that we touch. Such is the enabling power of the Eucharist celebrated with enthusiastic faith. Invite a friend or a family member to join us next weekend.

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### Good News for the Hearing Impaired

A **Loop System** to assist those who wear hearing aids has just been installed in the church. Since our church is so large, **only the top cross area of the Church, from St. Antony's statue to St. Patrick's, (from the Model Farm Rd. entrance to the former Mortuary Chapel) has been covered.** To make use of the system, **Hearing Aids have to be switched to the special 'T' adjustment.**

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Martin Murphy, Wilton Gardens, died very unexpectedly in the C.U.H. on January 31<sup>st</sup>. having been taken suddenly ill the night before while visiting relatives. A native of Limerick, he never lost his attachment to his native county even though he spent almost his entire adult life in Cork where he was a well respected C.I.E. man for many decades. Interested in many sports, he golfed with old friends two days before he died. A long time resident of Wilton Gardens, his affable personality made him a great friend to many there as well as a good neighbour. Above all, a wonderful family man, his funeral Mass was a loving tribute especially from his children and grandchildren in whom he took such great pride. To his beloved wife Tess, his children Kieran, Sheila, Linda, Niall and Niamh, his grandchildren, his brother Bobby, sister Mary, the wider family and many friends, we offer our sincerest sympathy. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sé.

Michael Harrington died at St. Finbarr's Hospital on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2<sup>nd</sup> February). Michael was born in Upton, and retained his affection for his native place to the end. He spent most of his life at Connolly Road, Ballyphehane and, at his own request, his funeral Mass took place at the Church of the Assumption there. As his health declined he came to live with his daughter Deirdre and her husband Pat at their home in Leesdale almost twelve years ago. Michael was an ardent G.A.A. follower, and was a former president of Ballyphehane Club. He spent his working life with Cork Corporation, and was caretaker at St. Finbarr's Cemetery for many years. There he secured a plot for his final resting place. He was pre-deceased by his dear wife Mary. We offer our sympathy to his son Barry, daughters Deirdre and Margaret, and all his extended family.

### Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to MARY FITZGERALD, Model Farm Road, on the death of her brother, Michael O'Donnell

## MOUNT MERCY NEWS

### TRANSITION YEAR SKI-TOUR

On 23rd January, 102 Transition year students and their teachers set off on the annual ski tour. The group travelled via Shannon to Bergamo in Northern Italy and then on by coach to Lavarone high in the Italian Dolomites. There followed five snow filled days where rapid progress was made from the nursery slopes to the dizzy heights of the red slopes. Evening activities included ice-skating, bowling, tobogganing, tubing, swimming and disco. All arrived home safe and sound on Sunday 29th January.

## Bible Corner

### STARK CONTRAST



The gospel is the core of the Word of God each weekend. One of the reasons for choosing a particular first reading is usually to prepare for the upcoming gospel. This weekend, this is achieved by way of a stark contrast.

The reading is taken from Leviticus, the first rule book of the Bible. It lays down strict guidelines as to how a leper is to be treated; untouchable and ostracised from family and from community. The gospel on the other hand shows Jesus reaching out to the leper, touching him and curing him. Jesus broke the social taboo. He ministered to the one in need even though it involved risk to himself. The onlookers were amazed that anyone would risk infection and being ostracised and they were impressed that the great miracle worker could feel such deep sympathy for the social outcast.

It is His example that we try to follow.

Fr. Tom Clancy

## NOTICE BOARD

### Bulletins to the Homes

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

### Pastoral Council

Monthly meeting tomorrow Monday at 8.10 p.m. in parish centre.

### A Day of Scripture

For groups or individuals using Lectio Divina method, by Fr. Seamus O'Connell, Scripture Professor from Maynooth, at the Sacred Heart Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30 - 4.30p.m.

### Anti-High Rise Meeting

Meeting of community for sustainable development to discuss current development in the area will take place in the Crypt on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m.

### Lay Missionaries Wanted

Viatores Christi is holding an information session on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February in the SMA Centre, Wilton at 7.30 p.m. Viatores Christi recruits, trains and places personnel from all disciplines in areas of need worldwide. Website: [www.viatoreschristi.com](http://www.viatoreschristi.com). Tel. 01-8749346.

### Gala Concert

In Curraheen Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 p.m. featuring Cork City Male Voice Choir, Deirdre Moynihan, Brian Calnan, Louise O'Sullivan, Chorus of Opera Cork. Ticket €20 available from Credit Union, Post Office and Wilton Shopping Centre information desk. All proceeds to Aras Leon houses for the elderly. Presented by Bishopstown & District Lions Club.

### Bishopstown Community Association

Will hold the heat of the Over Sixties competition at the SMA Parish Hall on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Roger Coughlan at 086 3866975 or Nora Fitzpatrick at 4546358. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

## An Introduction to Early Irish (Celtic) Spirituality

Wednesday Nights: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Crypt. 8.00-9.30

Presenter: Fr. Declan

*Spirituality of the Desert, Irish Monasticism, the Writings of Patrick, Early Irish Saints, Exile, the Beginnings of Confession, the Early Mass, Art and Spirituality – Book of Kells, High Crosses etc.*