

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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SPRINGTIME HAPPINESS

New life is in the air. Love, commitment, engagement, marriage awaken creative love in many hearts. But this blessing is not just for the starry-eyed. It is the call of the Lenten and Easter season for each one of us.

Friendship blossoming into love is God's great gift to us. To be accepted and treasured as a friend is the cornerstone of lasting happiness. As well as offering such friendship to us individually and as a community God also enables us to enrich our human relationships with such love. Such is the invitation, the privilege, the challenge and the gift.

It is a multifaceted gift, powerful yet fragile. So fragile, loving is pockmarked with failure. So powerful, that failure can be the occasion of deepening growth in love, when it evokes forgiveness, offered and accepted.

Forgiveness is pure gift. It can never be earned. Forgiveness can only occur between friends and loved ones. It is an opportunity to celebrate once again the goodness of the forgiver. It is not really about the failure of the offender. It is about a recommitment to the friendship offered by a loved one or by God. God always loves unconditionally. As a child said recently, "God loves me always, even though he does not always love some of the things I do."

- Fr. Tom Clancy

ACKNOWLEDGING THE FAULT

To be healed by the intrinsic power of God's forgiveness, one must open one's heart to its power by acknowledging the fault. A self-righteousness that blocks us seeing our selfishness is like a cataract that can cloud over the eyes of the heart as time goes by. Confession of specific wrongdoing can free us from that burden.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity to be healed by the awesome power of God's love.



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WALKING THE ROAD TOGETHER

A sacrament is a focussing of God's presence and his powerful love at particular times in our lives. Often the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration with just the individual and the priest and that is some people's preference. But it has an added dimension when it is celebrated in the context of a praying community. God's plan for us is that we walk the road of life together in times of joy and sorrow especially when celebrating reconciliation.

Bi linn next Sunday and bring a friend.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE - NEXT SUNDAY, 9TH APRIL, 5 p.m.

*"Come back to me with all your heart,
for I am all tenderness and compassion."*

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NOTICE BOARD

Notice to Bulletin Distributors

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish **NEXT WEEKEND**, as the 3rd Sunday is Easter Sunday.

First Friday

Next Friday 7th is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Friday from 10.30 to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society

Monthly meeting on Thursday 6th at 8.00 p.m. in the parish centre.

Cork Marriage Counselling Service

For marriage and individual counselling contact 4275678, Mon-Thurs, 9.30-5p.m./Fri 9.30-4.30 p.m. For Pre-marriage Courses contact 4272277, 10-4pm/Fri. 10-2pm. Courses should ideally be booked at least a year before the wedding to secure a suitable date.

Found

Gold bracelet in the church yard. Please contact 4867772.

Ursuline Service & Spirituality Programme

How about giving a week to exploring the Ursuline way of life through service, working with young people, and spirituality? Want to know more? For further information contact Sr. Jean Browne, Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, mobile 087-9391669, email: irishursulines@eircom.net Accommodation will be provided. Take the risk. DARE TO BE DIFFERENT!

Action Breast Cancer

Charity Fundraiser Lunch, organised by Mount Mercy Transition Year students, at Maryborough House Hotel on 7th May, with champagne reception at 12 noon followed by lunch at 1.00 p.m. Tickets €50 available from Mount Mercy College or 087-2963134 (Lisa).

Cork Lifelong Learning Festival

Events at Bishopstwn Senior Social Centre, Wilton Park House: Computers all day Monday 3rd; Dance Thursday 6th. Enquiries Roger Coughaln at 086-3866975.

Coláiste Stiofáin Naoifa, Tramore Rd

Open Day on Monday 3rd, 11.00 to 8.00 p.m. Over 40 full-time and part-time courses. Talk to students, meet the tutors. Everyone welcome.

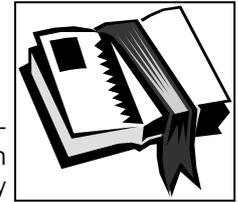
Irish Heart Foundation

Stroke affects about 10,000 people in Ireland each year. The Irish Heart Foundation encourages people to share their experiences with Stroke. On Wednesday 5th April, Cork businessman, Mr Vivian Nathan will talk about his encounter with Stroke in the Imperial Hotel at 8.00 p.m. To reserve a place, please contact 4505822.

Emergency No. 087-2519940

Bible Corner

A COSMOPOLITAN TOWN



Bethsaida was originally a fishing village on the Sea of Gallilee but when the Romans conquered the territory they established a local headquarters there. This led to a great many non-Jews or Greeks as they were called, moving in. Still a core Jewish community remained to whom Jesus came preaching and from among whom he chose Peter, John, Andrew and Philip.

The word on the street was that Jesus was preaching powerfully in the synagogue on the Sabbath. The Greeks were not free to go there, anyway they would have needed an interpreter. Philip was their man. He was the inside track with Jesus and he knew their language as well. They told him they wanted to see Jesus. Could he fix it? He did.

Do I ever want to know Jesus and his message better like the Greeks? What am I prepared to do about it?

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SHOW YOUR CIVIC SPIRIT

We appeal to dog owners. Please, please do not allow your dog to foul our footpaths. This can be a source of great annoyance and distress, not to mention it being so unsightly!

Do think about people whose sight might not be too good, and indeed all of us too who are afraid to take our eyes off the ground. Apart from all of this, it is also illegal.



The death took place recently in the Bishopscourt Residential Care Centre of Florence Murphy, formerly of 'Lisnalea', Model Farm Road. Florence lived a very long life of 93 years. She came back from England in the 1980's after the death of her husband Bill, and lived with her brother Edwin until his death. In recent times, she was cared for particularly by her nephew, Tony Loughry and his wife Marie. Florence's nephews and nieces and their children and grandchildren participated in the Funeral Mass. We offer our sympathy to her sister Rita, to her relatives and to others who knew her. Suaimhneas síoraí go raibh aici sna Flaithis.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 9th April: First Reading: Is.50:4-7; Psalm 21; Second Reading: 2:6-11; Gospel: Mk 14:1-15:47

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