

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

28th May 2006

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Day

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
4<sup>th</sup> June

First Reading:  
Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 103

Second Reading:  
Gal.5:16-25

Gospel:  
Jn.15:26-27. 16:12-15

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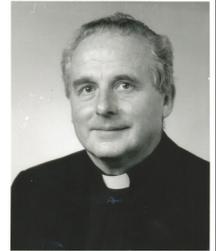
## Congratulations

to the girls from St. Catherine's School, who received First Holy Communion yesterday, Saturday 27th May, and to all First Communicants in our parish.

Please take a  
copy of the  
Bulletin home  
or give it to a  
friend or neigh-  
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## JUBILEE SALUTE TO OUR NEIGH- BOURS

### OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES



This weekend, we are saluting the Jubilee of the founding of the S.M.A. (Society of the Missionaries to Africa). For 150 years, they have been to the forefront in bringing the gospel of the Risen Jesus to Africa. Although founded in France, Ireland has played a central role in the life of the S.M.A. and Cork has been a focal point as the H.Q. of the Irish contribution.

For many years, Wilton was where most students began their seminary training and as the growing number of headstones in the Wilton cemetery shows, it is where so many have been laid to rest after lives of heroic missionary work. So it is appropriate that we, their nearest neighbours, should acknowledge this great missionary endeavour. Our acknowledgment takes a practical form this weekend with a collection to support a deserving project in Turkwel in Turkana as outlined in last week's Bulletin. It is guaranteed that all money collected will be used directly to enable an impoverished people to source water. Without water there is no life.

It is hoped that this parish will continue to support this S.M.A. project in the years ahead, one faith community supporting another in its hour of need.

Tús maith, leath na hoibre. Please be generous.

*(If you forgot to bring your contribution, you can drop it, marked "Turkwel Collection", into the box at the altar)*

## PENTECOST INTER-CHURCH SERVICE

in the Crypt, Church of the Holy Spirit, at 8 p.m.

on Thursday, 1st June

All parishioners are invited.  
Residents of our parish who belong to other Christian churches are especially welcome.

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## JUNE WEEKEND : CHANGE OF MASS TIME

On Sundays June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup> Mass will be broadcast from here by R.T.E. Radio 1 (medium wave and long wave), beginning at 10.00 a.m. On these two Sundays our Masses will be at 9.00 a.m. **10.00 a.m.** and 12.15 p.m.  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Mass at 10.00 a.m.

### *Gospel Living*

#### IMMIGRANTS... OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

Attending the Polish Mass at St. Augustine's last Sunday I got a real experience of being immersed in a different culture. I knew nobody and struggled to keep pace! A Christian response to our Eastern European neighbours must surely be that of welcome, patience while they struggle with our language and ensuring they get a just wage for skilled labour. But our E.U. friends at least are happy in the knowledge that they have a right to be here and have permission to work.

Spare a thought for Asylum seekers who come to our shore from war torn countries or fleeing situations of localised persecution or cultic practices. Processing their case can still take up to four years even though numbers now are much reduced. This is a soul-destroying, boring wait in hostel accommodation of mixed nationalities. They have no permission to work and get just 19 euro a week, wandering aimlessly, haunted by memories and pining for loved ones left behind. Living with the insecurity of not knowing the outcome of their case is stressful and depressing. How well would we ourselves cope?

And what should our Christian response be to those among them who have got permission to stay? How well have we grappled with our colour discrimination and racial prejudice? My Black friends in particular experience great difficulty in acquiring work that would support a family and pay rent. How best can we help integrate them into our society? Might I suggest that we begin with a smile and a "Hi"!

Finally, please, a fervent prayer for those who have received letters of deportation. Two of my women in particular who fled here from female mutilation and cultic sacrifice. Their lawyer is making one last appeal. I have sat with them and know their fear is great, their tears are real. Still they trust in God: "God won't let me down". Let's hope our system doesn't either.

Sr. Frances Cummins

#### **Letter to the Editor**

Friends and neighbours,

Sincere thanks for your support at our recent fundraising coffee morning.

We were absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity. In excess of €5,300 was raised for UCD Volunteers and Suas, which will go directly to schools in Niger and Mumbasa, Kenya in Africa. A great morning was had by all.

Every good wish,  
Cathy Kilgallon and Michéal Healy

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#### **GREAT WORK BY MOUNT MERCY TRANSITION YEAR STUDENTS**

This year the girls undertook to raise funds for the children in the slum district of the Ultadanga region in Calcutta. Their aim was €25,000 and they finally raised the unbelievable amount of €63,000. Well done to one and all who worked so hard and were dedicated to this charity during the year.

*Our Bulletin this week is like a catalogue of money raising activities, but isn't it wonderful to see people's generosity and especially the contribution of so many young people! (Editor)*

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#### **In Sympathy**

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Mairéad O'Regan**, Merlyn Lawn, on the death of her father, Daniel Sheehan.

#### **First Friday**

Next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June is the first Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

#### **NOTICE BOARD**

##### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10.30 to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

##### **St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**

Monthly meeting Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> at 8.00 p.m. in Parish Centre.

##### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Monthly collection next weekend.

##### **Come, Holy Spirit**

Pentecost is an occasion to celebrate the multi-cultural diversity in our diocese. A special concelebrated Mass will take place at 6.00 p.m. in the Cathedral on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, to which different ethnic groups have been invited. Please join us in celebrating the richness of many nations making one Christian community in Cork.

##### **"Come and See" Afternoon**

Young women wanting to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life are invited to the Poor Clare Colettine Monastery, College Road, on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2-4 p.m.

##### **Novena to St. Anthony**

At St. Francis Church from Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, mornings 10.30 a.m. evenings 7.30 p.m. Saturday 6.30pm. Mass for students' intentions on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. Preacher: Fr. Caoimhín Ó Laoide, O.F.M.

##### **Solemn Vespers**

Celebration of Evening Prayer in word and music for the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will take place this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne. All are welcome.