

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
1st October

First Reading:  
Num 11:25-29

Psalms 18

Second Reading:  
Jas. 5:1-6

Gospel:  
Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48



## THE DEAN WRITES

I was absent on holidays during the past few weeks. During that time I attended the funeral of an old school friend. Afterwards I met a number of old pals and neighbours – and we made the usual comment for such occasions – that we should meet more often, and not wait for another funeral to reduce our numbers even further. During our harmless chatter over a cup of tea later, we talked about everything except anything of importance.

But before we scattered I was approached by a young man who asked me quite bluntly if I had read Terry Prone's article in the Examiner of the previous day and what I thought of it. In case you haven't read it or forgotten it, Terry vigorously berated everyone and anyone in the Catholic Church – and summed up everything by stating that religion was at the root of all trouble and pain in the world.

My friend made the shrewd observation that she didn't attack the Muslim Faith – no fear – and that was before all the row with the Pope!! He then gave me a copy of his response to the aforementioned Terry – I thought this was worth sharing. He said that she, and all the rest of us, were given a beautiful and inspiring rule of life by Jesus summed up by the Lord himself as "Love God and love your neighbour."

My friend then warmed to his subject by stating – quite rightly of course – that this foundation for all Christian morality applies equally to the Pope and the pauper, the Prime Minister and the least of the citizens, the richest in the business world and the least of his employees, the greatest among sportspersons and the humble unknown. He proceeded to give further examples, but I ran out of puff trying to keep up with him, but no doubt he hit the nail on the head when he finished off by saying what a wonderful world we would have if we all followed the teaching of Jesus.

It's up to each of us to do our bit, and practice what we preach.

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## MERCY DAY

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Best wishes to our Sisters in St. Catherine's and St. Columba's Convents  
on their feast day.

Mount Mercy College Opening of the Year Mass will be here on Wednesday next, 27<sup>th</sup>  
September at 11.30 a.m. Parents, past-pupils and parishioners are very welcome.

St. Catherine's National School will join us for the 10.00 a.m. Mass here on Wednesday  
4<sup>th</sup> October.

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### **Priesthood Education Fund**

The annual collection to meet the cost of educating students for the Priesthood will take place this weekend. As well as funding seminarians, this collection also funds post-graduate studies and the sabbatical education of priests.

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

Monthly collection will take place next weekend.

### **Cork Temperance Weekend 2006**

To mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the death of Fr. Theobald Mathew OFM Cap., and the birth of Venerable Matt Talbot, the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association are holding a weekend of celebration. **October Friday 6<sup>th</sup>:** Banquet at 8 pm. in Rochestown Park Hotel, tickets €40 from Bride Kennefick at 4888107. **Saturday. 7<sup>th</sup>:** International Conference in Rochestown Park Hotel with guest speakers on the lives of Fr. Mathew and Ven. Matt Talbot. Variety concert at City Hall at 8 pm. Tickets €25 from Bride Kennefick at 4888107. **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>:** Second International Congress of the PTAA. Mass in Holy Trinity at 2.30 pm. Rally to Fr. Mathew's Statue on Patrick Street starting from Trinity Church at 4 pm.

### **Group Leadership Training/Parenting**

Family Ministry, 34 Paul Street, is offering a training programme for those who may wish to facilitate Family Caring Trust Parenting Programmes, commencing on 11<sup>th</sup> October, consisting of eight two hour weekly sessions. For further details please contact Chris Healy at 4275136, or [familyministry@eircom.net](mailto:familyministry@eircom.net)

### **Children in Hospital**

Volunteers are **urgently** needed to organise play activities for sick children in CUH and the Mercy. Volunteers should be over 18 years of age, enthusiastic, caring and reliable and have 2/3 hours once a week, either morning or afternoon (Mon to Fri) to spare. If you are interested please contact 4559296. An information meeting will take place later on to provide introductory training for all new volunteers.

### **Special Day of Prayer in Knock**

7<sup>th</sup> October, Feast Day of our Lady of the Rosary, for the Pope, Church and families. For particulars re buses, etc. please phone 4501667.

### **Bereavement Support Group**

Commencing in the SMA Parish Centre, Wilton. Sessions beginning on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00 p.m. in Room 10. For further information contact Margaret at 4544429, Kathleen 4544262 or Chris 4546392.

### **New Post Office**

Now open at Golden's Shop, Leesdale. Telephone No. 4546111.

### **Curraheen Family Centre**

Activities: Art, crafts, lectures, demonstrations, bridge, swimming – all recommence for Autumn term. Initial activities - 27 Sept. Cookery Demonstration with Mary Casey, Oct. 4 Gardening with Aileen Kennedy. Everybody welcome. Refreshments served. En-



## **Bible Corner**

### **FAITH VERSUS GOOD WORKS**

Martin Luther had serious difficulties with the letter of St. James from which our second reading this weekend is taken. Drawing on St. Paul, Luther argued that we are saved by faith alone and not through our own good works. The letter of St. James puts huge emphasis on how we live. It takes faith in Jesus Christ as a given, and teases out how we should live as a result of such faith. It emphasises that we must live lives inspired by the spirit. Our life style shows what is dominant in our hearts, selfishness or the spirit of God.

While Luther himself downplayed the importance of good works in our salvation, the Reformed Protestant Churches have always emphasised care of the neighbour and service to the community as badges of Christianity.

For all of us, the letter of St. James is a challenging practical guide to good moral living. It merits a careful listening.

Fr. Tom Clancy

## *Rest in Peace*

**Paddy McIntosh** died peacefully at home on 17<sup>th</sup> August in the presence of his family. Paddy was a devoted husband and father. He was a very private man and never wanted to be the centre of attention. He was a sincere friend to those who knew him and a conscientious and loyal member of the G.P.O. as was shown by the presence of many of his previous colleagues at his funeral. We extend our sincerest sympathies to his wife Phyllis and to all his children. Ar dheis Dé, to raibh a anam dilis.

**Bernie Kelly**, Sheares Park, died peacefully on 20<sup>th</sup> August. A native of Pouladuff, it was in Sheares Park that Bernie spent most of his married life with his wife Theresa and family. A county Council employee, he was a quiet, intelligent man who enjoyed conversation and good storytelling. In declining health for some years, he will be happy to rejoin his beloved Theresa who predeceased him some years ago. To his daughters Claire, Olive and Isabelle, son-in-law Michael, grandson Cillian, brothers and sisters, and to the wide circle of family and friends, we extend our sincerest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sé I gconuí.

**Kathleen Murphy** was a native of Co. Wexford, and came to reside at Laburnum Lawn well over twenty years ago. A gentle and refined lady, she didn't enjoy robust health, but managed to carry on with the care of her daughter Kay. About two years ago she needed full time professional care and retired to Grange Con Nursing Home, Carrigrohane, where she died on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. We extend the sympathy of our parish community to her daughter Kay, and grandson Alan, son-in-law Kevin and other relatives and friends.

### **LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **Mount Mercy Junior and Leaving Cert. Results.**

Congratulations and well done to Junior Cert. students who achieved excellent results. Special congratulations to Katie Hickey and Sinead Plant who got 12 A's and Niamh O'Mullane who got 11 A's all in Higher Level subjects.

Belated congratulations to our Leaving Cert. students who also performed brilliantly with special congratulations to Karen Flynn who got 7A1'S and an A2. Karen intends studying Pharmacy in UCC this autumn.

Comhghairdeas leo go leir.