

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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THE CANA MOMENT

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
15th October

First Reading:
Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm 89

Second Reading:
Heb 4:12-13

Gospel:
Mk 10:17-30

Last Saturday the Ballineaspaig Pastoral Council and representatives of other ministries and groups met in Mardyke House. During the afternoon we shared with each other how we had first become involved in the parish and the blessings and benefits we had gained as a result. Interestingly people struggled with great difficulty to recall any negative experience of their participation! Later in the afternoon suggestions were made for future developments in the parish. You will hear more about these ideas in the weeks ahead.

Our discussions were very ably and effectively led by Clare McCutcheon, chairperson of Ballineaspaig Pastoral Council from 2003 to 2006. In her introduction she described how for a long time she had felt increasingly drawn to active participation in the parish. The final catalyst was a homily, given one Sunday by Fr. Tom, on the gospel of the wedding feast of Cana. He had spoken about Jesus responding to his mother's request and he challenged the congregation to do likewise when their "Cana Moment" came along.

Since Saturday the Cana Moment continues to haunt me. How am I called to respond to Jesus today in this parish?

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FAREWELL TO FR. DECLAN

Fr. Declan will join us next **Saturday, 14th October**, for the 6.15 p.m. Mass.



After the Mass parishioners are invited to have a cup of tea in the Crypt, where they will have an opportunity to express their appreciation to Fr. Declan.

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In Memoriam

We remember Bishop Michael Murphy prayerfully, whose tenth anniversary occurs this weekend.



Marion Floyd, Bishopstown Avenue died on 5th September. Her friends and neighbours knew she had been unwell for some time. But none of us thought that her death might be a reality and was never nearer than the horizon. Her leaving us brought a pall of sadness into our lives. She was such a lovable personality – she was like one of the family rather than just a friend or neighbour. Her optimism was contagious, and until the last two weeks apparently never let her illness interfere with the normality of her family life. Marian had cared for her own parents, William and Annie Pope, and her father had been unwell at home for quite a few years. We extend the very sincere sympathy of our community to her husband Tony and family – Michael, Suzanne, Aoife, John and Aidan, her brothers Bernie, Billy, Finbarr and Bertie, sisters Rita, Esme, Peggy and Gemma, and to the extended families. They can remember Marian with pride and affection. May she rest in peace.

Michael Reddy, St. Clare's Avenue, died peacefully at Beaumont Residential Care on 13th September. A native of Laois, he never lost his interest and pride in his native county and its football tradition in which he shared so competently. A member of the Gárda Síochána, he began his long service in the Old Blackrock Road Station where he met his beloved wife Eleanor, who was nursing nearby. Duty took him to different locations. Everywhere, he was highly regarded by colleagues and the people he served so respectfully and kindly. The sharing of stories and happy memories at his removal was a great tribute to Mick. Above all, Mick was a great husband and father. His home was the centre of his life. To his children Mary, Susan, Patrick, Michael and Carol, and to the wider circle of family and friends, we offer our deepest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sé.

Mary Coakley, Liam Lynch Park, died very peacefully in Marymount on 22nd September after a long illness patiently borne. A native of Dunmanway as was her husband Michael, they were early arrivals in Liam Lynch Park where they were pivotal members of the community over the years. Mary was very kind, outgoing and a great neighbour. She served on the Pastoral Council, was a parish contact person, a Bulletin distributor, a Dues collector and a Eucharistic Minister. Her faith was very important to Mary's life and strengthened her during her long illness. Her funeral took her back to her beloved Dunmanway. Mary was blessed in her family to whom we offer our deepest sympathy, her husband Michael, her daughters Noreen and Mary, her son Dan and to a wider circle of family and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to the husband and family of **Veronica O'Leary**, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, who died recently and was buried in Lisburn.

NOTICES

Bulletins to the Homes

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

Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 9th at 8.10 p.m. in Parish Centre.

Brainwave The Irish Epilepsy Association

Hosting a special one day conference on Children and Epilepsy to address the needs of parents and those who have in their care a child with epilepsy. Expert speakers have agreed to speak on the day. This is a unique event and one not to be missed by anyone who has an interest in epilepsy. The venue is Springfort Hall Hotel, Mallow, Saturday 21st October, 10.00-3.00p.m. Further information from 066-7119507.

Curraheen Family Centre

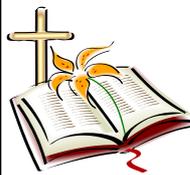
Activities include afternoon Social Bridge, mornings - crafts, gardening, art & design, swimming and a different lecture every Wednesday. Next Wednesday's lecture at 10.00 a.m. is by Carol Quinn, Archivist. Places still available at Thursday's Art classes, 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Please contact Irene at 4541583 for further details. Everybody welcome.

Computers for Beginners

Leading to FETAC Certification will be held in Bishopstown Community School, starting Thursday 12th, October, 2006 from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations to past pupil Joanne O'Callaghan who captained the Cork Senior camogie team to victory this year. Joanne has minor, intermediate and senior All Ireland medals to her credit as well as Ashbourne Cup and Gael-Linn honours. Joanne is also an accomplished hockey player and played on Mount Mercy's senior hockey team winning Munster medals.



The Word of God

A Parishioner's Thoughts

As we read the Scriptures, some passages kindle our hearts. Our emotional response is our clue that a particular passage is addressed to us in a special way at this time in our life. We might have read the passage a hundred times before, but now it calls clearly and decisively, as happened to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Frequently we will be led to understand more fully a particular experience by the light of the Scriptures because the Word of God can arouse us to the importance of an event and can move us to know God's loving action in our daily life.

Please bring a copy of the Bulletin home or give it to a friend or neighbour