

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

15th October

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
22nd October

First Reading:
Is 53:10-11

Psalm 32

Second Reading:
Heb. 4:14-16

Gospel:
Mk 16:15-20

OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES



EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

It is often said that what is everybody's business is nobody's business. Thankfully that statement is usually untrue. Most of the time, somebody with a vision of how interdependent we are as a human family steps up to the mark, takes an initiative, gives the required service and enriches the community.

This weekend, for example, the Blood Transfusion Service is looking for blood donors this Monday night (Bishopstown G.A.A. Club, 5.00-8.00 p.m.). The C.U.H. almost next door to the donating venue, is a stark reminder of the constant need for donors, not only for emergencies, but for routine surgery. For many, their blood is no longer acceptable due to medication or other reasons, but for those who are healthy enough to donate, their opportunity is now. Or is it a case of everybody's business is nobody's business.

Next weekend is Mission Sunday for the Church worldwide. Bringing the good news of God's merciful love and forgiveness, of his care and his promise of resurrection to all people is every Christian's business. We all share this responsibility to one another daily. But next Sunday we remember in prayer and through practical financial help our missionaries who take the gospel message to the poorest people of the world. They have stepped up to the mark. Next weekend is our opportunity.

Every weekend is our opportunity to enrich our worshipping community, gathering in prayer of praise, thanks and intercession. This is everybody's business, too. Will we enable each other to step up to the mark by our presence, our participation, our welcome to others, our joy in God's presence and in each others?

Such is our calling. Everybody welcome.

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Novena for the Holy Souls

Thursday 2nd November is the commemoration of all the faithful departed. Each priest will start a Novena of Masses on that day for all the dead on our November list. Envelopes and prayer cards are available in the church. Please place your completed envelope in the box at the altar rails before November starts.

Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Our traditional Mass for parishioners who died since November 2005 will be celebrated on Friday 10th November at 7.30pm. Families and friends of the bereaved are invited to attend. During Mass, as each name is called, a family member will be invited to bring a lighted candle to our November shrine. All parishioners are invited.

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'SMALL CHANGE'

Paddy Muray, The Belfry, died peacefully at the Bon Secours hospital on 29th September. Born in Rosscarbery in 1918, he remained proud of his roots and proud of the championship football medals he won with Carbery Rangers in the thirties, as well as his senior cup rugby medal with Rockwell. He served with the Defence Forces 1939-46, and then joined the Public Service. He served as town clerk in Kinsale, Skibbereen (where he met his future wife Kay), Listowel, Enniscorthy and finally Sligo where he spent 30 years. He was a public servant par excellence, competent, dedicated, honest and kind. He always looked for the good in people and never spoke ill of anyone. On retirement, he came to live in the Belfry with the late Kay and has been a faithful parishioner here since. A daily walker, his outings always included a visit to the Lord here. He goes to God as a friend, not a stranger. To his daughters Mary, Katie and Anne to whom he was totally devoted, we extend our deepest sympathy, as well as to his sisters Rita and Mae, his sons-in-law, grandchildren and so many friends. Ag dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Joe Furlong, Bishopstown Avenue West, died at Marymount on 30th September. He had been unwell for some weeks prior to that, but battled his illness as long as he could before he was confined to hospital. Joe was the son of Walter and Helena Furlong — one time Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Cork City. Joe was a man of very considerable talents, and gave many years in the service of the E.S.B.. He also lectured evenings at the Cork College of Commerce. He was by nature and dedication a great family man. His wife Maura and their family were always his prime concern in life. We extend our very sincere sympathy to Maura, his sons Paul, Frank and Ray, his daughters Deirdre, Ena and Bernice, his sisters, his beloved grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and the extended family. May he rest in peace.

Last summer, Patrick and Johanna Fitzpatrick and their four adult children, Mark, Ciaran, Aine and Maeve, spent two months working in Mzuzu, N. Malawi, Africa, with Fr. John Ryan, a Kiltegan priest who has been there for 28 years. They were very affected by the extreme poverty and illness that they witnessed there. They also fell in love with Malawi, the sixth poorest country in the world, and became very attached to the people they worked with. From the group of AIDS sufferers who have dedicated themselves to educating other people in their areas about HIV/AIDS, to the pre-school children in the Day Care Centre, all of whom have been orphaned by AIDS, to local volunteers who do what they can to help others even though they have nothing themselves, these people are remarkable for their courage, their good humour and their strong faith.

'Small Change' is the name of the project the Fitzpatricks have set up to continue supporting the groups they worked with. They have produced a calendar for 2007 with photos taken while they were in Malawi, and are selling it in an effort to raise €10,000 before Christmas. This money will go directly to the parish where Fr. John works, and most of it will be used to build a centre for the AIDS orphans to replace the dilapidated ruin they use at present. The balance of the money will go to more immediate needs. January is the month when famine threatens every year and funds are desperately required for food and fertiliser.

There will be a talk, and exhibition of photos and craftwork brought back from Malawi by the Fitzpatricks, in the Crypt on **Thursday 16th November at 7.30 p.m.** Please come to hear more about the wonderful people of Mzuzu, and to offer your support to the Small Change project. Our small change can make huge changes for them.

NOTICE BOARD

MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday. Pope Benedict reminds us that love is the driving force of all missionary activity, which cannot leave God and Christ aside. People are hungry for God, not just bread and freedom. Please help missionaries by prayer, offering of suffering and a generous financial contribution to bring the message of love to the whole world.

Blood Donor Clinic

G.A.A. Hall, Bishopstown, Monday 16th October, 5.00-8.00 p.m. Please help to cope with the increasing demand from hospitals and patients in the region.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The monthly recital will take place on Wednesday afternoon next, 18th October, at 3 p.m. in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when Joan Murphy will give the recital. An afternoon of glorious music is assured.



The Word of God A Parishioner's Thoughts

Lectio Divina is a particular style of reading Scripture: prayerful, meditative, reflective, reverential. Lectio is transforming, life-giving and energising. The text is both a mirror in which I see myself, and a window through which I gaze on God. Most importantly, it speaks powerfully to me of God's loving and active presence in my life. I am each person in the gospel: the leper, the blind man, Zaccheus, the prodigal son. In Lectio I can experience here and now Jesus' healing word and life-giving touch and his invitation to me to make these words my own: "You are my Son, the beloved, my favour rests on you." He calls me by my name.