

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
12 November

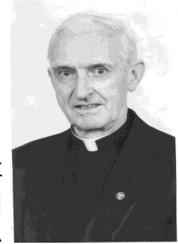
First Reading  
1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalms 145

Second Reading  
Heb. 9:24-28

Gospel  
Mark 12:38-44

## THE DEAN WRITES



Thanks be to God we had no road fatalities over the weekend just passed. It's no thanks to our Taoiseach though. Oh, yes, he said all the right things last July after two young girls lost their lives in a tragic road accident - "People just have to give themselves a bit more time, slow down, and take it easier." Again, last Thursday he appealed to all road users to slow down on their journeys over the weekend. But he forgot to tell his own driver — apparently he blatantly broke the speed limits that same day. This is too serious a matter to be fobbed off with the response that it was the Gardai who were driving and they were not breaking the law because they were on official business. It was downright bad example, and nothing could make it otherwise.

The fact of the matter is we are all prone to blaming others for our wrong-doing. Martin Seligman, Professor of Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, says it's due to the widespread belief in 'victimology'. He says it's widespread in the U.S. but I fear it has spread here too. The fact of the matter is the old schoolboy ruse - "They pushed me Sir" - isn't valid any more.

Of course, Bertie is not responsible for my driving errors — nor for yours. Each of us must take responsibility for our own behaviour. Accidents will happen but far fewer will happen if we obey the laws laid down for safe driving. And no number of excuses or shifting of blame will bring back a life lost through my dangerous driving — nor cure a person confined to a wheelchair because of my carelessness.

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## Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners



Our traditional Mass for parishioners who died since November 2005 will be celebrated on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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## Lest We Forget

**Anne Falvey**, Laburnum Lawn, died peacefully on 17th October at Beaumont Residential Care Home in her 92nd year. She was born on the Northside of the City, like her husband Patrick with whom she shared well over sixty years of married life and with whom she was one of the earliest arrivals in Laburnum Lawn. Sport, and the GAA in particular, was one of their common passionate interests. Indeed, even though in their late seventies at the time, they travelled to both All-Ireland Finals when Cork won the double in 1990 and Anne still rejoiced in the victory of 2005. However, it was for her great devotion to St. Anthony that she will be remembered by many neighbours and friends to whom she brought a blessed lily on his feast day. Faithful to the Tuesday devotions to him in St. Francis Church, she went home to the God in whom she trusted on a Tuesday under St. Anthony's protection. Treasured by her family, to whom we offer our sincerest sympathy, Marie, Pat and Tony, her brother and sisters, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and the wider family circle. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí.

**John Smyth**, Greenfields, Model Farm Road, died quite unexpectedly at Cork University Hospital on 24th October. He hadn't been well for some time, but nobody thought him to be near death. John was a stalwart of the Irish Army and served in many trouble spots abroad, as well as here at home. There was an old saying, "An Army marches on its stomach" and as a highly popular chef with the forces, John kept our army going in far-away places – the Congo, Lebanon, Cyprus and Gaza. He was laid to rest with military honours on Thursday 26th October at the newly opened cemetery of St. James at Chetwynd. We extend our sympathy to his wife Rose, their family Jacqueline, Roseline, Dominic and John, grandchildren and extended family.

### *In Sympathy*

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Kitty Seward**, Bishopstown Avenue West, on the death of her brother.  
To **Isabel Saunders**, Parkway Drive, on the death of her mother.

### MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations to Transition year students Ruth O'Halloran and Aimee O'Sullivan who were chosen to participate in the first round of the Irish Junior Science Olympiad based on their excellent Junior Cert results in Maths and Science. Well done to students Denise Ahern, sisters Sarah and Ruth McCluskey, Niamh O'Donoghue, Michelle O'Leary and Katie Hickey who were given awards for unbroken school attendance at a ceremony in City Hall on October 25th. The pupils were presented with their awards by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Michael Ahern.

## NOTICE BOARD

### They recognised Him at the Breaking of Bread

Dennehy's Cross Parish is pleased to host a programme of prayer, reflection and discussion for Ministers of The Eucharist. The three evening course begins on Tuesday 14th November at 8pm in the Crypt and is for NEW and EXISTING Ministers of the Eucharist in Dennehy's Cross as well as the neighbouring parishes. It will incorporate preparation for new ministers. Anne Francis and Fr. Christy Fitzgerald from the Diocesan Liturgy Office will facilitate the evenings. Ministers interested are asked to give their names to Anne in the Parish Office, Gertrude in the Sacristy or any of the priests, before Tuesday 7th NOVEMBER.

### Novena of Masses

At 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. ending on Friday 10th November with our annual Mass for deceased parishioners.

### Talk on the Eucharist

Fr. Michael O'Regan OSA will give a talk on "The need to understand the Church's teaching on the Holy Eucharist" at Mount St. Joseph, Blarney Street, on 6th November at 7.45 p.m. All are welcome.

### Marymount Hospice Car Boot Sale

At Penrose Wharf car park on Sunday 12th November, 9.00-4.00 pm. All proceeds to the Hospice building fund. For information and registration contact 4501201, ext. 251.

### Youth 2000 Retreat Ennismore

For young people ages 16-35 at Ennismore Retreat Centre, 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November. An opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends. Contact Dave 085716904 or Jim 0872159883 for information and bookings. Donations only, just bring a sleeping bag. Website: [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

### Cork Simon Community

Thank you to all who contributed to the recent collection which amounted to €1,022.19, and in particular to Therese Hogan and the students of Mount Mercy for their assistance in the collection.

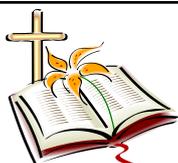
Blankets are urgently needed by the Simon community and can be handed in at Anderson's Quay or Boreenmanna Road, contact Carol 4321051. As a once off for **one week only**, commencing 6th November, they can be handed in to the Parish Centre during office hours, 10.00 to 12.30pm.

### Diabetes Health Awareness Week Exhibition

At Rochestown Park Hotel Sunday 12th November from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Free diabetes screening and testing for Retinopathy and glaucoma, cholesterol, A1c, BMI and carbon monoxide. Further information 1850909909. Adm. free.

### Small Change

A reminder that there will be an exhibition of photos and craftwork from Malawi in the Crypt on Thursday 16 November at 7.30 p.m. 2007 Calendars will be on sale in an effort to raise €10,000 before Christmas to build a centre for AIDS orphans. Please support this worthy cause.



### The Word of God A Parishioner's Thoughts

God's Word is our source of Faith. It is the love of his enduring promise to be with us, his people, always. I rely on what he says – the Good News of his forgiveness, peace, hope and everlasting life.