

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
28th January

First Reading
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

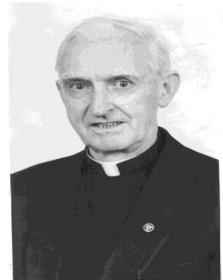
Psalm 70

Second Reading
1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Gospel
Luke 4:21-30

THE DEAN WRITES

"FASHION FAYRE FOR LITTLE ANGELS"



This heading in a local newspaper last week attracted my attention. It detailed "Exhibitions and Special Offers from leading hotels, restaurants, outside caterers, stretch limo companies, photographers, and footwear specialists - everything under one roof to help busy Mums and Dads plan their children's Holy Communion Day." An added feature - a Dublin Model Agency will provide specially groomed eight year olds to model the latest fashions for the event - "everything from tights to tiaras". Well, Well - what should be a lovely spiritual and family occasion being hijacked by greedy commercial interests.

As I sat down to write this piece I thought of a summer holiday spent down near Kilbrittain over sixty years ago. I cycled to Mass at the parish Church on a fine Sunday morning. The elderly Parish Priest gave a lengthy sermon which I can still remember vividly. Apparently a certain amount of hooliganism took place after a Parish Bazaar the previous Sunday. This was roundly condemned by the P.P. and when he finally got his breath he finished up saying he knew quite well that nobody in their Parish could be guilty of such unseemly conduct - but they shouldn't even tolerate it from unwelcome outsiders.

I know too that no family in our parish would be guilty of such crass vulgarity in celebrating their child's First Holy Communion - as outlined in the "Fashion Fayre for Little Angels", but rather cherish their childhood innocence, and shield them from exploitation of the kind promoted by modern consumerism. It is well to remember that there is no substitute yet for genuine love and affection from parents, grandparents and siblings. This will have a much longer and happier effect than any material trivialities, and of course reinforce the spiritual significance of this unique occasion.

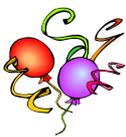
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Senior Citizens Party

Hosted by Bishopstown &
District Lions Club on
Friday 2nd February in
the SMA Hall, Wilton, at
8pm. Music, dancing,
refreshments - everyone
welcome - no charge.

Collection of books for prisoners in Cork Prison

*The Faith in Action Group invites you to donate books:
paperback, light fiction only please
to the Collection Box at the back of the Church,
at Masses on next weekend: 27th/28th January.*

Thank you

Email: holyspiritparish@eircom.net

Website: www.dennehycrossparish.ie

Harry Couch, Parklea Court, Model Farm Road, died at St. Patrick's Hospital, Wellington Road, on 5th January, after a very short illness. Harry was a native of the South Parish where his dear mother still lives. He spent all his working life in the service of the Health Board, most of that time at Cork University Hospital, where he was known and respected by countless numbers of patients, as well as staff - doctors, nurses and care assistants. He lavished special care on any of his friends or neighbours who might need it. Harry was above all a dedicated family man, a man of simple tastes, who did everything he could to make life comfortable for his dear wife and three daughters. We extend the sincere sympathy of our community to his wife Margaret, his daughters Valerie, Debra and Ciara, his mother, sisters, brothers and grandchild. May his dear soul enjoy the reward of his goodness in his new home in Heaven, and thanks for the beautiful memories of his life here.

LOCAL SCHOOLS

We at **St. Catherine's** are celebrating the launch of our CD in which every child participated. The songs recorded were from our very successful Christmas Concert, which was held on 20th December. Refreshments were provided by Parents' Association members, who also ran the monster raffle that is now synonymous with Christmas in St. Catherine's!

Many homes are now sporting our 2007 calendar! Every child in the school has a miniature drawing in it, so children will be waiting excitedly for their special month.

After our new building and refurbishment we are delighted to have all classrooms connected to the school's computer network, which now means that we have Internet access in every class. This is a very valuable asset, as research tools are at our fingertips at all times.

Our senior girls are preparing for the annual Credit Union schools quiz. No doubt they will do us proud, as usual!

Please note! Enrolment forms for Junior Infants will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. If you haven't applied yet, please phone the school at 021 4546868, as there are very few places left.



Congratulations to **Mount Mercy** Junior Cert. Student, Sorcha O'Sullivan, who was selected on to the Irish U16 hockey team. Sorcha will begin training with the Irish panel in Belfast on 27th January. Well done, Sorcha.

Introduction to the Bible

6.30 – 9.30 p.m. in Mardyke House, Cork
for 9 Thursdays beginning 1st February 2007

Includes **Lectio Divina Workshop**
by Fr. Brendan Clifford O.P. on three Saturdays
from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (24th March, 31st March, 21st April).
This workshop may also be taken independently of the
Thursday evening course. Course can be taken for credit
towards an Accredited College Certificate.

Limited places available.

Information from Fr. Eamonn Fitzgibbon,
Mary Immaculate College.
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Grieving Seaports

As we pray again this weekend for the seven fishermen lost at sea and offer our sympathies to the people of Kinsale and Dunmore East, it is noteworthy that the people of Corinth to whom this weekend's second reading was originally directed, were also a seaport people. Mediterranean storms may not have been as severe as those around Hook Head, but Paul himself was shipwrecked at least once while on his missionary journeys. Paul would have realised that a community of believers in a key transit town such as Corinth would be a great platform for spreading the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus. Hence, we have his letters of teaching and encouragement to the Corinthians.

This weekend's extract highlights that a community of believers is like a human body with all the different elements interdependent on each other. Each one of us has our own individual role in building God's people together.

Fr. Tom Clancy

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday 2nd February is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 2nd from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 1st February at 3.00pm in Parish Centre.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection at all Masses next weekend.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly recitals will resume on Wednesday next, 24th January at 3 pm in the Crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when Michael Cotter will give the recital, and everybody is welcome to an afternoon of great music.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

A married couple's gift to each other at the Ibis Hotel, 9th-11th February, by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. You will benefit if you want to enrich a good marriage, expand and deepen your communication, learn to love more deeply. For more information contact 4381511/026 42579, or 064 44319/087 6670418.

Bishopstown Meals on Wheels

Based at Wilton Park House, urgently needs volunteers - both cooks and drivers. Please contact Pat Harrington 4545790 or Sheila O'Brien 4343575 for further information.

Mature Student Information Evening

At CIT on Tuesday, 23rd January, 7.30pm - how to apply, guidance on grants, fees and back to education allowances, supports available. Courses at certificate, diploma and degree level. Applicants must be 23 years or older by the 1st Jan. on the proposed year of entry. For more information contact Deirdre at 021-4326 564 email deirdre.creedon@cit.ie

Table Quiz - Tráth na gCeist (Bilingual)

At Brú Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton, on 26th January, 8pm. Tables €50, spot prizes, drinks, tea, coffee. Proceeds for the benefit of Brú Columbanus. To reserve a table call 4345754 or email brucolumbanus@eircom.net