

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
11th February

First Reading  
Jer 17:5-8

Psalms 1

Second Reading  
1 Cor 15:12,16-20

Gospel  
Mark Lk 6:17,20-26

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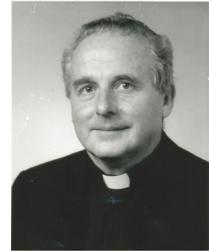
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## OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES



During the week, a radio advertisement claimed that a key aid for a Junior Cert. student's exam preparation is to get her broadband. It was yet another reminder of how rapidly technology is changing how we learn and how we are formed. Religious education happens in the centre of this whirlwind of change in today's world.

For senior citizens like myself, rote learning of catechism answers was a daily feature of our school day. Faith formation was helped there but was largely absorbed in the family and in church. Teaching methodologies in school have been hugely enriched with a growing emphasis on learning through experience. This experiential learning in school makes the role of family and home more crucial than ever in faith formation. The primary school programme especially is designed to be a partnership between teachers, family and parish. Family is the lynch pin. It is where the school experience is made one's own, shared and lived out. Our teachers are powerful catalysts but family is where the formation takes root and blossoms.

Faith cannot be handed on. It must be shared, given and received. Sharing prayer with children at home and in church is enriching for all. Praying together bonds people in a trust that never dies. Faith does not grow in a vacuum. It needs an atmosphere of supportive love. Family is central in providing that atmosphere.

## FORGIVENESS...

Forgiveness is understanding and holding the pain of another;  
It is compassion.

Forgiveness is the acceptance of our brokenness,  
yours and mine.

Forgiveness is the letting go of unrealistic expectations of others  
and the desire that they be other than they are.

Forgiveness is liberating others to be themselves,  
not making them feel guilty for what may have been...

Forgiveness is peacemaking;

struggling to create unity,

to build one body,

to heal the broken body of humanity.

- Jean Vanier

## In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to

**Tim Griffin**, Kenley Drive, on the death of his mother, Susanna.

**Mary O'Neill**, Court Cairn, on the death of her brother, Michael Kelliher.

**Brian Scannell**, St. Clare's Avenue, on the death of his mother, Frances, and to her sister, **May O'Connell**, Woodlawn, Model Farm Road.

**Sister Miriam**, Poor Clare Convent, College Road, on the death of her mother.

### Wilton Gardens Junction

A delegation from Wilton Gardens Residents' Association attended a meeting with senior engineers from the city's Traffic Division at the City Hall on Monday last in connection with residents' demands for greater safety at the junction. The meeting was also attended by the Councillors for our area.

The delegation sought assurances that Council plans to ban right turns into and out of Wilton Gardens would not be pursued. They made a number of proposals regarding increased traffic controls at the junction.

A long discussion took place involving all three parties and the senior engineers are to re-convene the meeting in mid February.

### MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations to Transition year students Margaret Perry and Katie Hickey who were awarded 2nd prize in the Social and Behavioural Sciences, Intermediate Section Group project at the B.T. Young Scientist Competition in the R.D.S. Dublin recently. Well done girls.

Congratulations also to Kim O'Brien and Helen Flynn who both won a place on the National Acrobatic Squad. The girls will represent Ireland in competition in February in Bristol. Well done also to Jilly Kearns who is now on the National Tumbling Squad.

## Books for Prisoners

There was a heart-warming, overwhelming response to the appeal from the Faith in Action Group for paperback books for the prisoners in Cork Prison.

## Bible Corner



### PREACHER UNDER PRESSURE

Success often evokes jealousy and opposition. It happened to St. Paul in Corinth. His powerful preaching won many converts to the Risen Jesus. His success rattled some among those who hankered after their traditional religious practices. Once Paul had moved on, they began undermining him to weaken his message. "How could you trust somebody who had persecuted the young Church back home? He had not even known Jesus personally. Who did he think he was anyway?"

Paul was not one to back off. We hear some of his defence (or counterattack) this weekend. He claims to be a commissioned apostle as good as the best. Under pressure, maybe, Paul thrives in adversity.

Fr. Tom Clancy

### NOTICES

#### "We are God's Work of Art" (Eph.2.10)

Bishopstown Lay Dominican Chapter invite you to join them in a day of Reflection and Prayer on Saturday 17th February in St. Dominic's Retreat House, Ennismore, Montenotte (tel. 4502520). Registration 10.00 a.m. Mass at 12 noon. Offering €25 including lunch, coffee breaks and tea at 5.30pm. For booking contact Rose O'Luasa 4874595 or Jean McKeown 086 1547944.

#### Study Theology from Home

The Dominicans are offering a full programme of theology by distance learning, which can be studied for academic credits or for its own sake. Further information from The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24, tel. 01-4048127, or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com. Visit our website: www.prioryinstitute.com.

#### Gala Concert

Featuring Mary Hegarty, Louise O'Sullivan, Breffni Horgan, Cork City Male Voice Choir, Chorus Opera of Cork, on Sunday 18th February at 8pm in the Church of the Real Presence. Tickets €20 available from Credit Union, Wilton Post Office and at the door on the night. Proceeds will go towards local housing units for the elderly at Aras Leon, Murphy's Farm, Bishopstown.

#### Young People Speak Out for a Better World

Come listen to over 400 local young people speak out on social issues that concern them and outline concrete actions they are taking to respond. 10am - 6 pm Cork City Hall, 8th February. Organised by Young Social Innovators. More information at [www.youngsocialinnovators](http://www.youngsocialinnovators)

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