

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

1st April 2007

Palm Sunday

No. 917

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
8th April

First Reading
Acts 10:34,37-43

Psalm 117

Second Reading
Col 3:1-4

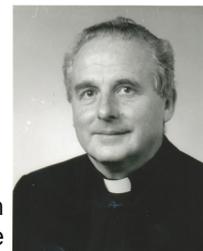
Gospel
Jn 20:1-9

OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

JUSTICE - PILATE STYLE

The people wanted the stiffest sentence. Crucifixion. Again and again in this weekend's passion story the loudest voices among the people cry out "Crucify him. Crucify him." His death will be a deterrent to other possible troublemakers. He is guilty of blasphemy. He continues to claim to be Son of God and that all people are equally God's children. He shows no sign of repentance. Rehabilitation is not a realistic option. Forget any mitigating circumstances like feeding the hungry, curing the sick, raising the dead and treating the poor with dignity. No, he must be severely punished.

The story has a present day ring to it for refugees from Iraq or Africa, and for the undocumented migrants no matter what the mitigating family circumstances are, or the possibility of new beginnings. Exclusion has the loudest advocates.



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MERCY - JESUS STYLE

Jesus said to the woman "Has no one condemned you?"

The woman answered, "No one, Lord."

Jesus replied, "Neither do I condemn you."

A man had two sons... The younger said, "Let me have my share." He squandered his inheritance.

He said, "I will leave this place and go to my father."

Father said, "Quick, put a ring on his finger. We are going to celebrate. He was lost and is found."

The elder son refused to go in.

The father pleaded, "All I have is yours. It is right that we should celebrate. Your brother was lost and is found."

Such is the creative generous wisdom that inspires our God. Inclusion is the overall approach. Such is the merciful enabling love that we celebrate this afternoon at 5.00pm. and that we try to imitate in our own lives in the weeks ahead.

Come back to me with all your heart and bring a friend.

Please take a
copy of the
Bulletin home
or give it to a
friend or neigh-
bour

REMINDER

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

TODAY SUNDAY, 1ST APRIL, AT 5.00PM

Email: holyspiritparish@eircom.net

Website: www.dennehycrossparish.ie

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday

7.30 pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Please bring Trócaire Boxes
9.00 - 10.00 pm. Keeping Watch in Crypt

Good Friday

11.00 am. Stations of the Cross by children for children.
12.00 noon. Stations of the Cross for all.
3.00 pm. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion.
8.30 – 9.30 pm. Watch and Pray.

Holy Saturday

9.00 pm. The Easter Vigil.
N.B. No Vigil Mass at 6.15pm.

Easter Sunday: 9.00, 10.30 and 12.15pm.

Easter Monday: 10.00am.

Weekday Masses: 9.00 and 10.00am.

RECONCILIATION

Penitential Services

Dennehy's Cross: Sunday 1st, 5.00pm
Sacred Heart: Monday 2nd, 7.30pm
Wilton: Tuesday 3rd, 8.00pm
Curraheen: Wednesday 4th, 8.00pm

Good Friday: After ceremonies & 7.30-9.30pm

Holy Saturday: 12.00-1.00; 4.00-5.00; 7-8.30pm

Notices

Holy Places

Annual collection on Good Friday. The collection is sent to the custodians of the places in the Holy Land where Our Lord's Passion took place.

The Future of the Irish Church

Lenten talk by Rev. Jim Good on Monday 2nd April at Curraheen Church, 8.00pm. All welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 5th in the Parish Centre at 3.00pm.

Bishopstown Community Association Ltd.

Would like to thank all who attended the meeting in Wilton Park House Tuesday 27th March especially those who participated in discussion and brought issues of concern in the area to light. A further meeting will be arranged for early June when it is hoped to move forward with the formation of a Community Council for Bishopstown. Notification in May regarding date, time and venue. The BCA can be contacted by post at Wilton Park House, Wilton, telephone 4543757 leaving a message, or by e-mailing bisc@eircom.net

Holy Oils

Where do the Holy Oils come from?

Well, you can find out and be part of a special liturgy. Every year at 10am on Holy Thursday morning the priests of the diocese gather in the Cathedral, where they join the Bishop to bless the Oils to be used in parishes, hospitals and homes throughout the diocese for the coming year, for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Ordination.

Also, the priests join the Bishop in prayerfully renewing their vows of priestly commitment and the people are invited by the Bishop to pray for their priests. Be part of our gathering, join us and let us pray with and for each other. After all the Chrism Mass belongs to all of us.

**Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday, 10am at the Cathedral.
All welcome.**



Rest in Peace

Elizabeth (Lil) Kelly, Cherrygrove, Model Farm Road, died very peacefully on 21st March in her 92nd year at Mount Desert not far from where she first lived when her husband's work transfer brought her to Cork. But it was in her Model Farm Road home that Lil blossomed as a people person, interested and caring in the community, a good friend to many, especially to neighbouring children and the young adults they grew to be. As one of her grandchildren Lisa outlined in a beautiful tribute at the funeral, Lil's special love focused on her children, her grandchildren and her great grandchildren. In turn, their appreciative response enriched her later years. To her children Ann (Foley), Ian and Pat (Pope), their spouses Mick, Eileen and Bertie, her brother Kevin, sister Peggy, the extended family and a wide circle of neighbours and friends, we offer our sincerest sympathy. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a hanam dílis.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Bernard Kennedy**, Liam Lynch Park, on the death of his brother, Fr. Michéal Kennedy, SMA.

Lenten Corner

Sacred Space



Better late... ..

Beginning this final week of Lent we are invited to journey with Christ in prayer and thanksgiving.

The triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal, passion and death, the sacrifice of his life for us is the very essence of the great love Jesus has for all humankind.

We are all in need of his mercy.

By our participation in the Holy Week ceremonies, our faith is renewed and we receive the grace, courage and confidence to journey on.

If we failed in any of our Lenten resolutions - begin again this week.