

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Third Sunday of Easter

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
29th April

First Reading
Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalms 99

Second Reading
Apoc. 7:9,14-17

Gospel
Jn. 10:27-30

Fr. Tom writes



CELEBRATION

RESURRECTION

An All-Ireland victory for Cork, a Heineken Cup victory for Munster, a wedding or a new arrival in the family, election and examination results (good or indifferent) – all such events and many others lead to great celebrations **AFTER** the event. Easter is often an exception to this custom. Where Easter is concerned, the emphasis is usually on the preparation. Especially in the past, the forty days of Lenten penance prepared for the passion and death of Christ. The victory of his Easter Resurrection seemed to be in second place.

Yet, the Resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. If Christ is not risen, all our believing is in vain. So the cycle of our Sunday Eucharist for the seven weeks after Easter highlights and celebrates the wonder of Resurrection. Resurrection not only means that Jesus has risen from the dead and that we will do likewise, but it also means that the Spirit of the Risen Jesus lives in us, among us and in our worshipping Eucharistic community.

Each weekend, especially between now and Pentecost is an opportunity

- to tune in to the Spirit of the risen Jesus
- to accept a renewal of faith in the Resurrection
- to share more fully in the weekly worship and praise of the Lord
- to invite the Spirit of the Risen Lord to permeate the ethos of our homes
- to revisit the core values of the early church, prayer, service, living and spreading the gospel.

Whatever about missing out on our Lenten penances, don't risk missing out on the Spirit of the Risen Jesus during these Easter-Pentecost weeks.

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Parish Pilgrimage to Gougane Barra

Sunday 27th May (Pentecost Sunday).

Bus will leave church at 1.30pm, returning at 6.30pm.

Watch this space for further details.

Email: holyspiritparish@eircom.net

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Notice Board

Action Breast Cancer

Four Mount Mercy students are organising a fundraising charity lunch at Maryborough House Hotel on 29th April, from 12 noon to 4.00pm. The lunch shall include a champagne reception, three-course meal and raffle and auction. A great day is to be had by all. Tickets are €65 per plate or €600 per table of ten. For information on purchasing tickets please contact Emma on 085-1212555.

Remember Alzheimer's Tea Day

Make your cuppa count. Host an Alzheimer's tea break on Thursday 3rd May. To receive your party pack, freephone 1800 719 820. Please help make a difference in your community.

The Bible Tells Me ... So?

Two Talks by Keith Ward, Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford University, on Saturday 28th April in Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire, 9.30am to 4.00pm. Registration €20, includes coffee and lunch sandwiches.

Is the Gospel, Gospel? Can we take the bible literally? Does it always say what it appears to say? How can we tell?

What Difference does Christianity make to Morality?

Do the Bible's laws and sayings belong to the past or can scripture be applied to how we live our everyday lives? Is it possible to read the Bible in a way which is relevant to moral decision making?

Sick Poor Society

One of the oldest charitable societies in the city, house to house collections are done on a completely voluntary basis. New members are urgently required, both male and female, who will be richly rewarded by the satisfaction derived from helping those in dire need. Please contact the society at 087 7549933, or in Dunbar Street.

Sharing Fair

A craft display and sale will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Western Road, following 6.30 Mass on Saturday 28th and 8.30, 10 and 11.30 Masses on Sunday 29th April. There will be a wide range of top quality household items, toys, ladies' bags, purses, personal and gift items suitable for various occasion. These crafts are made by girls and women in self help projects associated with the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in Asia, Latin America and Africa. Please support the work of the crafts by purchasing and participating in the Fair.

Challenges 4 Charity

Take on the Challenge of trekking 75km over 3 days through breathtaking scenery in Co Kerry in aid of charity in an action-packed three day event on the 22nd-24th June. From Killarney, teams of four will hike over three great Peninsulas famed for their stunning and diverse scenery, the Beara, Dingle and Kerry Ways. If you would like to receive more information or sign up a team call 01 677 6856, email: info@c4c.ie or log on to www.c4c.ie

Mount Mercy News

Congratulations to Mount Mercy past pupil Aisling Cronin who is the new Miss Cork. Aisling is in her second year in UCC and is studying Commerce and Italian. Well done Aisling and best of luck in the Ms Ireland contest on June 30th.

Bible Corner



BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

Have you ever counted the number of key events in the life of Jesus that highlight the sharing of a meal? The Last Supper springs to mind immediately, but remember the multiplication of the loaves, Cana, visiting Zacchaeus, eating with tax collectors and sinners in Levi's house, going to Peter's mother-in-law for the supper, the anointing of his feet in the Pharisee's house, coping with Martha's annoyance at having to do all the serving.

Is it that the Lord saw meal sharing as the best context for bonding, for sharing hopes, sorrows, joys and vision? This weekend's gospel has an invitation to breakfast which is the backdrop for the healing of dashed hopes and festering hurts as well as for strengthening of friendship, of faith, of commitment and of love. Is it possible that if we don't share meals, we may be the poorer, in family, in friendships and in faith?

Sorry, I cannot invite all of you to share breakfast but maybe, you can invite one another starting with family itself. Jesus will be present.

Fr. Tom Clancy.

FAIRTRADE HAMPER WINNERS



Thank you to all who participated in our Fairtrade Fortnight competition. It proved to be quite challenging! The one Fairtrade product listed which is NOT stocked by the Oxfam Fairtrade shop in French Church Street is Fairtrade Wine.

The two people who provided the correct answer have each received a hamper of Fairtrade goods. Congratulations to May O'Connell, Woodlawn, and Susan O'Leary, Greenfields.

Inter-Faith Dialogue

Organised by Cork Muslim Women's Group

7.30 p.m. Tuesday 24th April 2007

The Purpose of Life from a Christian and Muslim Perspective

Brookfield Health Science Complex, UCC.

Lecture Hall G0

Speakers:

Fr. Seán O' Sullivan, Catholic Diocese of Cork & Ross
Sheik Abdur Rahmeen Green, London Central Mosque



My God in My Neighbour

A Parishioner's Thoughts

I saw 'somebody today lighting a candle in our church. He looked foreign to me. He smiled and said ".....". It must have been "hello". It was not my language but I met God in his smile.