

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
13th May

First Reading
Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Psalms 66

Second Reading
Apoc 21:10-14,22-23

Gospel
John 14:23-29



Water is Life -

and nowhere more than in our twin parish, Turkwell Parish, Turkana, Kenya. Here in this arid environment women have to walk up to 12 kilometres every day just to collect water, and then carry it home for the family.

Next weekend, 12th and 13th May, there will be a SPECIAL CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION for irrigation projects in our twin parish, TURKWELL PARISH IN TURKANA

The money from last year's Special Collection went completely and directly to Turkwell, where it was used by the farmers to develop irrigation systems. The results have been sufficient to provide the needs of 300 families.

Can we help another 300 families or more this year?

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PRAYER FOR RAIN

Fr. James Good, who spent many years in Turkana, describes prayer in Turkana like this: The main form of prayer in Turkana is prayer for rain. This is done in a traditional way by an old man (MZEE) who acts as a kind of cheer-leader, arousing hope. It has been built into the Mass as Prayers of the Faithful, and runs something like this: (As the prayer proceeds, the replies grow in intensity ending in a mighty roar)

MZEE: Ee Akuj Apa (O God our Father) the long rains have not come. Our rivers are dry. Water in the river-beds is six women deep. Our camels and goats are dying. Your people are hungry.

Will the rains come? (Reply): **THEY WILL!**

Will the River Turkwell flow? (Reply): **YEA!**

Will the River Kowalhassie flow? (Reply) **YEA!**

Will the River Kerio flow? (Reply): **YEA!**

Will the River Kataboi flow? (Reply) **YEA!**

WILL ALL THE RIVERS FLOW? (Reply): (ROAR) YEA!

Can the people of Ballineaspaig add a new last line?

WILL ALL THE IRRIGATION CHANNELS FLOW?

(Reply): (ROAR) **YEA!**

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Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **John Owens**, Model Farm Road, on the death of his father, Michael.

Never Alone

“The Believer is never alone”

We are the Body of Christ; we are a community. God “willed to make women and men holy and to save them, not as individuals without any bond between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness.” (Vatican II, Lumen Gentium, 9)

The culture of Ireland does not take religion as seriously as it used to do. Faith is not as visible in society as it was. The believer can feel alone when it comes to expressing his or her beliefs in any public way, and may even be led to feel that it is inappropriate to express them at all.

We find that Body of Christ, the Christian community in the celebration of the Eucharist. We come, admitting to God and to one another that we are weak and sinful, all of us in need of the same forgiving love. We come to listen to the Word in which God speaks to us and to meet the Word who became flesh and lived among us. We proclaim that we live by faith in the same Lord. We receive Christ who is the goal and meaning of our lives. This is not just a matter of ‘saying my prayers’. We are God’s family praising and thanking God together. We are sent out from Mass, not just as individuals but as God’s people, to bring good news to one another and to the world.

We find that community in families. Marriage is a sacrament, a sign and instrument of the love between Christ and the Church - a love of mutual and unreserved self-giving. That love is the context in which all members of the family, husband, wife and children, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, can grow as God’s people. There they find the building blocks that can help them bring that experience of community to a society that risks becoming increasingly anonymous and leaving many people isolated. Today it is more necessary than ever for Christian families to know that they are part of a wider community of faith and to encourage and strengthen one another.

Bishop Donal Murray

My God in My Neighbour

A Parishioner’s Thoughts



I pray that I may see God in my neighbour. The Scriptures tell us that ‘our neighbour is all humankind’. It is difficult to see God’s presence in terrorists or criminals. But then, one kind act from a neighbour can restore one’s faith in human nature, and belief in the power of God.

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

Bible Corner

View and Vision



Everybody has a view of life. Some have a vision as well. A view is seeing things just as they are. A vision sees how things could be better, how God intended things to be. Every Christian is called to have this vision.

In the second reading this weekend, we read of John’s vision of the new heaven and the new earth where God lives among us, wiping away all tears, mourning and sadness. In this weekend’s gospel, Jesus tells us how this vision can be brought about. His guideline is: “Love one another as I have loved you.” The challenge is in the tail because Jesus loved us to the last drop of his blood. His love was totally unselfish. He commands us to imitate him.

Could he be serious?

Fr. Tom Clancy

Congratulations to our Readers

Two of our readers at the 12.15pm Sunday Mass, Olivia Flynn and Kate McCutcheon, have just won the Denny Senior Schools All-Ireland Debating Final. They now go on to compete against the winners from England, Scotland and Wales. This final will be held next weekend (12th May) in the House of Lords at Westminster to mark the 60th anniversary of this international debating competition. We congratulate them and wish them continuing success.

Wilton Gardens Residents’ Association

A general meeting of residents of Wilton Gardens will be held at the Crypt on Thursday next, 10th May, at 8.00pm. Residents will be given an update on prolonged discussions involving the residents’ delegation, local councillors and city council engineers in a bid to find solutions to the dangers for motorists at Wilton Gardens junction with Wilton Road. The meeting will also elect a new committee to continue the work of the Association.

Parish Pilgrimage and Picnic Sunday 27th May Pilgrimage Petitions

PARISH PILGRIMAGE



Reaching out

You are invited to bring a written petition to the Gougane Pilgrimage on 27th May. If you cannot be there yourself, you may give your petition to a pilgrim, or else place it in the box on the altar rails before 27th May.

Special petition envelopes are available in the church. All petitions will be placed at the altar during the pilgrimage Mass.