

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Day

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
27 May

First Reading  
Acts 2:1-11

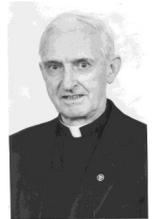
Psalms 103

Second Reading  
Rom 8:8-17

Gospel  
John 14:15-16, 23-26

THE DEAN WRITES

## WHAT A CONTEMPORARY WROTE ABOUT HIS NEIGHBOURS WHO WERE CHRISTIANS



I read a piece recently by a man named Diognetus. I thought it might interest you. He was writing in the very early years of the Church about this strange group of people who called themselves Christians. This is what he wrote.

"The difference between Christians and the rest of mankind is not a matter of nationality, or language, or customs. Christians do not live apart in separate cities of their own, speak any special dialect, or practise any eccentric way of life. They pass their lives in whatever township - Greek or foreign - each man's lot has determined. They conform to ordinary local usage in their clothing, diet, and other habits.

Nevertheless, the organization of their community does exhibit some features that are remarkable, and even surprising. For instance, they take their full part as citizens, but they submit to everything as though they are aliens. They marry and beget children, though they never expose their infants to die. Any Christian is free to share his neighbour's table, but never his marriage bed. They obey the prescribed laws but in their own private lives they transcend the laws.

They show love to all men - and all men persecute them. They repay calumny with blessings and abuse with courtesy. They are misunderstood and condemned. For the good they do they suffer stripes as evildoers. Jews assail them as heretics, and Greeks harass them with persecutions. Yet of all their ill-wishers there is not one who can produce good grounds for his hostility."

Some things never change. In many parts of the world today Christians suffer the same fate. Let us remember them in our prayers - they need them and deserve them.

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## A Great Response for Turkwell



The Special Church Door Collection for projects in Turkwell Parish generated €9,791.44. This money is going directly to Fr. Ollie Noonan, PP, for the irrigation projects.

A heartfelt thanks to all for your generosity.

Email: [holyspiritparish@eircom.net](mailto:holyspiritparish@eircom.net)

Website: [www.dennehyscrossparish.ie](http://www.dennehyscrossparish.ie)

## Parish Pilgrimage Sunday 27th May

### Practical Points

- ◆ Rain or shine, the pilgrimage will go ahead. Please bring rainwear, and if you wish, a folding stool or a rug to sit on.
- ◆ The coach will depart at 1.30pm sharp from the church car park. It will stop at the No.5 bus stop near the entrance to Kenley to pick up passengers from that area. Motorists should allow an hour and a half for the journey.
- ◆ All pilgrims, whether in cars or coach, should pass the island, enter the forest and assemble at the first car park inside the forest before 3.00pm. Passes to the forest park are available at the altar rails in the church.
- ◆ Remember to bring your picnic and your candle with you as we begin the pilgrimage walk. Please respect the forest:

- \* Extinguish all matches and cigarettes carefully.
- \* Light no fires.
- \* Leave no litter.



*Enjoy the day and the company!*



Kilsinan,  
Bishopstown Park,  
Model Farm Road

Dear neighbours and friends,

I would like to invite you once again to our fourth annual coffee morning on Saturday 26th May from 10.30 to 1.30pm in aid of SUAS Education Development.

The aim of SUAS is to tackle poverty in the slums of India and Africa through direct support of the educational system.

All money raised on this day will go directly to Maweni Primary School, Mombasa, Kenya, where Michéal worked as a volunteer in the summer of 2005.

Many thanks for your generous support.

Ber Healy (tel. 4542702)

## Bible Corner



Witnesses usually achieve fame or notoriety only when the events they have experienced lead to a conflict of evidence in court or before a tribunal. In court, the best witness is often quite objective and is not personally involved in the outcome of the case. It was somewhat different when Jesus sent the disciples out as witnesses to his life, message and resurrection. He was sending them into a world more searching and dismissive than any court or tribunal. But they were not to be merely reliable reporters of the past but were to be people whose own lives had been radically changed by the good news which they were recounting.

It is such committed witnesses that the world and the Church needs today. A heresy of our time is neutrality about values. Jesus was far from neutral about truth, justice, creaturehood, forgiveness and charity. Neither can his followers be neutral. Each one, alone and together, is promised power from on high to enable us to be courageous witnesses to the gospel by how we live and how we speak. This is this weekend's ascension message.

Fr. Tom Clancy

## My God in My Neighbour



### A Parishioner's Thoughts

I see God in all acts of kindness and charity from those with many different beliefs, for God works in many different ways for me in my love for the Eucharist. Be still and know that God is here.

I can see God's hand in all acts of kindness and charity. God works in many different ways, in the smile of neighbour or stranger, in the believer or non believer. God's hand is in mine when I receive him in the Eucharist.

### Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Damnait Mc Donagh** and family, Kenley Drive, on the recent death of her father. To **Tony Mullane**, Rossbrook, on the death of his mother Nora.

## Notice Board

### Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle

Our final recital for the season will take place on Wednesday next 23rd at 3.00pm in the crypt, and will be given by Dan Murphy. All are welcome to attend.

### Youth 2000 Retreat Knockadoon

For young people aged 15-35 at Knockadoon Camp, East Cork, Friday 25th to Sunday 27th May. An opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends. Contact Dave on 085-7167904 or Ann 0857216617 for information and bookings. Donations only - just bring a sleeping bag.

### Trinity Gospel Choir

On Thurs. 24th May at 8pm in the Methodist Church, Ardfallen. Parking at Douglas Swimming Pool. Adm. €10 at door. Proceeds to Kinsale Methodist Church property redevelopment fund.

### Storytelling with Pat Speight

Come and enjoy one of Ireland's favourite storytellers with his folk tales, myths, and legends, as well as original material, at the Library, Model Farm Road, on Friday 25th May at 3.0pm. Celebrate Bealtaine Festival 2007 - creativity in older age. All are welcome.

### Lost

A parishioner has lost a man's gold watch in the area of Victoria Village/Farranlea Road, inscribed '1946-1986'. It is of great sentimental value. If you have found it, please contact the parish office at 4344452.

### Arthritis Ireland

Information lectures on arthritis at Brú Columbanus, Wilton, Saturday 26th May at 2pm. Talks by Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and Occupational Therapist. Free Adm. All Welcome. Enquiries to 086 - 8118489.