

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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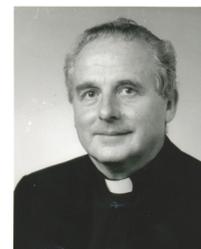
Pentecost Sunday

No.925

Ireland's First
Fairtrade Parish



OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES



FIRED

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
3rd June

First Reading
Prov 8:22-31

Psalm 6

Second Reading
Rom 5:1-5

Gospel
John 16:12-15

The fifty days since Easter bring us to Pentecost. The Mass readings have recounted the developing story of the young Church. Proclamation of the good news of Jesus had led to the formation of believing communities who, together, lived out his instruction to love one another as he loved us. They started an innovative soup kitchen in Jerusalem and a kind of thrift shop in Lydda. As well as attracting new members, these vibrant Christian groups sent out disciples to spread the gospel. Despite resistance and persecution, these missionaries remained undaunted and the new communities thrived. For them, there was no crippling inward anxiety about personal salvation, no selfish privatising of material goods or spiritual gifts, no mere conformity to routine but an enthusiasm to make Jesus present everywhere for one another. They knew themselves to be members of one family united with the Father through the Spirit of Jesus.

The Spirit had been first given at Pentecost and was renewed each time they celebrated the Eucharist with contagious conviction and exhilarating joy. The same Spirit is present among us and yet, the vital spark is often missing. Maybe, it is that we are hoarders rather than scatterers, fear-filled followers rather than enthusiastic ambassadors, servants of the Lord rather than friends of his and of each other. Maybe, we do not really believe in the Spirit.

This Pentecost could change all that for us if we allow it to inflame our hearts, to fire us. Are we ready to be fired?

Fr. Tom

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of the Bulletin
home or give it to a
friend or neighbour

My God in My Neighbour

A Parishioner's Thoughts



Supposing, just supposing I had never met Jesus in the Eucharist. Supposing I had never heard of God or his Good News. How would I learn what It is to love and be loved? I believe that ... somewhere ... even in the most atheistic heart lies the infinite loving presence of God from whom all goodness flows. But, I have met my God, I am blessed by his Eucharistic presence, by his Word of Love. So much Gift, so much to share! The Neighbourhood of God's love.



PENTECOST INTER-CHURCH SERVICE

in the Crypt, Church of the Holy Spirit, at 8 p.m.

on **Wednesday 30th May**

Residents of our parish, who belong to other
Christian Churches are especially welcome.

Email: holyspiritparish@eircom.net

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Rest in Peace

Tom Halpin, Kenley Close, Model Farm Road, died peacefully at home on Sunday evening 13th May in the loving care of his wife Vera and family after a year and a half's illness borne with patience and courage. A native of Tarbert, Co Kerry, Tom came to Cork as a young Garda and spent over 30 years between Union Quay and Angelsea Street stations serving the community with integrity, competence and respect. Like many of his fellow county men, Tom retained a great grá for his native heath and was very pleased to have a base there. A family man to the core, Tom's going in the prime of life will be a huge loss to his wife and sons, John, Alan and Thomas, and to a wide circle of friends among the gardaí, the Kerry men's Association, the Combined Counties Association, to all of whom we offer our sincerest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sé.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Noreen O'Donoghue**, Bishops court Lawn, on the death of her sister, Pat Buckley.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday 1st June is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 1st from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection at all Masses next weekend.

Novena in honour of St. Anthony

Monday 4th to Wednesday 13th June, at 10.30am and 7.30pm (Saturday 6.30pm) at St. Francis Church, Liberty Street. Preacher: Fr. Francis Cotter, O.F.M. Mass for students' intentions on Friday 8th at 7.30pm.

Attention - Hearing Aids Users!

A Hearing Loop System has been installed in the church. If you wish to avail of it, please switch hearing aid to T-coil.

Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre

Gramophone recital with music of the 30's 40's and 50's will take place on Thursday 31st at 2.00pm. It will be presented by John Hendrick and Ken O' Callaghan. No charge.

Togher Childrens' Drama group will perform in the Bishopstown Library (next to Wilton Shopping Centre) on Thursday 31st May at 7.00pm. Admission is free and all parishioners are welcome.

Flower Demonstration

In 'Le Cheile', Togher, on Thursday 31st May at 8.00pm. in support of the L'Arche community in Cork. Admission €10.

St. Patrick's Hospital/Marymount Hospice

Require collectors for Sunflower Days on June 8th and 9th in city centre. Contact Antoinette on 087-6885667 or Noreen at 4501201 in the Friends' Office .

PARISH PILGRIMAGE PRAYER



Heavenly Father,
as we gather in this holy
place,

we ask Your blessing on our entire parish.

Let this day be a day of grace for all.

With Your help, may we grow in faith and in love.

May we reach out in kindness to all in need, as Jesus
did;

may we reach out in friendship to the lonely,
to those from other lands;

may we reach out in love and in prayer
to the poor of the whole world,
to those in prison,

to those who do not know our loving God.

May Jesus truly live in us,

as He lived in Mary

by the power of Your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Saint Finbarr and all the Saints of Ireland, pray for us.

The Poor Clare Sisters who wrote this prayer will be united with us in Spirit. We invite those who are unable to travel to journey with us by saying this prayer, so that all of us will be united as a community on our Pilgrimage.

Praiseworthy fundraising efforts by students of Mount Mercy

Students took part in the Trócaire Fast again this year and raised €6,800. Their efforts will help greatly in alleviating poverty overseas. Four transition year students organised a charity fundraising lunch at the Maryborough House Hotel in aid of Action Breast Cancer and raised in excess of €20,000. Transition year students have been fundraising for the Hope Foundation since September and the current total stands at €57,500.

Congratulations to fifth year student **Kate Mc Cutcheon** who has been selected to represent Ireland in the International Mathematics Olympiad in Hanoi, Vietnam, in July. Six Irish students will compete against students from around 80 countries. Kate is the third girl to represent Mount Mercy at the International competition. Well done Kate and the best of luck from all at Mount Mercy.

Pastoral Council News

- Plans are now complete and work will commence in June on decoration of porches and upgrading lighting in porches and outside the church.
- The council is examining ways to welcome new parishioners and encourage more parishioners to be involved in parish activities.
- Signs will be displayed in church porches highlighting the hearing-assist loop now in operation in the church.

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