

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
8th July

First Reading
Is 66:10-14

Psalms 65

Second Reading
Gal 6:14-18

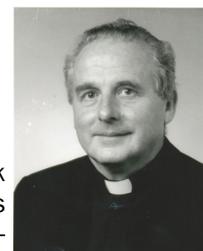
Gospel
Lk 10:1-12,17-20

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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

AWAY AND AT HOME



Hopefully, the June rains have drained the clouds and we can look forward to a July kinder to holidaymakers than much of June has been. One way or the other, the weekend trippers and the longer-term holidaymakers are on the move. May the Lord care for all of us who travel during the summer season to sporting events, concerts, on vacation.

Spare a thought for those at home. I mean the vulnerable ones especially. Summer can be a time when the support systems for the less mobile falter. It may be

- ◇ the neighbour who drops in the daily paper is away.
- ◇ the friend who gives a lift to Sunday Mass goes to West Cork at weekends during the Summer
- ◇ the niece who does the weekly shop is tied down with a houseful of children off school.
- ◇ the chatty friend who phones so often is preoccupied with visitors
- ◇ the student next door who puts out the rubbish and cuts the grass is out of town.

While summertime can be very fulfilling, exciting and enriching for the active and well off, many elderly and housebound people find summertime very restrictive and lonely. They long for the kindness of being remembered and being included.

So each week, at least for July and August, in the middle of our fulfilling schedules, let us think creatively about reaching out to others. Generosity of spirit is an enriching experience for ourselves.

Happy holidays.

Parkway-Leesdale-Greenfields Open Air Mass



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home
or give it to a
friend or
neighbour

After an afternoon of family sports, the Green was still in lovely condition when the neighbours gathered with Dean O'Connor and Fr. Tom Clancy to celebrate Mass on the feast of John the Baptist. "What would John the Baptist say to us if he came here tonight?" the Dean wondered, then reminded us of three important matters of our Faith: to love God and our neighbour, to act justly in all we do and to be truthful.

There was a tangible sense of community and a reverence in the participation even among the many children present, as we prayed with and for each other, our sick neighbours and those who had died since our last open air Mass.

The weather was kind, no wind or rain. The occasion took a lot of planning and goodwill. The Golden family provided the party food for everyone after the Mass and together with Henry Cremin, Mary O'Sullivan, the Browne family and other willing helpers ensured that this beautiful community celebration of the Eucharist was a prayerful and happy occasion for everyone.

Rest in Peace

Sr. Labouré O'Sullivan, St. Columba's Convent, slipped away gently to the Lord on 16th June, dedicated to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, to whom she had great devotion. A native of Fedamore, Co Limerick, she entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1943 and will be remembered for her great work as catering manager at St. Finbarr's and Mercy Hospitals. With her at the end were her sister, Sr. Majella (St. Catherine's) who selflessly attended to her throughout her long illness, her niece Mary and devoted staff of St. Columba's Home who took such great care of her over the last ten years. We extend sincere sympathy to Sr. Majella, to nieces Mary and Catherine, nephews Eddie, Jimmy and Joseph, her community of Mercy Sisters and special friends. She was laid to rest in the Sisters' picturesque new cemetery to the congregational strains of 'Salve Regina'. May she rest in peace.

Michael Burns, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, died on Sunday 17th June following a very brief illness. Michael was a native of Dunkettle, and saw sterling service with the Peace-keeping Battalions of our Irish Army in Lebanon and Cyprus. We extend our sympathy to his wife Carmel, his sons Damian and Christian, his daughters Yvonne and Avril, his brothers Thomas and Finbarr, his sister Bernie, and his many fiends. May he rest in peace.

Matthew Whelan, Woodleigh Park, died at Cork University Hospital on Friday 22nd June. Matt was a native of Waterford city and came to Cork in his teens to study at UCC. He graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering in the mid forties. There too he met and married the love of his life, Maureen, when they both had completed their studies. In common with graduates of the time they emigrated to England where Matt undertook further studies as well as working in his chosen profession. After a few years they returned to Cork and Wodleigh Park when Matt took up a position with Cork County Council. In his professional work he had great concern for the environment - years ahead of his time. Matt was a gentle and modest family man with a sense of decency and Christian values. In his retirement years he loved to revisit the works of Shakespeare and classical music. To his wife Maureen, his daughter Maura, sons John, Declan, Gerard, Barry, his brothers Andy and Paddy, grandchildren, in-laws and relatives, our very sincere sympathy.

Gerald Sheehan, Liam Lynch Park, died peacefully at home early on Wednesday morning 27th June. Even though Gerald had been afflicted with several bouts of illness in recent years, he had battled on bravely until this last illness proved too much for him and he passed away in the loving care of his Mam and sisters in his own home. Gerald lived life to the fullness of his abilities and had many many friends at work in COPE, and in play and prayer in the Faith and Light community. Gerald was very faithful to Mass in Dennehy's Cross where his great friend Fr. Tom welcomed him home and prayed him safely back to God. To his mother Maureen, his brother John, his sisters Mary and Rosarii, and the wider circle of family and friends, we offer our sincere sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sé i gconaí.

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Bible Corner



Now or Never

This week when Tony Blair was handing over leadership to Gordon Brown in Britain and Bertie Ahern was nominating Brian Cowen as his successor, it is unlikely that either of them was conscious that they were following an ancient biblical tradition. It is recounted in this week-end's first reading. The Lord instructs the prophet Elijah to anoint his faithful follower, Elisha as his successor. He did it not by a press release but throwing his cloak over the chosen one.

Elisha wanted time first to put his affairs in order and to say goodbye to the folks at home. Instead, there was an immediate urgency about the call and there was a committed decisiveness needed in the response. Elisha burned his plough. There was no going back.

This vivid exposition is a preparation for the gospel when Jesus highlights that there must be no postponing in responding to God's invitation to be a true follower of his in the here and now of our lives.

Goodness postponed is goodness squandered.

Fr. Tom Clancy

Wilton Gardens

Open Air Area Mass on
Wednesday 4th July at 7.30pm.
All welcome to attend



Notice Board

First Friday

Next Friday 6th July is the First Friday of the month.
Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 6th from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection at all Masses next weekend.

Parish Office

Closed for July and August. Contact number 4344452 for enquiries and Certificates, which are also available in the Sacristy during Mass times.

Parish Bulletin

The Bulletin does not appear over the Summer.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

Peter O'Herlihy, The Ridgeway, on the death of his sister, Margaret O'Keeffe.

Tom Carroll, The Manor, on the death of his father, Benny.

Dick Carroll, Liam Lynch Park, on the death of his sister, Joan Madden.