

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
30th September

First Reading  
Am 6:1,4-7

Psalms 145

Second Reading  
1 Tim 6:11-16

Gospel  
Luke 16:19-31

Ireland's First  
Fairtrade Parish



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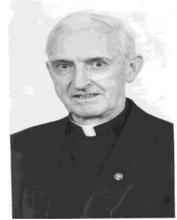
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THE DEAN WRITES

## ARE WE FORGETTING SOMETHING?



The late President, John F Kennedy had a wonderful script writer. No wonder so many of his speeches are still quoted today. Everybody can recall his famous inauguration speech, "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country" - a profoundly Christian sentiment. This is another quote from a less widely remembered speech, "If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labour", taken from Psalms in the Bible. In other words - if we throw the Lord out of our lives we ourselves are the big losers.

In a recent lay publication in the U.S. I found the following, "In the light of recent events - terrorised attacks, schools shootings, etc. I think it all started when Madeline Murray-O'Hare complained she didn't want any prayer in our schools. AND we said OK. (Madeline with a lovely Irish name was subsequently murdered).

Somebody else said, "Better not read the Bible in school either - it might give offence to non-Christians - even though it promotes ideas like 'Love God and love your neighbour' - worse still, it would be discriminatory. AND we said: O.K. drop it now."

Dr. Benjamin Spock said be careful not to discipline your children, it might warp their little personalities. He should know - he is the expert - AND we said O.K. (Dr. Spock's son met a violent death).

The vast majority of people do not consciously exclude God from their lives and behaviour, but in practical terms more and more do.

Another quote:

"The world would be a better place, if people tried to become better people. And people would be better if they stopped trying to be better off at other people's expense. And everybody would be what they ought to be. If everybody tried to be what they want the other person to be."

There's a mouthful to be chewing on for the present. God loves us all. And in the end the Lord is our best and most precious friend.

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or give it to a friend or neighbour

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## Rest in Peace

Michael Murphy, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, died peacefully at the Mercy Hospital on 8th September. A native of Passage, he followed his father into going to sea. He travelled the world with Irish Shipping becoming a Bosun. In that position, his leadership and care for the men in his charge was always evident. This was a quality that blossomed when he came ashore to live with his wife Maeve in the newly built estate on Model Farm Road. Always respectfully attentive to the needs and concerns of his neighbours, he was very active in local community affairs. However, it was his own family that held pride of place in his heart, a love that was fully reciprocated as was fully expressed by Declan at his father's funeral Mass. To his wife Maeve, his daughters Deirdre and Fionnuala, his sons Declan and Liam, their spouses and children, his brother and sisters, a wide circle of family and friends, we offer our sincerest sympathy. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sé.

## Bible Corner



Greed, not need, has established itself as the predominant consideration in deciding how the resources of this world are distributed. This weekend, Amos highlights the not so subtle ways in which the unjust of his own time exploited their unfortunate peers.

Greed is an insidious disease. It invades all our hearts and lives under many disguises. Often it poses as prudence in providing for future emergencies that may never happen. More subtly, it justifies itself on the plea that we need a little more comfort and security as middle age steals over us. More dangerously still, it suggests that as everybody else is looking after their own selfish interests, it must be right and good to do so. Almost unnoticed, money and what it can buy becomes our god and we become idolaters.

Amos condemns the sharp practices that greed nourishes when it is allowed to take root in our daily life style. Like weeds or scutch grass, its eradication is never easy.

Fr. Tom Clancy

P.S. Amos will have a reminder next weekend.

### NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Boys and girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> class upwards are invited to become altar servers. After initial training, the commitment is to serve one Mass on alternate weekends as well as the special occasion, like Holy Week and Christmas. Training takes place in the church on Saturdays, 1.00 to 2.00 pm. beginning on Saturday next, September 29th.

Please contact Mercedes (4544113),  
or Fr. Tom (4347616)



### My God in My Neighbour

#### Parishioners' Thoughts



I find God -

in the beauty and innocence of a two-year-old grand child;  
in the connectedness and mystery of this sharing in His creation;  
in the softness shining in these young eyes;  
in the trust of a small hand held in mine.

With each grandchild comes more love, more delight, more joy.

Thank you, Father, grandchildren truly are "the crown of the aged".

### Notice Board

#### Education of Priests for the Priesthood

The annual collection takes place this weekend at all Masses. Proceeds used to meet diocesan cost of fees at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and post-graduate studies of priests of the diocese.

#### Keys Found

Keychain containing both house and car keys was dropped in the letterbox of a house in Laburnum Lawn early last week (week beginning 3rd September). Keys have been handed into Anglesea Street Garda Station - contact for return.

#### Returning to Education

Courses tailored for Adults who have only a few hours to spare per week are available at Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa - computers, psychology, history, art, social studies, business, human development, cultural studies and English. Open meeting on 24th September, contact Mary at 4961020.

#### Bishopstown Senior Social Centre

Spaces are now available on our weekly computers programme for the petrified on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact Roger at 086-3866975.

#### Bishopstown I.C.A.

Resume meetings on Thursday 27th September at 8.00pm in the SMA Centre, Wilton. All members welcome.

#### Blood Transfusion Board

Thank you to the 126 donors who attended our Blood Donor Clinic in Bishopstown recently.

#### GAM-ANON

Open public meeting at Dominican Centre, Pope's Quay, on Tuesday 25th September at 8.15pm. All welcome. Help for people affected by someone's gambling.

#### Children in Hospital

Volunteers needed to organise play activities for sick children in the Mercy Hospital and CUH. Volunteers should be over 18 years of age, enthusiastic, caring and reliable, and have two hours a week to spare, either morning or afternoon. Contact 1890 252682, email: info@childreninhospital.ie.

#### Monkstown Heritage Flower Festival

At Sacred Heart Church, Monkstown, 29th-30th September, in aid of Church Restoration Fund. Public viewing on 29th from 11 to 5.30pm, Sunday 10.00 to 5.00pm. Donation €10 includes programme, tea/coffee. Plant stall and 'unwanted gifts' stall. Festival contact: 087-2920689.