

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
7th October

First Reading
Hab 1:2-3m2L2-4

Psalms 94

Second Reading
Tim 1:6-8,13-14

Gospel
Luke 17:5-10

FAREWELL



They say all good things must come to an end, and so it is true for me. The clerical changes being announced this weekend call me to move to pastures new. As with any change in life I come to it with mixed emotions – sad at leaving a place where I have been very happy and anticipating new challenges in Clogheen, and continuing in my role as Director of Liturgy for the Diocese.

In my work in the area of liturgy I am constantly striving to help people in parishes to that “full, conscious and active participation” which the Second Vatican Council desired. I have really sensed and experienced that sense of ownership and involvement in liturgy here. It had been truly wonderful and uplifting to preside with you at the Eucharist and to share other moments of prayer together. I have found these times most rewarding and enriching and I will always be grateful to you for that. I will miss sharing Eucharist with you!

I will also miss your friendship and support as I will that of my dear friend the Dean and Fr. Tom who has been a great mentor to me in my work and studies. I wish them health and continued prayer-filled blessings.

May God always hold you in the palm of his hand. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire and energize you. May the Lord of life be your hope and peace.

Slán agus beannacht!

Fr. Christy Fitzgerald

Ireland's First
Fairtrade Parish



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

*What do you know about your parish?
Do you have constructive ideas to share?
Whether you have lived here for 40 years
or 40 days you are welcome to the*

PARISH MEETING

in the Crypt at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, 1st OCTOBER

Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday, 5th October is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 5th October, from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday, 4th October at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection at Masses next weekend.

Cork Mended Hearts

The 23rd Annual Thanksgiving and Remembrance Mass organised by the surgical heart patients' association, will take place on Wednesday 10th October in CUH Chapel at 7.30p.m. Celebrant: Fr. Charlie Kiely; homily: Fr. James Good; soloist: Stephen O'Connor.

Self Help Health

Learn techniques for coping with depression, fears, panics, phobias, anxiety, at RECOVERY meetings, on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Capuchin Friary, Holy Trinity Church, Fr. Mathew Quay. All are welcome.

Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh

Parents/guardians of prospective entrants to the school in 2008 are cordially invited to the college on Wednesday 7th November, 7.00 to 8.30pm to take a tour of the school, view its facilities and meet teachers and pupils. At 8.00pm the Principal will give a broad outline of the philosophy of the school and its curriculum.

Foróige

Volunteers needed to become a Big Brother or Big Sister! This is a fantastic new volunteering opportunity for people who want to make a difference in a young person's life. The programme is about laughter, learning, friendship and most importantly, fun! The programme is open to adults who have 1-2 hours a week to share with a young person. Initial training and ongoing support is provided for volunteers. For more information, contact Brenda at 086 8513347 or Susan at 086 0412946.

MABS Helpline

For many years MABS (Money Advice and Budgeting Services) have been working to alleviate the problems of those unfortunate enough to incur personal financial difficulties. It is a confidential non-judgmental independent service. Contact number: 1890 283438.

My Favourite Plants

An evening of garden entertainment with Charlie Wilkins at 8pm sharp on Wednesday 10th October at Silversprings Moran Hotel. Adm. €10 in aid of Our Lady Crowned Church renovation fund.

Table Quiz

Upstairs in Flannery's Bar on Thursday 4th October, at 8.00pm sharp in aid of permanently disabled rugby players. Table €40.

Bible Corner



One of Ourselves

Concern for one's own people is a very strong characteristic among us. So, Dives, the hapless rich man in today's gospel story, could well have been from this part of the country. Even when all was lost for himself, he was anxious to see his brothers fixed up better than he had been. He had failed to take even his obvious opportunities to help the needy and his indifference had deprived him of the possibility of sharing heaven with his less fortunate neighbours. To protect the brothers from a similar fate, he pleaded with Abraham to send a messenger from the dead to warn them. The reply was stark. If people choose not to listen to God's message and his messengers, they will not heed even one who rises from the dead.

Jesus was foretelling his own resurrection and pointing out that despite even this climax to his miracles, many would refuse to believe or to live according to his message. It is a common danger that we only hear what suits us and that we block out anything that questions our comfort or our complacency.

In all our lives there are Dives situations where we choose to ignore even the most obvious of gospel challenges. Today is an invitation to look again at the Lazarus on our doorstep.

Fr. Tom Clancy

People in Need Telethon

A sale of work will be held in the Crypt on Saturday 6th October between 1.00 and 4.00pm. Tea/coffee and scones will be served, and cakes, plants, bric-a-brac will be on sale.

A raffle will be held for excellent prizes and we will have an exciting side show.

So come on everybody and make this a memorable community event.

My God in My Everyday



Parishioners' Thoughts

I Find God in Music

For me, there are but few moments when music reveals the divine.

Usually, it is an unexpected encounter.

On occasion, it is in the tears of bereavement where music bares the soul to the healing presence of God.

Sometimes it is the happy and innocent rendition of a tune by my child on the feadóg and the wonderment of it all.

Either way, music is the meeting place.

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