

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
4th November:

First Reading:  
Wis 11:22-12:2;

Psalm 144;

Second Reading  
2 Thess 1:11-2:2;

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

## *The Dean writes*

### NOVEMBER

### ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS



One of the better decisions I made during my lifetime was to buy a grave exactly forty years ago. Not that I was eager or impatient to get into it, mind you, but I knew it would come in handy some day - and the grave was going as a special offer at the time - £3.00.

Now I wouldn't wish anybody who reads this Bulletin to go around moping about dying, or waiting for death to turn up. But at the same time we know that the person who tries to push aside the reality of death for themselves personally is likely to make a poor job of life. We like to think that our own death is something that comes with extreme old age - when death is natural, like a ripe apple falling off a tree. The reality can be quite different.

We all know people who are very close and dear to us and have gone before us to Heaven. This coming week, and month, is a time to remember. It's a time to thank God for the encouragement, and example, and love they gave us. Thursday next is the feast of All Saints, all the wonderful people we ourselves have known, and are now enjoying the rewards of their goodness in Heaven.

It is a time to remember prayerfully too those who may be waiting to enjoy the fullness of God's love in the next life - and need our prayers. Our Novena for all our departed loved ones starts on Friday next 2nd November and goes on until Saturday 10th. We have an extra Evening Mass during those days, so why not join us in praying together for them. They will take good care of us when our turn comes.

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## *Cemetery Prayers and Blessings in November*

St. Oliver's: Saturday 3rd, Mass at 2.00pm.  
St. Finbarr's: Sunday 4th, prayers at 3.00pm.  
St. James's: Sunday 4th, prayers at 3.00pm.  
St. Joseph's: Sunday 4th, prayers at 2.30pm.

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## *All Saints - Friends in Heaven*

Next Thursday 1st November is the feast of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.30 pm. Masses on Thursday at 9.00, 10.30 and 7.30pm.

## *Holy Souls*

Commemoration of the faithful departed is on Friday 2nd. Each priest will start a Novena of Masses (2nd to 10th) for all the dead on our November list. A reminder that envelopes and prayer cards are available in the church. Please place completed envelope in the box at the altar rails before Friday. Masses during novena will be at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 pm. except Saturdays when evening Mass is at 6.15pm.

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## Rest in Peace

**Sister Norrie O'Sullivan** died suddenly on 3rd October in CUH after emergency surgery. She was in her 96<sup>th</sup> year and had relatively good health over those years. She lived and worked in Malaysia, Rome, England and Dublin before she finally found a retirement ministry in bringing sunshine into the lives of senior citizens in the town of Tralee and beyond. She had a great interest in people and maintained contact with her friends over many years. She was the fourth of a family of eleven and all were blessed with creative gifts of music, song and story. Her sister, Sister Nellie, enabled her to keep active and well as they enjoyed almost 20 years living in the same community. We extend deep sympathy to Nellie and her close family who enjoyed her special way of communicating what life is all about.

**Sister Raphael Moore** died peacefully in St. Joseph's on the feast of the Holy Rosary, 7th October. She taught in Drishane for many years and was well known in the town of Millstreet, as she was among the group of Sisters who relocated from Drishane to Millstreet Town in 1992. Raphael had to cope with the loss of her parents, only brother and sister from an early age and this was a very trying time for her. She also had to live with partial sight for many years. Her great love for the Institute and for our Founder, Nicolas Barre, sustained her during these times and especially in the last month of her very painful illness. The following quotation from our Founder sums up Raphael's life: "Lord, I want nothing more. I desire nothing more only to be ready to desire what you desire and as you desire it."



## NOTICE BOARD

### First Friday:

Next Friday 2nd November is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society

Meeting next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Centre at 3.00pm.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection at all Masses next weekend.

### Thank You

The Hospice Coffee Morning at St. Joseph's was well attended and supported by many of our neighbours and parish. Thank you sincerely. €500 was raised and the Hospice Committee at Marymount express gratitude to you all.

### Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh

Parents/guardians of prospective pupils in 2008 are invited to the college on 7th November, 7-8.30pm to meet teachers and pupils. At 8pm the Principal will give a broad outline of the philosophy and curriculum of the school.

### A Life in the Spirit

Weekend seminar in Myross Wood Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th November. Details from Gay Adams at 087-6808575.

## Bible Corner

### Begging or Bargaining



There are semi-professional beggars who make begging a lucrative way of life by intimidating or conning the naïve and, oftentimes, the less well off to part with their money. They may even offer an attractive if doubtful bargain in exchange. Such operators need to be exposed.

Then, there are those who are in genuine need. They may have drawn the short straw in life. Family support may have been lacking early on. Illness, addiction, unemployment, broken relationships, a once off mistake may have left them stranded when the Celtic Tiger lifted many boats. They sometimes need unconditional, ongoing support from the wider family. They have nothing to bargain with. They are dependent on our generosity, our care and our love. Genuine love gives the beggar and the giver equal dignity.

It is a bit like where we stand with our God. We are like the man at the back of the Temple in this weekend's gospel. Nothing much to bargain with, we are beggars totally dependent on God's love. Such is our privileged dignity to be shared with those who beg from us.

Fr. Tom Clancy



## My God in My Everyday

### Parishioners' Thoughts

#### I Find God in Grandparents

The strong reassuring hugs as they collect the young at the school gate....

The calm listener as the adolescent searches for their moral code...

The wise and generous teachers, who share their knowledge and wisdom without any expectation, but hope, that their example will be followed.



### Golden Anniversary

Congratulations to Finbarr and Eithne O'Halloran who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently

## St. Catherine's News

Our Mercy Day celebration this year focused on fairness and making the world a better place for all. Fair Trade products were displayed, following a study of the issues in every class. Older children pledged to raise awareness at home, and to ask for Fair Trade chocolate when they shop for treats.

The theme of the annual school Mass was Mission. As October is Mission Month we thought and prayed about spreading Jesus' message in the first place among those whom we meet every day, and prayed also for those who spread the word of God in the wider world.

Our Green Flag committee has representatives from all classes 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, as well as teachers, parents and ancillary staff. We would welcome an involvement or contribution from our local community. If you have any ideas about how we might improve the environment around the school, we would like to hear from you at [stcathns@iol.ie](mailto:stcathns@iol.ie) or 0214546868.