

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

11th November 2007

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
18th November

First Reading  
Mal 3:19-20

Psalms 97

Second Reading  
2 Thess 3:7-12

Gospel  
Lk 21:5-19

*Our Parish Priest writes:*



## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Next year 2008, we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady at Lourdes. Many pilgrimages will be organised from all parts of the world. The Annual Cork and Ross Pilgrimage will take place from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> June, as it does every year. Perhaps, it would be nice for parishioners from the Parish of Ballineaspaig to join in the pilgrimage next year, 2008.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, 1854, Pope Pius IX declared the Immaculate Conception to be a dogma of faith. It meant that the Blessed Virgin Mary had been conceived without original sin and was full of grace, because she was to be the Mother of Jesus. This teaching was not accepted very favourably and gave rise to much criticism and objections. So what happened next is interesting. The Blessed Virgin herself appeared at the Grotto in Lourdes to Bernadette and said: "I am the Immaculate Conception".

Bernadette, at that time, was like Mary when the Angel Gabriel came to tell her that she was to be the Mother of Jesus. She was very poor. She was a miller's daughter whose father lived in poverty. Despite his hard work as a miller her father was reduced to the most desperate poverty. He could not relieve his family from hunger and pay the rent for the mill. For this reason, he was forced to give up the mill and live in an old jail.

11<sup>th</sup> of February 1858 was the Thursday before Shrove Tuesday. There was real poverty in the Soubirous home. Bernadette, her young sister Antoinette, and their friend Jeanne Abadie went out to pick some sticks and bones for the fire in a wood down by a cave (now the Grotto). Bernadette, because of her poor health, could not cross the stream. While the others crossed over Bernadette waited. While there, she heard a noise like a gust of wind. She looked up and saw a woman dressed in white with a light blue sash. There was a Rosary beads on her arm and a yellow rose on each foot.

The lady said to Bernadette: "Will you do me a kindness of coming here daily fifteen times in a row?" Bernadette promised and the Lady said: "I am not promising you happiness in this world but in the next.

About 1600 people were present at the Grotto for the 13<sup>th</sup> Apparition. The Lady said to Bernadette:

1. Go to the priests and tell them I wish to have a chapel built.
2. I want a procession to come here.

The chapel was built and the pilgrimages and procession have taken place ever since. Perhaps we the people of the Parish of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, will go on Pilgrimage and procession this coming 2008.

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## Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Our traditional Mass for parishioners who died since November 2006 will be celebrated on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Families and friends of the bereaved are invited to attend. During Mass, as each name is called, a family member will be invited to bring a lighted candle to our November shrine. All parishioners are invited.

## Notice Board

### Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

### Pastoral Council

Meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre at 8.15pm.

### Marriage Counselling Services

The annual collection will take place at all Masses next weekend. CMCC provides a range of marriage-care services as profiled in last week's bulletin, and this collection helps fund these services.

### Faith Development Programme

A series of talks will take place in Brú Columbanus (next to the SMA Church, Wilton) during November and December commencing on 21<sup>st</sup> November with "The Eucharist - to feed us on our way". The speaker will be Rev. Dr. James Good. All talks will be at 8.00pm and admission is free. Members of the public are very welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.

### Alzheimer Association

Carers' meeting will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 3.00-4.30pm. at Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock. All welcome. Contact No. 4972504.

### Vacancy

Wanted caretaker/cleaner at Wilton Park House, must be eligible for CE-Scheme. For further details please contact 087-2565481/4874945 or 4545790 and mention Fás.

### Bishopstown Community School

Open night on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Tour of school from 7.30-8.30. Principal's address at 8.30pm. Prospective students and their parents are welcome. Enrolment forms available from school. Contact 4544311.

**Meals on Wheels in Bishopstown Urgently** needs volunteers, both drivers and cooks to maintain the current level of service to recipients, otherwise deliveries may need to be curtailed. The commitment for cooks is just 2 hours one day every three weeks, and 2 hours for four days every three months for drivers. The demand for the service is growing daily but we do need people to volunteer their time. Please contact Pat Harrington 4545790/Sheila O'Brien 4343575.

## Bible Corner



### Cost of Fidelity

The Hebrew people learned again and again in their history that there is no such thing as cheap love. They were God's chosen people, but it was a privilege that came at great cost. This weekend's dramatic story in the first reading shows the cost of this fidelity.

Once more, the Hebrew homeland is overrun by a powerful military force whose leaders grow more autocratic with every battle won. They now wish to control not only the territory but the minds, hearts and religion of the vanquished.

They reckoned without the Maccabee brothers and more crucially, their mother. She was some woman, inspiring her sons to accept martyrdom rather than worship false gods by eating meat sacrificed to idols. Even before the resurrection of Jesus, she had some glimpse that the good God she believed in would not abandon his people in death, but would reunite them with himself in a future life.

This hope inspired her fidelity and that of her sons. It is a hope that Jesus develops in this weekend's gospel.

Fr. Tom Clancy



## My God in My Everyday

### Parishioners' Thoughts

#### I Find God in my Garden

I sense God's presence in my garden each day. The richness of the soil, the warmth of the sun, the gentle fall of rain - all encouraging growth of vegetables and flowers, giving sustenance and beauty to God's people.

### Planned Development at Maxol Garage

A meeting will take place in the crypt of the Church of the Holy Spirit on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm to discuss the planning application by Maxol Garage, Glasheen Road, for proposed development which includes an off licence facility and take-away food. This will impact on residents in the Wilton Road, Liam Lynch Park, Casement Park, Wilton Lawn and Glasheen Road area.