

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
2nd December

First Reading
Is 2:1-5

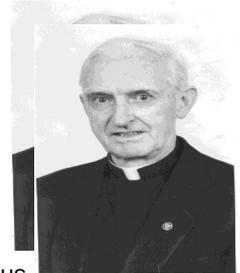
Psalms 121

Second Reading
Rom 13:11-14

Gospel
Mt 24:37-44

The Dean writes

BLESSED ARE THE GENTLE



On the feast of All Saints, 1st November, we had the words of Jesus in the Eight Beatitudes read for us in the gospel of that day. The second of the Beatitudes has kept rumbling in my mind ever since: "Happy are the gentle, they shall have the earth for their heritage." The trouble is we live in a world where the prevailing culture is one of anger, aggressiveness, and confrontation. Recently we had the awful example of a schoolboy in Finland shooting dead eight people in his own school - and for no apparent reason. Naturally enough everybody was horrified. But crudity and vulgarity in our everyday language is feeding this mentality. We have it on the airways, the soaps, and the plays as presented. We have it among supporters at matches, and even with youngsters kicking ball around the footpath.

People say they are just reflecting life as it is. But why must we ape vulgarity all the time. Before Hitler started his awful programme of persecuting against the Jews he got his followers to daub Jewish shops with crude slogans. Belsen and Auschwitz were made to look acceptable ways of treating these people later.

That great non-violent black leader in the United States, Martin Luther King, said that language shapes attitudes - and so it does - it colours values. There is a whole vital area of intimate language which lifts us from the culture where foul language is too often the preferred way of expressing our feelings. If you are young, don't sell yourself short. You have so much going for you - things you need to put words on, the right words, your words, not tired old empty coarse words that rumble like empty barrels. There is more to you than that.

We can all make a difference - and we should.

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Fairtrade Christmas Fair



There will be a Christmas Fair in the Crypt, following the 6.15pm mass on Saturday 1st December, and following the 9am and 10.30 masses on Sunday 2nd December. A wide range of goods, gifts, foods and ingredients for Christmas baking will be on display and available for sale.

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or neighbour

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Notice Board

'Feed My Lambs'

A talk on bringing the Christian message to our youth will be given by Rev. Fr. Stephen Cummins at Brú Columbanus on Wednesday 28th November, at 8.00pm.. Admission is free and members of the public are very welcome to attend.

Invitation to an Afternoon of Prayer for Young Women

Have you thought about looking for space and time to think and reflect? Would you like the support of others as you pray? Are you searching for meaning and direction in life? You are invited to come and join other young women during Advent in an Afternoon of Prayer on Sunday 9th December, from 3pm to 6.00pm. Venue: Ursuline Convent, Blackrock. For information, please contact Jean on 087 9391669 or email irishursulines@eircom.net

Twilight Retreat - Candles and Cushions!

Would you like to spend time in preparation for Christmas? You are welcome to join with other young adults in the Honan Chapel, UCC, on Wednesday 28th November from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome. For further information contact: Chaplaincy UCC 021 44902700.

Find Your Voice.

For better listening, thinking & speaking why not join the Crusaders, A Toastmasters Club. Meetings every 2nd Wednesday, 7.45 pm. For details call (087) 680 8488 or visit www.crusaders.ie

Ministers of the Eucharist

New rota is available on the altar this weekend. Please take your named copy.

Ministers of the Word

New rota is available on the altar rails this weekend. Please take your named copy.

Bible Corner

A LEADER IN PEACE



Divided nations, partitioned countries, separated peoples are nothing new to human history. Violence has been tried as a solution and found wanting, not least in our own island. Sometimes people come together in trust to bridge the divisions. This weekend, we are reminded of one such healing reunion in the first Reading.

The twelve tribes of the Jews had split ten against two, Israel against Juda. All the bitterness of a long family feud was there. For years, there was no yielding. Unexpectedly, under David, the man of God, peace was restored.

Our world needs peace on every front. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, had given the standards, the values, the guidelines by which peace must be built. As we honour Christ Our King, we ask God's blessing on our Irish peacekeeping forces throughout the world.

Fr. Tom Clancy



My God in My Everyday

Parishioners' Thoughts

I find God in caring for Others

In our world of constantly changing values, my faith in Jesus challenges and inspires me to reach out in love to those in need. I meet the Risen Christ in each person I serve. His light shines through them to me.

DECEMBER EVENTS IN CHURCH

Preliminary Checklist

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| Dec 4th (Tues) | 7.30pm. Bishopstown Credit Union 40th anniversary Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. |
| Dec.7th (Fri) | First Friday Exposition. Masses 9.00, 10.00, 7.30pm (Vigil for feast of the Immaculate Conception) |
| Dec. 8th (Sat) | Feast of Immaculate Conception. Mass 9.00, 10.30, 6.15 (Sunday Vigil Mass) |
| Dec 9th (Sun) | 12.15pm. Family Gift Mass. Children bring a gift for the poor (non perishable food only). 7.00pm. Advent Carol Service |
| Dec 10th (Mon) | 3.00pm. Preliminary gathering of schoolchildren who wish to take part in the children's Mass on Christmas Eve. |
| Dec. 18th (Tues) | 7.00pm. St. Catherine's School Christmas Pageant. |
| Dec. 23rd (Sun). | 5.00pm. Parish Reconciliation Service. |
| Christmas Eve | 6.15pm. Children's Mass. Midnight Mass |
| Christmas Day | Masses 9.00, 10.30 and 12.15pm |
| St. Stephen's Day | Mass 10.00am. |