

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Our Parish Priest writes



## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
27<sup>th</sup> January

First Reading: Is 8:23-9-3

Psalm 26

Second Reading:  
1 Cor 1:10-13,17

Gospel: Mt 4:12-23

## LOURDES JUBILEE 2008

The history of Lourdes is written each day. It is not a legend of bygone days. One hundred and fifty years after the apparitions we must give thanks for all the graces received and open wide the gate of the sanctuary of our hearts. The Jubilee started on the 8th December 2007 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary and lasts up to the 8th December 2008.

Six million people come to Lourdes each year. They do not come to see a tourist site. There are better places in France. They come because Lourdes is different. It is a place where the Christian is free to practise his or her faith, a place where the smallest has a right to stay, a place where the sick and handicapped have a place of honour, a place of prayer, a place which children and young people find "super", a place open to all whatever their beliefs. Our Lady said: "Come drink at the spring and wash yourself."

11th February: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is the anniversary of the first Apparition and World Day of the Sick. This date, which is the day of the first meeting of Bernadette with the Virgin Mary, also marks the sixteenth world day of the sick. Society still finds it more difficult to accept handicapped people as opposed to the sick. Not so in Lourdes. The handicapped have a place of honour.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

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## Cork and Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes

11th to 16th June

Booking forms are available in the parish office,

Monday to Friday, 10.00 to 12.30pm.

Forty rooms have been reserved for parishioners at

Hotel St. Sauveur, cost €689 incl.

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## Rest in Peace

**Fergus J. O'Sullivan**, Cherrygrove, Model Farm Road, died peacefully at C.U.H. on Christmas morning 2007, after a challenging illness bravely borne, cared for by dedicated staff, loving family and friends. The varied tapestry of Fergus's all too short life was woven from many strands, especially family, friends, sport, music, hospitality, as was so lovingly outlined by his sister Margaret at his funeral. Another highlight of the funeral Mass was the beautiful opening music played by his beloved children, Sorcha, Eibhlin and Fergus. It would have given Fergus himself so much joy as would the presence of so many friends from his life in London as well as in Cork. We offer our sincerest sympathies to his children, their mother Deirdre, his mother Kitty, brothers and sisters - Kerry, Mary, Dolores, Michael, Eileen, Rita, Aisling, Colm and Margaret, and to extended family and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

**Tom Buckley**, Regency Close, Model Farm Road, died at his home on Saturday 5th January. Tom had been in failing health for some time, but continued to live life to the full in spite of his illness. He had built an extensive Electrical business over the years, known as CEI (Cork) Ltd. His colleagues in the business paid him a moving and unusual tribute in an advert. in the Irish Examiner on the day of his funeral. We too extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Evelyn, his family Neil, Siobhán and Oonagh, his grandchildren, sisters and brothers, especially Fr. Derry who is ministering in faraway Kenya, and was unable to attend because of the civil unrest in that part of Africa at the time.

**Mrs. Alice Clarke**, Bishopstown Avenue, died peacefully at home on Sunday 6th January, Feast of the Epiphany. Alice was a native of Bantry, where her family were prominent business people in the town. She was married to Gerald who predeceased her many years ago - as also by her son Fr. Bill Clark, a highly respected and loved priest at St. Vincent's, Sunday's Well. We extend the sympathy of our community to her family, Charles who resided with her, Neill (Bantry), Peter and Alice Browne, and to her grandchildren. Alice returned to Bantry for her Requiem Mass and funeral. May her dear soul rest in peace.

## In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Jack FitzGerald**, Kenley Drive, on the recent death of his brother Joe, in Dublin.

To **Mary McInerney**, Wilton Gardens, on the death of her brother, Leslie Scott.

To Donal Shanahan, Kenley Drive, on the death of his mother, Peggy.

## Pastoral Council

At our recent meeting, the members of the Pastoral Council complimented and thanked the priests and the various groups and ministries who contributed to the many church services at Christmas time.

For all those who attended it was a very enriching and faith-filled celebration of Christ's Birth.

## Bible Corner

### WITNESS 2008



Again and again, in their efforts to bring criminals to justice, Gardaí are frustrated by the lack of witnesses. People who have seen a crime committed may refuse to give evidence either out of fear or ill will. Without reliable witnesses, there is no progress towards justice. Sometimes a witness protection scheme helps overcome the fear.

To be an effective witness, one must have experienced the event and one must be prepared to go public. This weekend's readings highlight the need God has for witnesses. God's call to us is not only to experience his love in prayer, important though that is, but we must be prepared to be public witnesses to the action of God in our lives.

Isaiah challenges us to be a light of hopeful peace by working for justice in our unfair world. Paul emphasises our privileged calling to be saints while the gospel gives us John the Baptist witnessing to Jesus as Son of God. It can be a risky business to follow John's example and stand up for the values of Jesus. There is no witness protection scheme other than trusting in the Lord.

"May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace."

Fr. Tom Clancy

## Notice Board

### Senior Citizens Party

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February in the SMA Hall, Wilton, at 8.00pm. organised by Bishopstown Lions Club. Music, dancing, refreshments provided. Everyone welcome - no charge.

### Study Theology from Home

Spend time learning more about the Faith, take up the study of theology through distance learning, either for its own sake or for a degree. The Priory Institute, under the care of the Dominicans, is offering a programme of theology especially for lay people, with a network of student support services spread all around the country. For further details contact 01-4048217 or email: [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com)

### Brú Columbanus

A church gate collection will take place on 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> January to help maintain the accommodation provided for families of critically ill persons who are patients of local hospitals. Please support.

### Citizens Information Service

Is part of a national network delivering a free, confidential and impartial information, advice and advocacy service to the public on their rights and entitlements. A new clinic has been set up in Bishopstown and will operate from the Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 10.00 am to 1.30pm. No appointment necessary.



### Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next 23rd January at 3pm in the crypt of our church, when Jean Olden will give the recital, and everybody is welcome to attend.