

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

10th February 2008

First Sunday of Lent

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
17th February

First Reading  
Gen 12:1-4

Psalm 32

Second Reading:  
2 Tim 1:8-10

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

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Fr. Tom writes

## A 90 DAY SEARCH



The arrival of Lent is an invitation to set out on a ninety day search for faith and love. The forty days of Lent are an opportunity to become more familiar with the life and teaching of Jesus, nurturing our faith as we approach the celebration of Easter. Lent is a time to make daily space for Jesus to lead us in his ways.

The post Easter fifty days are filled with the experience of the spirit of God's love in the story of the early church. It is a vibrant story of groups of believers gathering fruitfully to give ongoing thanks, to share the Eucharist and to care for those in need. It is marked by a contagious enthusiasm that inspires commitment.

These ninety days in 2008 are an opportunity to come to deepening friendship with Jesus. Such friendship needs the contact that quiet daily prayer provides. Knowledge on its own will never nurture this friendship. It needs to be nourished by a spiritual imagination awakened by the spirit. Friendship gives the energy and the loyalty that enables us to remain faithful and fruitful through the ups and downs of life. Friendship gives us the self confidence to entrust ourselves to Jesus and follow the deepest yearnings of our hearts.

Do not postpone joining the exploration. The ninety day opportunity will never come again for some. Be faithful and tuned to it each day. Each weekend, the readings and the homily are a chance to come to know new dimensions of the life and teaching of Jesus. The Eucharist is a key way in which God touches our hearts if only we allow him.

Bí linn each weekend for the 90 days and come with a faith companion to find the treasure together.

Fr. Tom

## Trócaire Boxes

will be distributed at Mass this weekend and can be returned Holy Week. Your continuing generous support makes a huge difference in so many places.

Thank you.

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## Notice Board

### Bulletins to Homes

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

### Pastoral Council

Monthly meeting this Monday 11th at 8.15pm in Parish Centre.

### Parish Website

Groups featuring in current entries on Website may wish to correct/update or add to their entries. If so, please hand in/or post written notice to Parish Office as soon as possible as the Website is being updated. [www.dennehycrossparish.ie](http://www.dennehycrossparish.ie)

### Love and Lyrics

Opera 2005 presents Arias, Songs and Duets with Baritone Panos Tsikos, Soprano Celine Byrne, Ronda Dullea, Piano and Mary Curtin Presenter, at UCC Aula Maxima on Sunday 10th February at 7.30pm. Tickets €20 from Pro Musica (4271659) and Opera 2005 (4215180).

### Diabetes Public Meeting

At the Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road, on Sunday 17th February at 2.30pm. Speaker Ms. Liz Kirby, Diabetes Federation of Ireland. All are welcome and admission is free.

### Alzheimer's Society

Carers' Support Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th February from 3.00 to 4.30pm at Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock. Tel. 4972504. All welcome.

### Gala Concert

Bishopstown & District Lions Club present Regina Nathan, Louise O'Sullivan, Breffni Horgan, Frank Buckley, Frances Kelleher, with Opera Cork and City of Cork Male Voice Choir at the Church of the Real Presence on Sunday 17th February at 8pm. Tickets €20 in aid of St. Gabriel's Special School, Murphy's Farm, can be purchased at the door on the night. For your comfort we suggest that you bring a cushion.

**This Lent Trócaire's** campaign highlights how the developing world is struggling to cope with changes in the climate. Global warming impacts on every one of us, but the effects are not felt equally and people living in poverty are bearing the brunt. It's time the world's poorest people got the support they need to help them cope with global warming.

## In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Irene O'Sullivan**, Laburnum Park, on the death of her sister, Jeanne Maguire.

## Bible Corner



### PASSING THE BUCK

Despite adversity from outside and ambitions within themselves, the Hebrew people remained very conscious of God as creator of the human family, and very aware that their relationship to Him was a central part of their identity and ongoing history. To keep this realisation of mind and heart alive, they developed folk memories to carry essential truths forward from one generation to the next. In time, some of these early stories were distilled and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit came to be written down as what we call the Book of Genesis.

One of the best known of these stories is our first reading this weekend. Its origin was in the early Hebrew attempts to understand their own lapses in obedience to a creator who was so good to them. Of course, they tried to off-load the blame.

A good early Lenten resolution would be to take responsibility ourselves for what we do and what we fail to do. What are you off for Lent? Passing the Buck.

Fr. Tom



### LENTEN CORNER

Having created a 'Sacred Space' in our homes, as suggested in last week's bulletin, this week we will add to it either a small bottle of water or a little bowl of rice. When we light the candle, we pray for the people in Kenya who this year are the focus of the Trócaire campaign.

Lord, open our hearts to the needs of others.  
Grant justice and peace to all our  
brothers and sisters who suffer inequality,  
poverty and hunger in many parts of the world.

### DO YOU KNOW ?

According to the Code of Canon Law 919, the elderly, those who suffer from illness, and those who care for them, may receive Holy Communion even if in the preceding hour they have eaten.

How happy are the poor in spirit:  
Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.