

Ballineaspai Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

6th April 2008

Third Sunday of Easter

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
13th April

First Reading
Acts 2:14,36-41

Psalms 22

Second Reading
1 Pet 2:20-25

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

FR. TOM WRITES

RESURRECTION TIME



The essential core being of a Christian is to believe that the man from Nazareth, Jesus Christ, is the son of God and son of Mary who rose from the dead on what we call the first Easter Day. This belief both unites us and distinguishes us. It is what unites into one family all who claim to be followers of Jesus. Belief in the Resurrection is our identity badge. It is what distinguishes us from the other two great religious traditions, Judaism and Islam, who regard Jesus very highly but only as a great prophet and not as the divine one whose resurrection is central for us.

The Resurrection of Jesus released the power of God's spirit to allow us to be loved by God and by one another with the very same spirit of life that binds the Father, Son and Spirit together.

The sacrament of Baptism is the focusing of this spirit of God in each of us and among us. The power of this spirit can permeate every aspect of our lives. It enables us to live through love in God's presence. A key expression of that love is our spirit of forgiveness. Did you notice that, apart from the women who remained faithful to him, the first person Jesus appeared to after the resurrection was Peter? Peter was the one who had protested such loyalty and then lost his nerve when a little girl challenged him. Then Jesus appeared to the apostles, all of whom except John had deserted him. The Risen Jesus assured them that despite their failure, he still loved them. No betrayal of theirs would undermine his loving friendship with them. He even staged a special occasion to reassure doubting Thomas.

At this Easter time, his reassurance to each of us is the same. Why are we so slow to accept such friendship? Why are we afraid to risk living it? Give me your hand. Doubt, no longer, but believe. I surely will, Lord.

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begins this weekend.
Boxes of envelopes can be collected in the Parish
Centre after Masses this weekend.

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Rest in Peace

Sister Conrad Irwin died after a short illness at St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road, on 15th March where she lived for 17 years. When she recovered from a serious health condition she enjoyed her independence and could visit old friends and relatives in the Victoria Cross area and recall memories of her youth. She was born in 1917 and the many changes in society over that span of time presented Sr. Conrad with many challenges which she overcame. Her early years were spent in the South of England where she taught in the private and public school system. In retirement she continued to teach in Drishane and this fresh beginning must not have been easy. Her relatives, friends and staff from either side of the water have expressed sympathy and prayers at her death. Her community and the staff miss her presence within the household as well as keeping them informed of the events from the daily newspapers. Our gratitude to the clergy of the parish and her friends who joined us for the funeral Mass.

Please pray for the soul of **Humphrey Keating**, who passed away on March 20th. Humphrey, from the Model Farm Road, had a strong devotion to The Sacred Heart and often popped into the church on his way home from work to light a candle. A kind and outgoing person Humphrey always made time to chat to others and will be most remembered for the kindness he showed other people. We have lost not only one of life's real characters but also a deeply religious man whose faith was hugely important to him. We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife, Mai, and daughters Clodagh and Bláithin.

TODAY

What will today bring?
New hopes and new fears.
Today is a gift, enjoy it.
Today is precious, may I treat it with care.
Today is a challenge, may I accept it.



**“As the Father sent me,
So am I sending you.”**

The Annual Vocations Information Day

for priesthood in the Diocese of Cork and Ross will be held at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Montenotte, on Saturday 12th April between 11.00am and 5.00pm.

This Information Day provides an opportunity for those who may be considering a vocation to priesthood in the Diocese to explore the issue further and pose questions that they may have. There is no need to book in advance and all those who may be considering a vocation to priesthood are welcome.

Further information may be obtained from Fr. Bertie O'Mahony, PP, Carrigaline, tel. 4371684, or Fr. Tom Deenihan at the Diocesan Offices, tel. 4301717.



Our young parishioners enacting the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Concert in Aid of Edel House

On Saturday 12th April, in the Sacred Heart Church, at 7.30pm, featuring The Callander Chorale joined by Cork Airport Singers. Tickets available at the door - €10 for adults, €5 children and OAPs.

CONFIRMED IN THE SPIRIT



Fifty girls from St. Catherine's School committed themselves to being active members of the Church for life at our parish Confirmation ceremony last Thursday.

It was a joyful and happy occasion for the girls themselves, their families, teachers, priests. The chief celebrant was Bishop John Buckley. Patrick Killeen coordinated the beautiful musical input of singing, organ and violins.

The party provided in the crypt afterwards by the Parents Committee was deeply appreciated by one and all.

We wish the girls themselves every blessing.