

Ballineaspai Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
4th May

First Reading
Acts 1:1-11

Paslm 46

Second Reading
Eph 1:17-23

Gospel
Mt 28:16-20

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FR. TOM WRITES

WE ARE WHAT WE...



A current TV programme "You are what you Eat" reminds us that our diet decides what our bodies will be. Too much fat in the diet means too much fat on the hips. We all know it, even if we sometimes ignore it.

What is true of the body is equally true of the mind and spirit. If a child's recreation is violence on TV and in computer games, are we surprised if its behaviour is violent? If a child's experience is of selfishness, sarcasm, put down, bribery, lying, disrespect, its mind and spirit will respond to and imitate what it has absorbed.

It is obvious in the case of a child, but we are no different ourselves. Do we give free rein in our hearts and minds to destructive experiences that kill our spirit of goodness, kindness, forgiveness, faith, fidelity, service, love, prayer? When we are careless about the intake, the roots of goodness in our hearts die. What a loss! How relationships are impoverished!

Arsenic is usually labelled poisonous to alert us to its lethal effects on our bodies and few would be foolhardy enough to claim that they are strong enough to withstand its devastation. Is there any aspect of how I live that I need to label poisonous to my mind, to my spirit, to my heart? Do I protect the intake to my mind and to my heart as carefully as my bodily intake? As well as being nourished, all precious things need to be protected. We do well to attend to both.

This Easter-Pentecost time is a crucial time to attend to matters of the spirit.

Spirit of the living God fall afresh upon us.
Give us wisdom, courage and peace in our hearts.
Happy Spirit time.

PENTECOST INTER-CHURCH SERVICE

Church of the Holy Spirit, at 8 p.m.

Thursday 8th May

Residents of our parish, who belong to other Christian Churches are especially welcome.

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Notice Board

First Friday

Next Friday 2nd May is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 2nd May from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass. The First Fridays for the year will be Days of Prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The hour 6.30-7.30pm will be an hour specially devoted to this intention.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Annual Mass next Thursday 1st May at 8.00pm in the Crypt.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection next weekend.

Padre Pio National Pilgrimage at Holycross

Sunday 25th May. Bus leaving Opera House at 9.30am. Fare €12. Contact Jackie at 087-6527136.

Alzheimers Tea Morning

Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat in support of Alzheimer sufferers and their carers on Thursday next, 1st May at 10.30am to noon at the parish centre.

The new Alzheimer Day Care Centre at Bessboro, Blackrock, will be officially opened by the President, Mary McAleese, on Friday 2nd May at 2.00pm.

Feile Gharrai – Garden Celebration

This Sunday 27th from 11.00 to 4.30pm. at Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig, Adm. €5. This public community event should be a happy and informative day for all the family with a farmers' market, Beekeepers Federation, Birdwatch Ireland, Enfo. Bothar, food stalls, specialist plant suppliers and much more.

BreastCheck

Free mammograms for women aged 50-64 years in the Bishopstown area from the middle of May for approximately two months. Women will receive an appointment by post to attend at the screening unit beside South Infirmary Hospital, For further information, to register or to check if you are on the register, freephone 1800 454555 or visit www.breastcheck.ie.

Muslim Women in Cork – Who Are We?

Come hear our stories and what it means to be a Muslim woman in Cork - Sunday 27th April at 7.00pm in Parnell Room, Victoria Hotel. Tel: 086-3795081, Website: www.corkmuslimwomensgroup.com

TWO WOLVES

One evening, an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, there is a battle, each between two wolves inside us all."

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, faith in the creator, faith in yourself, and faith in others.

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

Bible Corner



A SACRAMENTAL PEOPLE

In this weekend's first reading, it would be very neat and tidy to see a parallel between the arrival of Peter in Samaria with the arrival of the present day bishop to give confirmation. The apostles did not have the sacraments in the organised structured rituals in the way we have them today.

They did know that the weekly Eucharist was the central celebration of the followers of Jesus. They had seen Jesus forgive the sinner and pray over the sick and they knew they were to continue that privileged work. They understood that baptism was the entry point into the fellowship of his followers. Some of the early followers may have been so bowled over by the presence of the Risen Jesus that they did not advert to the key role that the Holy Spirit played in God's plan. So there was a place for Peter and John to come and enrich the earlier practice.

These early disciples glimpsed that Jesus intended the power of his risen presence to be focused on particular rites and celebrations and they strove to carry out his intentions as best they could. So began the essentials of our sacramental practice. The essential core remains the same throughout the centuries. The practices and the presentation have evolved over the years and will continue to do so under the guidance of the Holy Spirit ever present in our Church.

Fr. Tom

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Michael Lehane**, Wilton Gardens, on the death of his brother, Donal.

Paul Dennehy, Laburnum Park, on the death of his mother, Eileen Dennehy, Glasheen Road.

Evelyn Howie, on the death of her brother, James.