

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Pentecost Sunday

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 18
May

First Reading
Ex 34:4-6,8-9

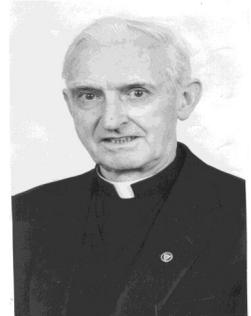
Psalms: Dan 3:52-56

Second Reading
2 Cor 13:11-13

Gospel
Jn 3:16-18

THE DEAN WRITES

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND BABES



I opened my breviary for this Pentecost Sunday and read this rather abrupt note at the end of Evening Prayer - "So ends the Easter Season".

Before we end our Easter Season I'd like to share this little Easter story with you. Actually I found it in the parish bulletin in Ovens Parish Church, and with the permission of Fr. Paddy Keating, P.P. here it is.

Years ago on Princess Street, Edinburgh, one of the shop windows displaying art treasures attracted the eye of a passing gentleman. He was gazing intently at a painting of the 'Crucifixion'. It had been a long time since this man had allowed any thoughts like those suggested by the picture to enter his mind. The artist's portrayal brought back memories of long forgotten truths, and he was impressed and troubled.

Suddenly he became aware of the presence at this side of a ragged little boy who was also looking intently at the painting. "That's Jesus, sir, on the cross. They nailed Him there with that crown of thorns on his head, and killed Him sir. He was a good man. He died for us. And that's his mother standing there, sir, looking at what they did to him." The gentleman felt a lump rise in his throat as the boy continued. "And He died, sir, for our sins, and they buried Him there, sir." It was too real, and the man turned away to continue his walk in Princess Street. He hadn't gone far when he felt a tugging at his coat. Turning round he saw the little boy who had been telling the story looking straight into his eyes. The boy blurted out breathlessly: "I forgot to tell you, sir, I forgot to tell you. He rose again."

May I add my own little tail-piece - and now He lives with us, and in us, through his Holy Spirit, which we celebrate on this beautiful feast of Pentecost.

Happy Feast day to us all.

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Rest in Peace

Margaret O'Sullivan, Greenfields, Model Farm Road, died peacefully on Sunday last, 4th May, at Marymount. Margaret was different. She was humble and prayerful, and very close to the Lord. For more than two years she battled with cancer, but never complained, never moaned, never said "why me?" Her only request was "say a prayer for me". She attracted love and respect from all who knew her - relatives, neighbours, fellow parishioners, some of whom didn't ever know her name. We extend our very sincere sympathy to her loving and devoted husband Jerry, her sons Jeremiah and Barry, her brothers, sisters and extended family, and to all who shed a tear at her funeral.

Notice Board

Bulletins to the Homes

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

Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday 12th in the Parish Centre at 8.15pm.

Faith in Action

Annual collection in support of our twinned parish in Turkwell will take place on weekend of 24th/25th May.

Alzheimer's Society

Carers' meeting on Wednesday 14th May, 3.00 to 4.00pm in Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock. All are welcome. Tel. 4972504.

Africa Day

The New Communities Partnership (NCP) cordially invites you to a celebration of Africa Day which will take place in Crane Lane Theatre, Phoenix Street, on Saturday 24th of May. It is an opportunity to celebrate diversity and join with Africans around the world in highlighting the cultural and social life of the African Continent. The event will include African music, song, cultural dance and foods, as well as drumming workshops and display of African fashion and dress. The official opening will take place at 2.00pm by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Donal Counihan.

A Golden Jubilee Celebration in Flowers



At the Church of Resurrection,
Farranree, on
Saturday 17th May, 11.00am to
5.00pm and Sunday 18th, 12.30pm to
6.30pm.
Everybody welcome.

Bible Corner



Birthday Celebrations

Birthdays celebrated in family are doubly enriching. Not only is the gift of a particular life appreciated but the bonds between all involved are strengthened. So too the celebration of the birthday of the Church this Pentecost weekend has the potential to enrich the community of faith to which we all belong.

The coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Christian Pentecost marked the birth of our Church. In this weekend's first reading, the report of this dramatic event highlights the Lord's wish to reach out to the various races worldwide making them one family of peoples.

On that original feast, the crowd touched by the spirit were not only the local Hebrews but "devout men from every nation under heaven". This weekend in our church of the Holy Spirit at Dennehy's Cross, our local community will be joined by people from Poland, India, Philippines, Korea, China, Lithuania, Thailand, Germany, Iraq, the Americas and elsewhere.

Together, we are filled with the same spirit "working in all sorts of different ways in different people. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. In the one Spirit, we are all baptised."

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
And kindle in us the fire of your love.

Fr. Tom

Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh

Last Monday 5th May was the feast day of Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Presentation and Christian Brothers and is an important day in the school calendar.

Recently, a number of Transition year students received their Edmund Rice Awards. This award is given to students who volunteer to work at least 20 hours in their community. The students are then encouraged to reflect on this work and to share the experience with their group. Some of the boys worked in the Day Care Centre in S.H.A.R.E. and others set up a paired reading programme in school and ran a lunch-time club for 1st year students.

Over the past ten years students have been involved in the Edmund Rice Action Camps. This is a voluntary youth organisation, under the auspices of the Presentation Brothers, which provides a week of fun and activities for children who need a break for one reason or another. Our senior students participate in a leadership programme. Reflection on the life and values of Edmund Rice is an essential part of this process.

We pray for all people who are marginalised in our society.

"Grant us the courage and compassion of Blessed Edmund as we seek to live lives of love and service."