

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

8th June 2008

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 15th
June

First Reading
Ex 19:2-6

Psalms 99

Second Reading
Rom 5:6-11

Gospel
Mt 9:36-10:8

FR. TOM WRITES

SUMMER SAMARITANS



The summer may be hesitant in coming but the season of goodwill is blossoming in many ways. Already some of our young people are gone to work in institutions in Belarus caring for abandoned and orphaned needy children. The months ahead will see many more young volunteers, several from this parish, spread out across the world bringing hope, friendship and loving service to less well off young people in India, Ghana, Peru, Malawi, Kenya and elsewhere.

In some places they work in educational projects, clinics, food kitchens, play activities and even in the building of basic facilities. Others look to more local needs here at home and involve themselves in enriching the lives of less well off children through their Summer Camps. We salute the generosity and love that motivates our young heroines and heroes to live the gospel love in practice during their vacation periods.

They are a reminder to all of us to be on the lookout for neighbours, elderly, and younger perhaps, for whom Summer is not a time of joy but of crisis. Their usual support structures can disappear. The helpful neighbours, who usually bring them to Mass or bring them shopping or the daily paper, may be away. Even the social gatherings that ease the loneliness burden may be in abeyance. Over the Summer months just check whether a friend or neighbour needs a helping hand. Don't leave it to others. They may leave it to you. To fail to do it cripples our hearts. Enjoy the Summer.

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JUNE 12th - VOTE and GIFT

As well as voting on Thursday next, you may have the opportunity to give the gift of life. Thursday is invitation day to give blood locally (Bishopstown G.A.A Club, 5.00 - 8.00pm).

If you have the requisite health, please come along. A particular invitation to the young who are voting for the first time. Mark the occasion by becoming a first time blood donor too. None of us knows when we will need a blood transfusion ourselves.

DEAN O'CONNOR'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

CONCELEBRATED MASS

AT

6.15PM

ON

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE

FURTHER DETAILS NEXT WEEK

Please take a copy of the Bulletin home or give it to a friend or neighbour

Notice Board

Bulletins to the Homes

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

Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday in the Parish Centre at 8.15pm.

Bishopstown Community Association Ltd

The next meeting of the Bishopstown Community Council will take place at Wilton Park House, Wilton, on Tuesday 10th June 2008 at 8.00pm. All interested are welcome to attend.

Faith and Action

We thank all who supported our recent collection for our Twin Parish in Turkwell. The amount raised was €5,754.67 which will help build a Medical Centre in the parish.

Alzheimers Society of Ireland

Carers Support meeting : Wed. 11th June 2008 3pm to 4.30pm. Bessboro Day Care Centre. For information, Tel. 4972504.. Fax 021 4972507.

Cork Theology Forum

Freedom for my People - A Biblical Buffet.
St. Finbarr's College, Farranferris, Friday 13th June.
7.30pm to 9.15pm.
Speakers: Fr. Charles Conroy, Fr. John Newman,
Rev William Olhausen, Fr. Sean O'Sullivan.
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Give Blood

At the GAA Hall, Bishopstown, Thursday 12th June from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

Thank You

Thanks to everybody who attended, donated and helped me with my coffee morning on the 10th May held in The Rendezvous. It was a great success and I hope everybody had a lovely morning. Thanks again for all your support. Fionnuala Lombard.

Would you like to spend three months living and working in the Third World?

We are a small Irish based Charity working as a Non Governmental Organisation. We manage and run a Primary Health Care Clinic and Inpatient Unit at Cape Maclear, Monkey Bay, Malawi, C/Africa.

We are seeking qualified doctors, nurses and other medical personnel to come and work with us in our Clinic on the shores of Lake Malawi.

We also need teachers and administration staff to help run our other projects.

Volunteers are asked to spend a minimum of three months with the Trust.

You will be accommodated in our new purpose built volunteer centre located on the beach in Cape Maclear village.

For further information please log onto our web site at www.billysmalawiproject.org

Bible Corner

The Artist God



The religious people among the Jews were very faithful to their duty of offering sacrifice of animals in the Temple. Hosea thought that they were being very hypocritical because of their oppression of the poor and their unjust business dealings. He reprimands them dramatically, speaking of the Lord "slaughtering them by the words of the prophets".

More important than sacrifice for Hosea is "to set ourselves to know the Lord". Make space for personal time with the Lord. Hosea assures us that his coming to us is as certain as the dawn.

The Lord does not need our religious practices unless we bring him our hearts, uncluttered by selfishness, anxiety or bitterness. He wants an open heart. As John O'Donohue said, "God is an artist". He will fashion us and mould us according to his own design. What more could we want?

Fr. Tom

150th Anniversary - Lourdes

This year, in order to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the apparitions of Lourdes, millions of people will go on pilgrimage to the famous shrine. The Cork and Ross diocesan Pilgrimage leaves Cork on Wednesday next. This year, due to the increased numbers, six plane loads of pilgrims will travel, 1,285 in all, and among them will be, of course, pilgrims from Ballineaspig parish. There was a huge demand for invalid spaces this year. Unfortunately, the maximum number allowed us was 130. Many were satisfied to go on the waiting list (in case one or more dropped out), others were happy to join in the spirit of the pilgrimage and pray at home. It would be nice for all of us to do the same and be with Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette in spirit during these days.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

St. Bernadette, pray for us.

Mount Mercy News

Mount Mercy had a productive school year
2007/2008

The Leaving Cert Graduation Mass was held in the school hall on May 13th. Monsignor O'Callaghan celebrated the Mass with the 112 girls, members of their families and staff.

Many students excelled in State Examinations as well as achieving success in various quizzes and projects.

To date, Transition students have collected €20,000 for Hope Foundation, and their Trócaire Lenten Fast yielded €7, 163. They also won a creative achievement award for their magazine "Excess" in the Irish Times school magazine competition.

This summer twenty students will travel to Belarus to participate in the Belarusian Orphanage Project.

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