

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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## Dean's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations



Jubilee picture of Dean O'Connor with  
Bishop Buckley

### All Welcome at Special Mass

Sixty years ago in June 1948 our beloved Dean O'Connor was ordained in St. Patrick's College Chapel, Maynooth.

On **Saturday next, 21st June**, the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination will be marked in the parish by a special concelebrated Mass at **6.15 p.m.** followed by refreshments in the Crypt.

**NB.** In case of difficulty there will be additional parking spaces behind the Farm Centre.

### OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

Jesus had compassion on the people who came to him in their many needs. He has compassion on us too. We should always turn to him with confidence and put our needs before him.

Jesus had many disciples. From these he picked out twelve leaders. He called them apostles. Who were these men and what qualifications did they have? They were men who had obvious faults and weaknesses.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper - definitely not the man you would want to head up your organisation. Andrew had no leadership qualities. He is just a follower. The two brothers, James and John, are too hot-headed. Besides, they have personal interests at heart. Thomas shows a questioning attitude and would undermine morale. Matthew, the tax-collector, is without doubt a man of ability, but would project the wrong image for the organisation. James and Thaddeus have radical leanings and so unsuitable. There is one of the candidates, however, who shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, good with people, and has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. His name is Judas Iscariot. All the psychologists would recommend him as the controller and right-hand man for Jesus. We see how far from the truth our human judgement can be.

Compassion: The person in misery does not need a look that judges and criticises, but a comforting presence. Jesus looked at the ordinary people, and seeing how needy they were, he had compassion on them and began to minister to them. Compassion means that I suffer with you; I accept into my heart the misery in yours; I become one with you in your pain, but by understanding it and sharing it, I make it possible for you to bear it.

Lord, give us warm and generous hearts so that we may be agents of your compassion to others.



## Kenley Community Mass

The residents of Kenley held their first Community Mass on the green last Saturday. Mgr Kevin celebrated the Mass. We were all very impressed with his homily which compared the gathering to the Mass Rock days. We look forward to many more such occasions.

### Reminder - new weekly envelope collection system

If you've been intending to join the new weekly envelope collection system but haven't yet got round to it, it's not too late!

If you're interested, please contact the parish office before the end of June (Tel 021-4344452).

### Going abroad this Summer !!

Weekend Mass readings available in the Sacristy for anyone travelling this summer.

### Traditional Irish Music Night

CEE Craobh Baile An Easpaig are holding a scoraíocht, a night of music, song and stories in St. Catherine's NS from 7pm to 9pm on Thursday 19th June.. All welcome to come along and join in or listen. If you are interested in participating, i.e. singing a song, playing an instrument or telling a story contact Mick Hickey at 021 4975820 or Maura Commins at 085-7381466 so we can add your name to the list. Hope to see you there.

### Pathways: a new opportunity for adults interested in exploring their faith

This course, beginning in Cork city in September 2008, offers you a chance to explore questions related to faith, church and life in general one night a week over the course of a year. Open to adults of all ages. No exams or written assignments required, simply an openness to learning with and from others. More information on church notice board. For a brochure, call Fr. Seán O'Sullivan, Adult Religious Education Office at 021-4357765 or email are@corkandross.org. Places limited. Closing date for applications 31st July 2008.

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#### God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
22nd June

First Reading  
Jer 20:10-13

Psalm 68

Second Reading  
Rom 5:12-15

Gospel  
Mt 10:26-33

## Bible Corner

### WHO DO YOU TRUST?



The complexity of the Lisbon Treaty focussed many minds on whom one can trust. Trust is a core factor in human living. Without it, social interaction would be impossible.

Spouses trust each other in a myriad of ways that enables love to flourish. Patients need to be able to trust their doctors and nurses. Parents have to trust teachers. . Everyday life is built on trust. Human trust is limited and fragile; easily broken and not so easily restored.

This weekend St. Paul highlights for us that there is only one person in whom we can place our absolute trust, Jesus Christ Himself. He has earned that trust by dying for us. His dependable unwavering love is not something we have earned. It is pure gift.

Spend a little time in reflection on the second reading.

Fr. Tom

### Farranlea Residents Open Air Mass

In welcoming the residents to the annual Mass, Fr. Tom Clancy spoke of the importance of faith, family, and friends.

Looking resplendent in their beautiful First Holy Communion dresses were Lauren McCarthy and Amina Kareem who led the offertory procession. The prayers of the faithful were read by Estella, Leah, Eva and Tessa - well done girls!

The organisers were pleased with the large attendance of so many families, the youngest being baby Seán Herrick and his proud parents and grandmother. A special word of thanks to Mary McDonogh who once again led the hymn singing, John Houlihan and Mick Murphy for providing transport. Bernard Murphy chairperson of the Residents Association thanked Fr. Tom for his support. In response, Fr. Tom expressed the wish that other Residents Associations organise similar events. "It is," he concluded, "an ideal occasion for neighbours to meet and have a chat and to build a healthy, strong community spirit."

Afterwards Patsy Curtin and her helpers were on hand in providing refreshments which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Arthur O'Callaghan

### Thank You

Dear friends and neighbours,

Many thanks for your generous contributions to Cork ARC Cancer Support House at our recent coffee morning. Total sum received was €4,080. A great morning was had by all.

Sincerely,

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