

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 14th  
September

First Reading:  
Num 21:4-9

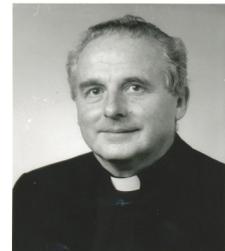
Psalm 77

Second Reading:  
Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Jn 3:13-17

FR. TOM WRITES

## FINDING OUR WAY



Several people returning from holidays are enthusiastically extolling the versatility of SATNAV. In case you are not familiar with SATELLITE NAVIGATION, it is the latest device in guiding one on unfamiliar journeys. Having linked into the resource base, you key in where you want to go and it gives you precise step by step directions for your travels. It guarantees that you will never get lost! Well almost!! It seems to imitate the swallows' instinctive guidance apparatus.

It also imitates the inbuilt moral compass that God gives each of us for our life's journey. Like SATNAV, we need to activate our consciences. We need to regularly surface in our hearts where we want life's journey to take us and then, firmly key that destination into our lives. When linked with the resource base of God's word, we can discover the step by step guidelines to keep us focused on where we want to reach. Weekly Eucharist has a key role in keeping us tuned to God's satellite

September can be a good time to check how active our moral SATNAV is and to which satellite we are tuned.

PS. A reassuring feature of SATNAV is that when we fail to follow its instructions, it still picks up our present position and gives us new instructions on how to get to our destination. God does the same, thankfully.

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## PARISH CHILD PROTECTION REPRESENTATIVES

Last December, Bishop Buckley sent a letter to every parish in the diocese announcing the planned appointment of Parish Child Protection Representatives in each parish. The role of these representatives will be to ensure that all information about child protection procedures will be available in each parish, thus ensuring that each parish is committed to best practice in respect of children and young people.

The parishes and religious congregations in the city West Deanery will form the fifth grouping to be offered special training for this role. People who may be interested in becoming parish representatives are invited to give their names to Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan, P.P. by **Wednesday 17th September 2008**. All those interested will be welcome to attend an **Information Evening on Monday 22nd September 2008 in Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, from 7.30 to 9.00pm.**

**Leo Cogan**, Parklea Court, Model Farm Road, died at C.U.H. on 15th July last. Leo had suffered a number of serious health problems in later years, but survived them all - to the surprise of his medical carers. His final illness struck without any real warning and he died rather unexpectedly. Leo was a quiet and deeply religious gentleman, and is survived by his wife Ita, his daughters Ann, Sharon and Sinead, sons-in-law Kevin and Ian, and grandchildren who were his pride and joy. To all we offer our very sincere sympathy.

We pray for **John Hyland**, St Francis Avenue, who died recently. John was a very well known public figure in the business and sporting world. One of his great loves was rugby and he was a life long member of Cork Constitution. In his private life he was a dedicated family man, taking great care of his wife and children. He really rejoiced in the achievements of his children. He was a man of deep religious faith, always having great respect and regard for others. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and loved him. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his good wife, Meabh, and dear family, his brothers, sister, and all the relations and friends.

On 20th July St. Joseph's Community bade farewell to **Sister Nellie O'Sullivan**. Sr. Nellie had spent twenty-four years in Singapore, and on hearing of her death the community received many tributes in word, in presence at her funeral and prayers. To quote from one tribute: "Her boundless energy was infectious. This coupled with her strong sense of purpose saw her take obstacles in her stride. With Sr. Nellie as our guide and mentor, we know instinctively that we were in safe hands.... We sensed a deep faith as the driving force in Sister's life." Retirement gave Nellie a new interest - setting up active retired groups in and around the Tralee area, bonding people through song, dance and movement, offering a healthy option to the people who would otherwise be housebound. We convey our deep sympathy to her family.

## In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to :

**Michael Prendeville**, Wilton Avenue, on the death of his mother.

**Maureen O'Leary**, The Manor, on the death of her sister Veronica.

**Rowena O'Sullivan**, Little Orchard, Farranlea, on the death of her mother.



Lord Mayor, Cllr. Brian Bermingham making a presentation to Dean O'Connor at a function held in the City Hall to mark the Dean's Diamond Jubilee.



## SENTRY DAYS

Maybe I am getting paranoid but the readings from Ezekiel often seem to have stern warnings for preachers, teachers and other leaders in society. Shepherds were recently taken to task for not feeding their flocks and were fined for negligence.

Now this weekend, Ezekiel highlights the duty of leaders to be sentries for their people, to wisely alert the community to the consequences of selfish behaviour.

But surely, we are all responsible adult individuals, free to make our own choices, no matter how selfish, without hindrance from anybody. We will not accept such shepherd-ing sentries nor do we need them.

Not so, says the Lord through Ezekiel. In fact, we are all responsible to each other. We need to be on the alert to protect each other even from our own foolishness. This is a challenging idea in today's world, but it is also a reassuring one. We are not alone.

It is how God made us, each one in our own way to be a sentry for one another, encouraging, guiding, inspiring even, chiding each other on life's journey. We remain free but wiser through each other.

Fr. Tom

## NOTICE BOARD

### Pastoral Council

Meeting will take place next Monday 14th in the Parish Centre at 8.15pm.

### Wilton Bridge Club

Re-opens after the summer recess on Wednesday 10th September at 7.30pm sharp in the SMA Parish Hall, Wilton. New members welcome (all grades - novices to seniors). Contact Maura Lane 4962993 or Anne O'Neill 43442376.

### Charity Concert

In aid of the Presentation Sisters Mission in Zimbabwe will be held in the South Parish Community Centre, Sawmill Street, on Friday 12th at 8 pm. Adm. €5. All welcome.



### Coffee Morning at the C.P. Centre

Resumes next Tuesday, 9th September after 10 o'clock Mass. All are welcome.

### Study Theology from Home

The Dominicans are offering a 15 week module programme of theology through distance learning, supported by a network of centres around the country, with study at your own pace, leading to either a certificate, diploma or degree in theology. Please call The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24, 01-4048127/4048124. email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com www.prioryinstitute.com

### Adult Morning Classes

At Deerpark CBS, St. Patrick's Road. Subjects include computers, payroll, accounts. No Fees. Fetac level 5 qualifications. Further details contact Michael 086 4022900.