

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

14th September, 2008

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No.974

THE DEAN WRITES



God's Word

Readings for Sunday 21st
September

First Reading
Is 55:6-9

Psalm 144

Second Reading
Phil 1:20-24

Gospel
Mt 20:1-16

LEST WE FORGET

We live in an age of freedom - at least in this dear land of ours - thanks be to God. Liberty is a feature of life to be cherished, as testified by millions who gave their lives, not only in Ireland but throughout the whole world to attain it.

It should be remembered of course that a fundamental corollary of freedom is responsibility. When I was much younger I remember a well-known Professor of Ethics make this statement: "Liberty means freedom to do what I ought - not what I like." This puzzled me at first, even irked me a little, until he explained that "doing whatever I liked" would be handing a carte blanche to the biggest bully in the community to lord it over everybody else, no matter who was hurt, or even murdered at the whim of the strongest man. And freedom to do what I ought implies an objective standard, not set by myself (cf. Cromwell's slaughtering of defenceless women and children at Drogheda and Wexford - and indeed other venues - and persuading himself he was doing a duty to God !)

We had this standard summarised for us in the Ten Commandments and the accepted code of Christian morality which was generally accepted in our country up to a generation ago.

Now we enjoy a wonderful measure of personal liberty. But we seem to have forgotten or overlooked our duty of responsibility that should accompany this. Our sense of right and wrong has been blunted - or worse again ignored. The result is the ugly side of amorality is rearing its head in the form of violent crime and lesser grades of selfishness. While we have no desire to promote repressive measures of half a century ago, we must strive to maintain the sense of decency enshrined in Christian morality in our values - and pass this on to a rising generation. Otherwise we run the very real risk of throwing out the baby with the bath water.

The Lord knows us better than we knew when he gave us standards and ideals to live by - reflect on this - old, yet ever new.

CONTACT DETAILS

Mgr. Kevin O'Callaghan, PP
4346818/086-8916191

Dean Denis O'Connor
4542972

Fr. Tom Clancy
4347616

Parish Office
4344452

Emergency Number:
087-251 9940

Please take a copy
of the Bulletin
home
or give it to a
friend or neigh-
bour

Pastoral Council

It has been decided to hold the annual Parish Seminar on Saturday October 4th 2008 in the Church Crypt. Any suggestions for topics to be discussed should be handed into the Parish Centre Office during this week.

Email: holyspiritparish@eircom.net

Website: www.dennehyscrossparish.ie

Rest in Peace

Sister Eilis Casey, St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, and of a well-known Cork family (Casey Travel), died on 23rd July. Sr. Eilis worked in Malaysia for 44 years of her life. Tributes poured in sympathising with her community, each one conveying the story of a truly exceptional missionary. One such tribute: "Many will remember her as a woman with great passion for education and a visionary. What people think of doing tomorrow, Eilis has done yesterday." She served as a teacher, catechist, cadet guider and many other leadership roles as well as being a good writer and talker. One of the many challenges she undertook was the pastoral care of the Vietnamese refugees when they arrived off the coast of Malaysia in 1977. Later she accompanied a group of them to Ireland. We convey our deep sympathy to her family. There is no way one can fully measure the influence of a person on the life of others.

Cornelius Riordan, St. Clare's Avenue, College Road, died on 29th July. Con was a well known member of the legal profession in Cork City. Born at Ballinora, his family moved to Kitsboro on the Lee Road in his early school days. He studied later at Farranferris, Presentation College and Maynooth, where he was awarded a B.A. Degree. He completed his studies at U.C.C. where he was conferred with his Law Degree. He practised as a solicitor in the South Mall from 1950 until 2001. Con was at heart an intellectual, a quiet but accomplished student of the Classics, Philosophy and Theology - not surprising as a nephew of the late Bishop Lucey. He acted as City Coroner from 1976 until his retirement in 1997, a position he filled with distinction and compassion. Con married Nora Casey in 1956 - she predeceased him in 1985. We offer our very sincere sympathy to his family, Mary Feeney, The Ridgeway, Dr. Vincent, Scotland and Ina Spillane, Temple Hill, Carrigrohane, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

Bible Corner

Love, Shame and Glory



As leader of the Hebrews during their forty years' journey to the Promised Land, Moses often had to turn to God in his many difficulties. Starvation, but the Lord sent manna. Drought, but the Lord gave water when Moses struck the rock. A plague of poisonous reptiles as we read this weekend. The cure arising from Moses putting a bronze serpent up on a pole sounds like sympathetic magic but the writer stresses that the cure comes from God in answer to Moses' prayer. In the gospel, John uses that image as a prefigurement of Jesus dying on the cross bringing the fullness of God's love to all who turn to him.

St. Paul is much more direct and understandable in his great hymn of praise in the second reading. Though Son of God, Jesus took on the condition of a slave out of love for us and died up on a cross for us. Surely, "every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord."

Fr. Tom

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to

Betty and Paddy Golden, Model Farm Road, on the death of Betty's brother James O'Connell. James was married to Paddy's sister Noreen.

Aida O'Sullivan, Bishopscourt Road, on the death of her brother, Boyle.

The Quinlan Family, late of Woodleigh, on the death of Janette.

Eddie Hogan, Ballincollig (late of Laburnum Drive) on the death of his sister Mary.

Breeda Burns, Summerstown Road, on the death of her husband, Daniel (Barry).

NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to Homes

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

Priesthood Education

The annual collection will take place next weekend at all Mas ses. Proceeds used to meet diocesan cost of fees at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and post-graduate studies by priests of the diocese.

Friendship Club will reopen on Monday 15th September and we look forward to meeting all our members in the Crypt.

Paul the Apostle: The Man and his Mission

Scripture Course by Fr. John Newman at Carrigaline Parish Centre, Tuesdays 16th/23rd/30th September and 7th October, 8.00-9.30pm. Bookings at 4371109, 10.00-1.00pm. €20, (€10 senior citizens/students).

Laburnum /Wilton Residents' Association

Oral Hearing by an Bord Pleanála re Beacon Hospital at CUH on Tuesday 23rd September, at 9.30am in the International Airport Hotel, Cork. The Association urgently requests residents to attend and voice your objections to this development.

Coffee Morning for Marymount Hospice

Venue: St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road, date 18th September, 10.30 to 12.00 noon. All are welcome for cuppa : either tea or coffee.

Found a copy of the **New Jerusalem Bible** in the vicinity of Dennehy's Cross with the surname Wallace on it. Please contact the Parish Office 4344452, Monday to Friday, 10.00 to 12.30pm.

Evening of Song at the SMA Hall Wilton, at 8.00pm on Saturday 27th September, with Serenade Productions. Tickets €20 available at the SMA Office, or at zoneruth@yahoo.co.uk

Bishopstown ICA resumes meetings at the SMA, Wilton, on Thursday 18th September at 8.00pm. New members welcome.

Bishopstown Senior Social Centre has vacancies in our weekly activities - dance, computers, cards. New seniors are especially welcome. €3 per session (includes cuppa/ cake/chat). Please contact Roger Coughlan at 086 3866975 for further details.

Ballineapsaig Bridge Club will reopen on Monday 25th September at 7.30pm in Bishopstown GAA Club. New members welcome. Phone 4546643/4343968.