

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 26th  
October

First Reading Ex 22:20-28

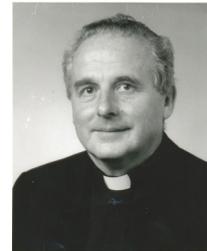
Psalms 17

Second Reading:  
Thess 1:5-10

Gospel: Mt 22:34-40

FR. TOM WRITES

## BUDGET CHALLENGE



The first inclination on Tuesday night was to work out how the Budget would affect oneself. In fairness, Prime Time focused our attention on how adversely the poorer people in our society would be affected. We had been softened up to expect a savage budget but one that would protect the most vulnerable no matter what the cuts were. On that score, the budget seems to me to have failed dismally.

So now a challenge arises for each of us. It is to look out for and to support those who are most severely affected by the current upheaval especially through the loss of employment or of medical card, difficulty with mortgage repayments, inability to pay for health care, to put food on the table. The people at most risk may be in our family circle, among neighbours, among friends. It is a time to be supportive, sensitive and generous. It may be a time to be creative and innovative. It will be a time to live more simply so that others may simply live, perhaps especially, over Christmas.

Now is a time when good Samaritans will be needed in the immediate term and over the long haul. Will I have the eyes and heart to see and seize the opportunity or will I pass by on the other side?

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## USEFUL CHURCH INFORMATION

- Gluten-free hosts are available from the Celebrant at the altar rails at every Mass .
- Holy Communion can be arranged for anyone who is unable to attend Mass - contact parish office.
- Parking spaces for parishioners who have walking difficulty are allocated near Model Farm Road door and Wilton Road side door.
- Toilet facilities - Wilton Road side door porch during church service.
- Parish Office is located in the church grounds.
- Crypt is located underneath the back of the church - access through Model Farm Road entrance.
- Loop System for those hard of hearing is installed in the church. Switch hearing aid to T-coil.

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## Rest in Peace

Mary Spillane, Laburnum Lawn, died at the Bon Secours Care Centre, Mount Desert, on Wednesday 8th October. Mary was a native of Bantry and came to work in Cork as a young girl. There she met and married Philip Spillane whose roots were also in Bantry, though reared in the city. Their blissful young dreams were shattered when Philip died unexpectedly after a short illness - leaving Mary to rear their five young boys (all under the age of seven). It was a heavy cross but Mary never faltered. She picked up the pieces of life and made the most of her situation. She couldn't go out to work because the children were so young, but she took in students and cared for them all with unstinting generosity and hospitality. Later she returned to work as a nurse at Our Lady's Hospital. Of course her work was never finished, but she kept her home and encouraged the boys to make the most of their studies, which they did, and in fairness returned the unselfish love which she gave them. Mary joined her beloved Philip in heaven and her mortal remains were laid with his in St. Joseph's cemetery 46 years after he was laid to rest in that hallowed ground. We extend our sincere sympathy to her sons Philip, Donal, Maurice, John and Gerard, her sisters Sr. Elizabeth (DMJ), and Chrissie, sisters-in-law Mary and Frances, and daughters-in-law Fiona, Jo, Eileen Cathy and Ina. May her dear soul rest in peace.

## In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Theresa Kiely, Kenley Close, on the recent unexpected death of her brother, Timothy Kiely.

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## Parish Pastoral Council – News

The annual Parish Seminar was held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October in the Crypt. The attendance though not as high as previous years did not affect the substantial work done on the day. The facilitator at the seminar was Fr Tom Hayes of the Diocesan Development Office.

Sixteen different activities, which would enhance the community and faith aspects of our parish, were highlighted. Eight other areas were identified as needing review and in particular the current method of electing Pastoral Council members. This will be worked on at the next Pastoral Council meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Fr. Tom Hayes has agreed to attend that meeting to follow up on the work at the seminar.

## SELF IMAGE

One reason we may resist making God's love for us central is if we have been brought up on the principle of correction. This principle states that we improve or grow through bettering what is below standard about our behaviour. The constant application of this principle generates a sense of deficiency and makes us feel a disappointment to God, to others and to ourselves. The poor self-image this leads to blocks or diminishes our experience of being lovable.

- Peter Hannon, SJ., 'Follow your Dream'

## 200 Years Remembered

A significant celebration to mark the bicentenary of the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne was held recently.

The Mass of Thanksgiving was concelebrated by Bishop John Buckley, Papal Nuncio Archbishop Leanza, Bishops from the Munster Dioceses and Diocesan and Order priests. A special message and blessing from Pope Benedict to the Bishop and people of Cork and Ross was warmly greeted by the congregation which included representatives of the sixty-eight parishes in the Cork and Ross diocese.

Construction of the Cathedral began in 1799 and was completed in 1808. As the only parish in the Northside of the city at that time, it became known as the North Cathedral or North Chapel. Its present administrator is Fr. Declan Mansfield who is to be congratulated on his supervision of a memorable occasion.

What was essentially being commemorated was the faith of a people - bishops, priests, religious and laity, who in times of famine and persecution kept the faith alive. They paid a high price for what we have inherited. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

Arthur O'Callaghan



## NOTICE BOARD

### Dates in November

- Our Novena of Masses for the dead will commence on Sunday 2nd November. Envelopes and prayer cards are available in the church this weekend.
- The annual Mass for deceased parishioners will take place this year on Tuesday 11th November at 7.30pm.

**St. Vincent de Paul** once again appeal for donations to our fuel fund to help the needy of the parish. We would ask you to give generously, particularly in light of the substantial price increases for fuels in the last twelve months. Our priests, the parish office (mornings) or any member of the Conference will gladly receive donations. Many thanks.

**Gala Concert** featuring Cara O'Sullivan, Eleanor Malone, Claire-Anne Lynch, Cork Airport Singers and Great Island Fiddlers at St. Michael's Church Blackrock on Thursday 23rd October at 8.00pm. Tickets €25 available in Blackrock parish church or at door on night. Bring your cushion.

**Open Evening at Coláiste an Spioraid Naomh** for parents/guardians of prospective entrants in September 2009, on Wednesday 5th November from 7.00-8.30pm to tour the school, view its facilities and meet teachers and pupils. At 8.00pm the Principal and Deputy Principal will address the gathering in the School Hall and give a broad outline of the philosophy of the school and its curriculum. We look forward to meeting you.



Short letters from parishioners to the Bulletin are always welcome.