

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 16th
November

First Reading:
Prov 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31

Psalms 127

Second Reading
1 Thess 5:1-6

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30

Ireland's First
Fairtrade Parish



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Our Parish Priest writes

Parish Pastoral Council

At present the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Ballineaspaig parish, are in the process of renewing and reappraising the work of the Council.



Although we sometimes speak as if the Church were something outside of ourselves, we are the Church. We are the people of God in our parishes.

Pastoral Councils, which have been recommended to us since the 1960s, are necessary in all parishes today to help us make alive our call as God's people.

Firstly every leader needs good counsel. Experts can advise and say what is best in most parishes as a matter of general principle but they cannot judge what is best for a particular Parish because they are not part of it. Pastoral Councils offer what no expert can offer – a judgement about what is right for a particular Parish.

Secondly, there is need for stronger partnership between priests and committed laity in responding in Jesus to the tide of secularisation that is sapping the joy from so many lives and leading to alienation. In this regard we emphasise the great need that exists for pastoral care programmes for our young people and adults who are vulnerable. There is need too for Parish-based religious education. In order to respond to all such issues local knowledge and support are needed.

Thirdly there are pastoral matters that are the responsibility of the whole community that require renewed prayer and the calling forth of the giftedness and goodwill of fellow parishioners. Particularly we think of facilitating increased participation in Sunday mass, the welcoming of newcomers to the parish and support for the family.

A Parish Pastoral Council is a representative body of the faithful, willing to work in close partnership with the priests of the Parish to further the mission of Jesus and his Church in the Parish.

Next time we will see how the Parish Pastoral Council is formed.

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In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Tony Canty**, Model Farm Road, on the death of his brother, Sean.



Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Our traditional Mass for parishioners who died since November 2007 will be celebrated on Tuesday 11th November at 7.30pm. Families and friends of the bereaved are invited to attend.

During Mass, as each name is called, a family member will be invited to bring a lighted candle to our November shrine.
All parishioners are invited.

TODAY

What will today bring?

New hopes and new fears.

Today is a gift, enjoy it.

Today is precious, may I treat it with care.

Today is a challenge, may I accept it.

Bible Corner

A GREATER GIFT



The Hebrew people gradually grew into a deepening understanding that their one true God was not a distant creator. On the contrary, their God was intimately involved in every aspect of their daily lives and their relationships with one another. Such a realisation evoked a need for a place where the intimate presence of God could be focused for them. Under the guidance of their leaders, God inspired the building of the Temple. This Temple was to be a place where sacrifice was to be offered and God would be worshipped appropriately. Over the centuries, the Temple grew into huge significance in their religious life and in their national identity. It became the symbol of everything that distinguished the Jewish people. It became the irreplaceable focus and conduit of God's presence.

Suddenly, a preacher/prophet Jesus arrived who foretold the upcoming destruction of the Temple, but more importantly, he claimed that there was a new focus of God's presence on the human stage. He himself was this focus, the Son of God had become human. For his peers, this claim of Jesus was unthinkable. No wonder, his hearers got confused when he hinted that his forthcoming execution was more significant than the destruction of the Temple, and that in his resurrection after three days, he would be the new Temple. The irreplaceable was being replaced.

It was all too much for the Jews. They could not leave their pride and joy even for the richer gift of the real presence of God.

Allow this weekend's gospel to touch your heart and mind.

Fr. Tom

NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to the Homes

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

Youth 2000 Retreat for Young Adults

Youth 2000 will host a retreat for young adults aged between 16-35 years (approx) in Ennismore Retreat Centre, from Friday 14th November (7.30pm) to Sunday 16th. The retreat weekend will be filled with prayer, fun, laughter and craic. Meals and board provided, donation only. Newcomers especially welcome. Contact Dave on 085-7167904 for further information or log onto www.youth2000.ie

'Let Us Set Ourselves to Know the Lord'

The Emmaus Men's Fellowship presents Fr. Joe Nagle and Janice Carrig who will speak at our annual conference for men and women on the above theme at the Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road, on Saturday and Sunday 22nd/23rd November, from 10.30 to 5.30 each day. There will be a Healing Service on Saturday afternoon and Mass with Healing Service on Sunday afternoon. Further information contact Declan at 4872828.

Bishopstown Community School

Open Night for parents of incoming First Years on Thursday 13th November at 7.30 pm.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Annual Day of Prayer will be held on Sunday 23rd November at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, 9.30-5.30pm. including Mass. Cost €27. Contact Jackie at 4541144 after 6.00pm.

Managing Stress in our Daily Lives

Cardiac Support Group will hold their monthly meeting on Monday 10th November at Bishopstown Library from 11.00 to 1.00pm. Speaker will be a Tutor from the Social & Health Education Project.

Cork Simon Community would like to thank all those who contributed to our collection weekend 25/26th October. Sum collected €1504.96. Thanks for your generosity. Obviously people took the gospel of the day to heart "Love thy Neighbour." A special thank you to the students from Mount Mercy who helped with the collection.

Alzheimer's Society

Carers' Support Meeting on Wednesday 12th November, 3.00-4.30pm at Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock. All are welcome. Tel. 4972504.
Meeting of the Saturday Club, 2pm to 4pm will take place on Saturday 15th November at Bessboro Day Care Centre. Guest Speaker to be confirmed. Light refreshments provided. For further information contact 4972504