

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

### God's Word

Readings for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
February

First Reading:  
Job 7:1-4,6-7

Psalm 146

Second Reading:  
1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23

Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

### World Day of Prayer for the Sick

#### “Lord, the One you love is sick”



This 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2009, anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady to Bernadette and world day for the sick, a passage from the Gospel according to Saint John can help nourish our thoughts.

When Jesus found himself far from Jerusalem “in the region of the Jordan,” he heard that Lazarus was sick. “Lord, the one you love is sick,” the two sisters of his friend, told him.

“Let us return to Judea,” Jesus decided, and his disciples tried to dissuade him. “Just recently the Jews tried to stone you and you are returning there”. Yes, for his friend who has just died – he knew it – and for the two sisters who were broken-hearted, Jesus took to the road, he knew the risk he was taking.

At Bethany, he cried before going to the tomb, a cave where the brother of Martha and Mary was buried. There, having prayed to his Father, he raised Lazarus from the dead: “Unbind him, let him go free”. We know the rest. The High Priests came together and decided to kill Jesus.

In this way we see how it was for one person, for his friend that Jesus was prepared to die. He did not go up to Jerusalem with big ideas, to give speeches. He went to be with his friend.

We can recognise ourselves, each one of us, in the person of Lazarus, and realise how much God loves us. He wants to save us, remove the chains of sickness, which bind us, take away the power of death, deliver our hearts so that we go before him, joyous witnesses to his love.

Next Saturday at 3.00 p.m. here in the Church, we will have our special Mass and anointing of the sick. Should anybody need transport, please advise us.

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### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of throats will take place after the 9.00am and 10.00am Masses.

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## Rest in Peace

**Gertie McCarthy** of Cahernacrin, Model Farm Road, died peacefully at home on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Originally a Dublin girl, she met and married Colm McCarthy and they moved to Cork in 1974. Their five children ranged in age from 4 years to 12 years. It was a big change at first, but she made many friends and had a full and happy life. Colm predeceased Gertie in 2000. She continued to enjoy the company of her family, good neighbours and many friends and until recently was in good health. We offer our deepest sympathy to her children Trish (Canada), John and Sally (Australia), Claire and Deirdre in Cork, her sons-in-law and three grandchildren. May Gertie find eternal peace with her beloved Colm.

**Frank Barnett**, Naomh Eanna, Wilton Road, recently passed to his eternal reward following a lengthy period of illness which he bore with great courage. Though a city boy through and through, Frank maintained a life-long affinity with Goleen, his father's birthplace in West Cork. With his wife Elma, who predeceased him in 2007, he lived for a number of years in Liverpool where their daughter, Denise, was born. The family subsequently returned to Ireland and Frank initially involved himself in the bar trade in Macroom before returning to the city to establish himself in the retail trade. A keen G.A.A. and racing follower, Frank was a great storyteller who in latter years loved to regale the younger generation with stories of Cork and the various characters he met in his years dealing with the public. An accomplished and adventurous cook, he was a man ahead of his time in that many of the ingredients for his more exotic dishes were the product of his own garden. Frank famously used celeriac at a time when others thought it to be a misprint for celery! He will be sorely missed by his extended family and his many friends. He is survived by his daughter, Denise, and predeceased by his brothers Sean, Maurice, Jim and Fr. Christy (Australia) and by his sister, Eda.

## SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Sr. Frances**, St. Catherine's Convent, on the death of her brother, Nicholas Cummins, Dublin.

### A Parishioner writes

Dear friends and neighbours,

On next Saturday 7th February 2009 I am hosting a coffee morning at my house "Kilsinan", Bishopstown Park, in aid of the Hope Foundation from 10am-1pm.

The Transition Year students in Mount Mercy are funding an educational project for street children in one of the world's worst slums in Calcutta. The students aim to raise €25,000 to fund this project. The Hope Foundation is a Cork based charity doing tremendous work in Calcutta to help and give hope to the world's most underprivileged and neglected children.

All Welcome.  
Ber Healy.

## NOTICE BOARD

**First Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February.** Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** monthly meeting next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre at 3.00pm.

### Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

The annual collection will take place at Masses next weekend. The fund helps to send as many as 120 invalids to Lourdes each year.

**The Treasury of Scripture and Tradition.** Public lecture by Fr. John Newman at Presentation Brothers, Mardyke House, on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm. Adm. €10.

**Brú Columbanus** would like to thank all who generously supported our recent church gate collection.

**Cabbage, Beef and Rainbows.** A new book by Jim McKeon is a light-hearted look at Cork and its people, full of poetry, tears, laughter and nostalgia, will be launched by MEP Brian Crowley at the Heineken Brewery on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm. Proceeds go to Cork charity Good Shepherd Services. Refreshments provided. All welcome.

**Colaiste Stiofáin Naofa, Tramore Road.** Open Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00-3.00pm. 40 full-time and part-time courses. Talk to students, meet the tutors. Information meetings every hour. All welcome.

**Celebrating Eight Years of Vigils** of Reparation/Adoration in South Presentation Convent Chapel, Douglas Street. First Friday Mass 10.30pm - Bishop John Buckley. All welcome.

**Alpha Leaders Training Day** to be opened by Bishop John Buckley, led by Fr. Pat Collins and Helen Murray on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00 to 5.00pm. €10. For further information telephone Sr. Bridget Dunne at 4251100.

### It Only Takes One to Make a Difference

A group of schoolgirls, mainly from our parish, are currently fundraising for the Christina Noble Children's Foundation Vietnam Challenge October 2009. The mission provides children with the necessary protection, care and education surrounded by love. The girls will spend 12 days trekking in Northern Vietnam living and interacting with extremely poor ethnic minority groups. Their fundraising target is €70,000. They will host a Charity Lunch at the Montenotte Hotel on 22nd February, tickets €50; Fun Quiz for teenagers at Mount Mercy - date to be confirmed. Any coins you may have in a jar at home would be greatly appreciated. For further details or donations please contact Kathryn at 087-2378518 after 2.00pm, or Nuala 087-2360410 after 4.00pm.