

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 15th
February

First Reading:
Lev 13:1-244-46

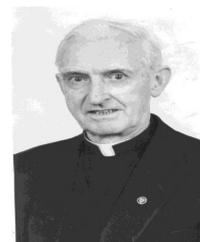
Psalm 31

Second Reading:
1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

THE DEAN WRITES

TAKING TIME FOR OURSELVES



Once upon a time an old resident on Model Farm Road was resting his arms at the gate of his field which is now the entrance to Woodlawn. To his surprise and almost alarm a horse and young rider came galloping down the road at full speed towards the city. As the horse and rider thundered past, the man at the gate called out "Where are you going?" "Don't ask me - ask the horse," the young rider yelled back.

It can happen and sometimes does happen that a person's life consists of non-stop activity. Such a person is not free - and like the young rider is not in control of his life - activity can become a kind of addiction. Usually it's generous and unselfish people who slip into this category. But to retain our role as cheerful givers we need to take care of our own physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Jesus himself needed to take time out as we read in this Sunday's gospel. All day long he preached to the crowds - at evening they brought the sick from all around the countryside and he cured them all. Then early the next morning he left the house and went off to a lonely place to pray. This was his way for keeping in touch with his Heavenly Father.

We all need to take time to pray. We gather for Mass at the weekend, and that's great. But we need to take time out for quiet personal prayer also. Every Thursday evening at 7.00pm a small dedicated group of parishioners gather at the Parish Centre. No formalities - just sit and listen to an introduction on tape for a few minutes - and spend the rest of the half hour in private prayer until 7.30pm. The session starts and finishes promptly. If you miss out for an evening or evenings nobody asks why - you just come when you are able, and pray. And if this form of prayer doesn't suit you, pray at home, or in the Church in a way that suits you. But do keep in close communion with the Lord. You'll be glad you did.

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UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Thank you to everyone who brought unwanted gifts to the Crib after Christmas. Your generosity was so great that the parcels continued to arrive during the following week and surpassed all expectations of the organisers!

Every item has now been distributed to local charities, all of whom were delighted to accept such wonderful gifts.

SACRISTAN REQUIRED

Due to the retirement of our esteemed Sacristan, Gertrude Hurley, we are now seeking a replacement.

For further information, please write to Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan, c/o Parish Office, Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is
Thursday February 19th

Email: holyspiritparish@eircom.net

Website: www.dennehycrossparish.ie

Rest in Peace

Vincent Tobin, Laburnum Park. The death of any parishioner is an occasion of sorrow for his/her family and immediate relatives. The death of Vincent was an occasion of sadness for our wider community, the reason being that Vincent's care and concern extended beyond his family commitments to our whole community because of his life-long dedication to the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Month after month he was quietly and respectfully present at the southern entrance of our church collecting for the Society. He did this in all weathers, even when his health was declining. His dear wife Mary lovingly cared for him at home and in C.U.H. during his long illness. We extend the sympathy of our community, and especially of his colleagues in the St. Vincent de Paul Society to Mary, his sons Desmond and Brendan, his daughter-in-law Karina, his granddaughter Olivia, his sisters-in-law Leonita and Patricia Walsh, his relatives and many friends. May his dear soul rest in peace.

Ann Mallen, College Road, died peacefully at Marymount on Saturday 24th January. Ann was the daughter of Peter and Kathleen O'Donovan - long-time residents on College Road. Peter had his strong nationalist roots deep in the heart of West Cork and Kathleen (nee Stenson) had her roots nearer home. Ann suffered a good deal of ill health during her life, but in spite of this had an irrepressible personality and remained for ever young at heart. We extend our very sincere sympathy to her sons Peter and Conor whom she made sure received sound education that set them up for life. She is missed also by her grandchildren whom she dearly loved - Sarah, Sophie and Robbie. May her dear soul rest in peace.

Margaret (Peggy) Browne, Wilton Avenue, died peacefully at C.U.H. on January 15th. Even though Peggy spent most of her long life in Cork, she remained deeply attached to her native Omeath to where her ashes were taken. A gifted homemaker, a talented tailor, coupled with her all embracing love for children (neighbours' as well as her own), made her home a haven for many. She will be greatly missed and remembered with much affection and gratitude. We offer our deepest sympathies to her dearly loved husband Dermot, daughters Anne, Janet, Louise, Maria, Claire, her sons Bernard and Gerard, grandchildren and the wider family. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh si.

Bible Corner

OUR JEWISH BROTHERS



Like last weekend's gospel, this weekend's highlights Jesus going to the synagogue on the Sabbath day to read and study the scriptures and to sing the psalms in praise of God. He was sharing in the long-standing religious tradition of his people which he did all his life. Indeed, even after his death, his followers, the early Christians, continued to go to the synagogue until they were thrown out for claiming that Jesus of Nazareth had risen from the dead and was in fact the promised Messiah and son of God.

The synagogue service was of Word only. For the Jews religious sacrifice could only happen in the Temple in Jerusalem. When the Temple was destroyed, the Jewish tradition of sacrifice died but their tradition of the liturgy of the Word continues in synagogues all over the world and it is replicated in our liturgy of the Word at Mass, an important link with our Jewish origins and our Jewish brothers.

Jesus' weekly visits are an indicator of the importance he attached to the weekly gathering of God's people, to share the story of God's love, to praise him, to give thanks and to be nourished in faith. Our brother is with us each week when we gather.

Fr. Tom

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Le Chéile Mentoring Project trains and supports adult volunteers who can spare a few hours a week, are over 20, male and female, who are parents, to work with young offenders aged 12-18. No experience is required as full training and on-going support is provided. An information night will be held at 7.00pm on Wed. 11th February at the Probation Office, St. Nicholas Church, Cove Street. Contact 4836742 or shane@lecheile.ie for further information.

Hospital Play Service at Mercy and Cork University Hospitals
Our cheerful, caring volunteers make hospital a happy place by providing play activities for the children each day. Can you give two/three hours once a week (either morning or afternoon - Monday to Friday) to join our team and really make a difference. Volunteers must be 18 years or over. Training and on-going support is provided. For information please call Local 1890 252682, email: info@childreninhospital.ie

NOTICE BOARD

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

Pastoral Council Meeting this Monday 9th in Parish Centre at 8.15pm

Access to Education. Beginning in March at Colaiste Siofain Noafa, 5 weeks courses for adults (mornings). Subjects include business, computer studies, heritage studies, art, textiles, social studies, communication. Opening meeting on Tuesday 10th February at 11.00am. All welcome.

The HSE Community Games will host an open night in the SMA parish hall, Wilton on Thursday 19th February at 8pm. to increase awareness and encourage participation in the local Community Games area. The meeting is open to anyone interested in hearing more about community games, sports and activities in the area. If you would like to know more please contact Dennis on 086 7953564.

Diabetes Federation of Ireland. Help raise awareness of diabetes over a cup of tea in your workplace, community or home with a fundraising tea/coffee event during the month of February. To register call 150 909909/4274229.

Alzheimer Society Cork Branch, meeting of the Saturday Club, from 2-4pm on Saturday 14th February at Bessboro Day Care Centre. A musical celebration for Valentine's Day with a romantic and opera theme. Light refreshments provided. For further information contact 021 4972504

Valentine's Concert in aid of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind on Sunday 15th February at 8.00pm. in the Church of the Real Presence. Featuring Majella Cullagh, Louise O'Sullivan, Noel Somers, Frances Kelleher, City of Cork Male Voice choir, Chorus of Opera Cork, Frank Buckley - musical director. Tickets €25 available on night or from Credit Union and Post Office Wilton. Please bring a cushion for comfort.