

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Second Sunday of Lent

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 15th
March

First Reading
Ex 20:1-17

Psalms 18

Second Reading
1 Cor 1:22-25

Gospel: Jn 2:13-25

FR. TOM WRITES



TRUST - THANKS - LOVE - FORGIVENESS

Recently, I have shared in preparing young children for their first experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a privilege to share with parents and teachers in helping young children to focus on unconditional love and on our response to such love. The key response is thanks for the love even when there is regret for failure to live up to its invitations. Hopefully, it is at home and in school that children first experience and gradually advert to this extraordinary gift and, then, are led to an awareness of God's real relationship with them. The twin loves, human and divine, intertwine comfortably for children as they thrive in the pervasive reassurance. Such trust is a fragile plant. It needs to be nourished by affirmative truth and shielded from negative threats (eg. God will not love you if....).

Sometimes, we adults concentrate on our failures, our sins, our selfishness and lose sight of the foundational relationship of the Lord's unconditional love. It is only when we appreciate that gift that we are open to forgiveness. Forgiveness is a key aspect of love. It is a gift freely given by the lover and cannot be earned but only accepted and celebrated. Do not try to bargain with God. Trust Him as the children do. Their wisdom is contagious. Risk imitating them.

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God of patient endurance, light us up when we are low. When we fall at the feet of despair, when sickness drags us down, save us and raise us up.

We pray for those who suffer from depression that they will find the space to savour the God of Hope.

TUESDAY NIGHT SCRIPTURE STUDY

In view of the crucial importance of St. John's gospel over the next three Sundays, we are taking a break from St. Paul next Tuesday 10th to explore a little of John's gospel.

Please join us at 8.00pm.

There will **NOT** be a Scripture night on St. Patrick's night but we will be there the following Tuesday 24th, please God.

Join us next Tuesday 10th March at 8.00pm.

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Rest in Peace

Eileen Doherty, Laburnum Lawn, died very unexpectedly at her home on February 22nd having spent the weekend with her friends on a Bridge outing in Kenmare. Eileen was a native of Maguiresbridge, Co. Fermanagh. Even though she had to emigrate at an early age like so many of her generation, she never lost contact with family and roots in her native place. In London she met her husband Leo (who predeceased her less than two years ago) and after a spell in the U.S.A. they returned to Ireland. Moving from the licensed trade on the Lower Road, they had a shop in Wilton Gardens. Everywhere she lived Eileen made great friends, some of whom even came from the U.S.A. to attend her funeral, together with relatives from Mayo, Fermanagh and England. Sincere friendships were a lasting feature of her life and she will be greatly missed, especially by her colleagues in the Tuesday Bridge Club. We offer our deepest sympathies to her son Michael, his wife and children, to her daughter Mary and her partner, as well as to her brothers and a wide family circle who grieve so deeply for her. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a h-anam dílis.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to
The Poor Clare Community on the death of Sister Paul.
Vincent O'Sullivan, BishopsCourt Lawn, on the death of his mother.

ST. PAUL MAN OF FAITH

How many of us were told as children that God would not love us if we were not good? We passed this on to our own children but it is not true. This is what St. Paul's letter to the Galatians is about. Of course, Paul was dealing with a problem that arose in the early Church regarding rules. His letter was very important then to avoid a split in the early Church and has continued to be important down through the ages, particularly at the time of the Reformation. It is still important today to prevent us from reducing God's love to the level of human love by placing rules and conditions on it.

Fr. Tom assured us that God's love is a free unearned gift. He will continue his lecture series next Tuesday. We are privileged to have him in the parish.

A SMILE, FOR GOD'S SAKE



"A little boy was saying his prayers one night. They went like this:

"God bless Mammy. God bless Daddy. God bless me - and please, God, look after yourself. If anything happens to you, we are sunk."

NOTICE BOARD

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross next Friday at 7.30pm

Bulletins to Homes

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

Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday 9th in the Parish Office at 8.15pm.

BA in Community Education & Development at C.I.T.

A three year programme consisting of lectures, workshops and a work-practice element based in the community. For those who do not wish to make a commitment for the full three years, there is the option to leave after two years with the Higher Certificate Qualification. Applications are also invited from candidates who have significant experience in community work and/or qualifications in cognate areas for advanced entry to second, third and fourth year of the programme. Entry to this programme is based on interview. Further information from: Anne Deasy, Cork Institute of Technology, 4326 700, Email: ann.deasy@cit.ie

Pre Marriage Course

Full day Courses on Saturdays, €90 per couple, at Naomi, 119 Patrick Street, tel. 4272213, Mon-Fri 9.30-1.00. Also counselling to achieve/postpone a pregnancy.

Scala Youth Ministry

Trip to Taize and the French Alps from 13th - 24th July 2009, for young adults (min. age 16). €650 full board, insurance included. www.scala.ie Contact 4358800 or scalacork@gmail.com.

A Little Light Music

From Mozart to Musicals a concert in aid of the children's Leukaemia Association at Mercy University Hospital, on Sunday 15th March at 8.00pm. at the Aula Maxima, UCC. Tickets available from Pro Musica or at door. €15, €12 with concession.

Cardiac Support Group will hold its monthly meeting this Monday 9th March at the Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre, 11.00-1.00pm. This month's guest speaker will give a presentation on 'Eating for a Healthy Heart'. All are welcome.

Bishopstown Senior Social Centre History Film of Bishopstown still available. Only €10. Contact or call Roger at 086-38666975.

Alzheimer Society Cork Branch

Carers' Support Meeting on Wednesday 11th March, 3.00-4.30pm. at Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock.

Our Saturday Club, from 2pm until 4pm will take place next Saturday 14th March. Guest Speaker from Cork Advocacy Service. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. For further information contact 021 4972504.

