

Ballineaspig Bulletin



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FR. TOM WRITES

GRAND SLAM WISDOM



In the exuberance of the occasion, George Hook proclaimed that if Declan Kidney had become a priest rather than a teacher, he would now be Pope as he ticks all the right boxes. Whatever about Declan's prospects of ecclesiastical promotion, he certainly stressed gospel values in his genuine and inspiring interviews. He started off with honesty as a cornerstone of all human relationships, of all trust and of true success. His respect for and appreciation of the contributions of other people, of the many parents, teachers, coaches and other helpers who freely give of their time and talent in the community week in, week out, to enable the young to realise their potential, was a very appropriate tribute at the moment of celebration. It is a tribute all of us can echo. Without such volunteers, we would all be the poorer.

Declan inspired his players to form not only a squad bent on success but also a community, acknowledging each one's unique gift, contribution and need. It could be a template in our time to refashion bonds of mutual respect and concern in our fractured nation on the brink of civil unrest. As a society we need not only Grand Slam victories but leaders who through honesty, respect, hard work, imagination and courage bind us as an interdependent people on a journey together to happiness. Not all of us are called to key leadership perhaps but we are all called to generously build up our communities.

Is féidir linn.

TODAY MARKS THE 1,000TH EDITION OF THE BULLETIN

In the spring of 1976 a newsletter encompassing the Church of the Holy Ghost and the Church of the Real Presence was produced. The intention was to publish four times a year. We have two copies in the office and are unaware how long it continued. Newsletters were prepared in our church from June 1983 to June 1984 by Fr. Eddie Keohan and were continued until July 1984 by Fr. Tadhg Ó Mathuna and Fr. Bernard Cotter.

A Bulletin with numbered editions was started in September 1985. Fr. Cotter became Editor and continued with the help of Irene Connolly, Elsie Harris and her late husband Tom, Pat Lemasney, Rosalie Moloney and Eileen Walsh. Later on they were joined by Des Dunnion, Colm Linehan, Marie Loughry, Mary McDonogh, Madelaine McNamara, Margaret Murphy and Seamus Murphy. This weekly publication was very time consuming as all the typed material and clip art had to be cut and glued onto a master sheet. This was then sent to a printer. When a computer was purchased for the parish office all this labour intensive work was greatly reduced and a new format introduced in 2005. Printing is now done in the office.

There were many parishioners over the years who did great work copying and folding the Bulletin week in, week out. Currently there are 95 volunteers involved in the distribution to the homes on the third weekend of the month.

We hope you enjoy reading the Bulletin every week and here's to the next 1000 editions.

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PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR EASTER

Next Sunday 5th April at 5.00pm

A sacrament is the focusing of God's presence and his powerful love at particular times in our lives. Often the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration with just the individual and the priest and that is some people's preference. But it has an added dimension when it is celebrated in the context of a praying community. God's plan for us is that we walk the road of life together in times of joy and sorrow especially when celebrating reconciliation.

Bí linn next Sunday and bring a friend.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday 3rd is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place next Friday from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting next Thursday 2nd in the parish Office at 3.00pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Easter collection at all Masses next weekend.

Lough Derg

Three day pilgrimages departing Cork on Saturday 30th May, 11th July and 8th August, €12 per person. Call Cronin's Coaches at 4509090.

Blood Donor Clinic In G.A.A. Hall, Bishopstown, Tuesday 31st March from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

Here is your King! An afternoon exploring Jesus' Passion in John's Gospel with Barbara Bowe R.S.C.J. Professor of Biblical Studies, on Palm Sunday 5th April, 3.00-6.00pm in Mahon Community Centre. Cost €10 (includes tea/coffee). All are welcome.

"Could You not Watch one Hour with Me"

All Night Vigil of Reparation and Adoration on First Friday 3rd April in South Presentation Chapel, Douglas Street. Rosary at 10.00pm, Mass at 10.30pm and First Saturday Mass at 6.00am.

Home Help and Cleaning

Experienced lady available to work five mornings a week. Contact Mary at 086 2043897.

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At the annual awards night the school celebrated the Leaving and Junior Certificate results. A special achievement was the four UCC Entrance Scholarships and the Bank of Ireland Millennium Scholarship won by CSN students. Pictured from left -: Tom Beechinor accepting for his brother John; Barry O'Farrell; Tony Rodgers (for his Millennium scholarship); Peter Duffy and Brian Dineen. They are pictured with the guest speaker on the night Mr. Justice Patrick McCarthy who himself is a past pupil of Spioraid Naoimh.

STATION OF THE CROSS NO. X

God of every good thing, naked we come into the world and naked we return to you. Help us to rid ourselves of what displeases you.

Keep us firm in your love, and give us a heart that is open to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

We pray for justice, peace and reconciliation throughout the world, especially in lands where people are displaced because of conflict, terrorism and violence.

JUST A THOUGHT

An eastern King charged his wise men to compose a sentence to be ever in view and which should be true and appropriate in all times and in all situations. After much thought the wise men wrote

"And this, too, shall pass away."

Abraham Lincoln said of it: "How chastening in the hour of pride! How consoling in the depth of affliction!"



Please take a copy of the Bulletin home or give it to a friend or neighbour

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 5th April
First Reading Is 50:4-7
Psalm 21
Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Mk 14:1-15:47

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