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Ascension of the Lord

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MONSIGNOR DANIEL KEVIN O'CALLAGHAN PP VG

Our Parish Priest celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination this weekend.

On Saturday 23rd May 1959, Fr. Kevin was ordained at the Church of the Resurrection Farranree, and said his first Mass in Newcestown Church, the parish of his birth. His first ministry was in Nigeria until 1961, when he returned to Ireland as Chaplain to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Cork, the Presentation Sisters in Bandon and Mercy Sisters at St. Marie's of the Isle.

The Monsignor was one of the four founding Fathers of the Cork & Ross Mission to Peru in 1965 where he remained until 1971. On his return to the Cork Diocese he was appointed Curate in the Cathedral until 1978 when he returned to Peru for seven years until 1985. In all, the Monsignor spent 13 years in Peru.

In 1985 he was appointed curate and then Parish Priest in Glounthaune, and in 1992 became Parish Priest in Bandon where he remained until 2007, coming to us here in Ballineaspig in 2007. Bandon's loss was our gain.

The Monsignor was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese and Papal Prelate with title of Monsignor in June 1998.

The annual Pilgrimages to Lourdes are run very professionally and Monsignor O'Callaghan as Director has a large part to play in the organisation and preparation.

Our Monsignor is an extremely hard-working priest, in particular during the Confirmation season, when he shares with the Bishop the administering of Confirmation in the diocese.

We wish him our sincere best wishes for many more years of ministry.

PENTECOST INTER-CHURCH SERVICE

In the Crypt, Church of the Holy Spirit, at 8 p.m.

on Thursday, 28th May

Residents of our parish who belong to other Christian Churches are especially welcome.



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

Rest in Peace

Liam O'Driscoll, Laburnum Park, died peacefully at Cork University Hospital on 23rd April. Liam was a native of Drimoleague Parish, where his mother Agnes taught in the local primary school at Castledonovan - well known at that time for a number of scholarship winners among its pupils. He received his secondary education at Farranferris College and graduated with distinction from U.C.C. He joined the staff at Presentation College, Western Road, shortly afterwards and ended his teaching years as Vice-Principal of the College. During all his years in the rarefied climate of academic excellence Liam maintained his ties and interest in his native parish and this proved a blessing and fulfilment for him in his years of retirement. He was never buffeted by the winds of change, but maintained a steady course and loyal friendships throughout his life, evidenced by the impressive numbers who attended his obsequies. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Betty, his family John, Pat, Brendan, Sharon, Eamonn and Fionnuala, his brother Sean and in-laws Tomás and Janet. May his noble soul rest in peace.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Mary Moynihan**, Model Farm Road, and **Sheila Donovan**, Highfield Lawn, on the death of their sister Peg, in London.

Calling All Students

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 30th May at 6.15pm here in the Church of the Holy Spirit for all students undertaking Leaving and Junior Certs at the beginning of June.

Being the feast of the Holy Spirit, we pray that all may be inspired with the gifts of the Spirit. All students and their families are welcome for the celebration of the Eucharist. A candle will be lit and remain lighting for the duration of the exams.

Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh

Shane Gardezi, a Transition Year student, has won a German Scholarship with the Goethe-Institute. This competition is open to German students in secondary schools all over Ireland and is organised by the German embassy. Shane is one of just five students who have been selected after a language test at the prestigious institute and he will now spend 4 weeks on an all expenses paid roundtrip in Germany.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 31st May
First Reading: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103
Second Reading: Gal 5:16-25; Gospel: Jn 15:26-27

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Ordination to the Priesthood

Congratulations to **Alan Neville**, Orchard Road, who will be ordained to the priesthood at the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road on Friday next 29th May.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD celebrates the day that Christ, in the presence of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. It occurred 40 days after Easter Sunday, so falls on a Thursday; however, the celebration has been transferred to the following Sunday.

The Ascension is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11). Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

St. Augustine wrote: "Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies."

NOTICE BOARD

Crypt Bridge Club will close for season on 25th May. We wish all our members a happy holiday and good weather. There **will** be open Bridge for the months of June/July at 2.00pm sharp on Tuesday afternoons in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. All welcome. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served. Table money €5. parking €2 - but on presenting the second half of parking ticket to Beryl your €2 will be refunded.

All Ireland Rosary Rally to Knock Saturday June 6th in Honour of Fr. Peyton (celebrating the 100th Anniversary of his birth). Bus from Cork - Day Return. Phone 0860502727

Ursuline Service & Spirituality Experience

Are you looking for a New Opportunity? Do you have an interest in exploring spirituality? Do you have an enthusiasm for working with young people? How about giving a week in June to exploring the Ursuline Way of Life through service, working with young people, and spirituality? Want to know more? For further information contact: Sr. Jean Browne, Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, Cork. Mobile: 087 9391669. Email: irishursulines@eircom.net Take the risk. Do something. DARE TO BE DIFFERENT!

JUST A THOUGHT

Our lives are like the course of the sun. At the darkest moment there is the promise of day-

