

# Ballineaspai Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

20th September 2009

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 27th  
September

First Reading:  
Num 11:25-29

Psalms 18

Second Reading:  
Jas 5:1-6

Gospel:  
Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

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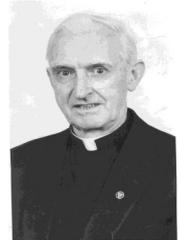
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THE DEAN WRITES

## BLESSED ARE THE GENTLE - THEY SHALL HAVE THE EARTH AS THEIR HERITAGE



I'm not a T.V. addict. But during the recent two weeks of wet weather holidays, I saw more than my usual quota of the 'box'.

What struck me most about this? The amount of violence, bitterness, and anger which seemed to be the common thread running through all kinds of features, films, soaps, even news items - stabbings in Dublin (apparently a feature of life in many disagreements up there, and now the same in hitherto quiet towns in the West of Ireland - and even occasionally perpetrated by the gentler sex). The sad fact is that this exhibition of the baser instincts of our nature is contagious. It's also in stark contrast to the central theme of the religion which Jesus gave us: "Love one another as I have loved you."

I can't change the content of our T.V. channels. Listen, the late Mother Teresa was an unknown, obscure, frail little woman when she took the first dying old man off the streets of Calcutta. This started something that has grown to thousands the world over. To copy another little phrase from the well known ad: 'Every little helps'.

Yes, we can make a difference. Instead of anger, violence, retaliation and revenge, let us provide a little care, forgiveness and love in the world in which we are privileged to live. Remember too our time is short. We will never pass this way again. So let our aim be to leave this world a little better because we have lived.

"Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right - they shall be satisfied."

"It is chance that makes brothers, but hearts that make friends."

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## NOTICE BOARD

### Pastoral Council Meeting

This Monday 21st September at 8.15 p.m..  
All members requested to attend.

### 🎵 Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

We shall resume our once monthly gramophone recitals on next Wednesday 23rd September at 3.00pm in the crypt of our church, when Tom Liston will give the recital. Everybody is welcome to attend.

### Annual Collection for the Education of Students To the Priesthood.

This collection will be taken up on the weekend of September 26th and 27th. It is the primary means of funding those who are in seminary preparing for priesthood in the diocese.

### School Masses. Opening to the Year.

Mount Mercy on Wednesday 23rd September at 11.30 a.m.

St Catherine's on Thursday 24th September at 11.30 a.m.  
Parents, past pupils or parishioners are invited to join us.

### Cork Ursuline Past Pupils' Union

Annual Open Golf Day at Cork Golf Club, Little Island Monday 28th September. Past Pupils and friends welcome! 10.30 a.m - 12.30 p.m. Three ball stableford. Entry fee - €35. Cork Golf Club members - €10. Prize giving at meal (optional) at 5.00 p.m. R.S.V.P. Monday 21st September. Contact - Colette 087-6271700.



## BIBLE CORNER

### ROOT OF ALL EVIL

In the face of so many frightening difficulties, drugs, violence, human trafficking and so on, it is easy to become despondent and to wonder where it will all end. The real question is where does it all begin. This weekend's second reading offers a starting point to explore the root of all evil.

It is the human heart, the heart that is capable of such heroic joyful greatness, or of such unimaginable evil and a wide range of behaviours in between.

What nourishes goodness in the heart is the wisdom that comes from God. "It makes for peace. Peacemakers sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness."

Do I sow seeds of peace from morning until night in every situation in my life? Or do I fan little flames of misunderstanding, blame, disharmony, jealousy or destructive ambition?

Do I ask the Lord for a heart that is a seedbed of peace? James recommends that this should be our prayer. Pray about it.

Fr. Tom

## *Just a Thought*

### Our Children

Your children are not your children.  
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.  
They come through you but not from you.  
And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts.  
For they have their own thoughts.  
You may house their bodies but not their souls.  
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.  
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.  
For life goes not backwards nor carries with yesterday.

Kahlil Gibran

"The Prophet"

## Baptisms

We welcome into our Christian community the following who were baptised :

Michael O'Driscoll

Sophie Derarca Lynch

David William Kidney

Lulu Chigoziem Ikeagwuani

Anna Michelle Waldron

Scott Finbarr Richmond

Emily Caroline Dunlea

Aoife Máire Stevens

James Anthony William Herrick

Tom Patrick English