

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Our Parish Priest writes

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 4th  
October

First Reading: Gen 2:18-24

Psalm 127

Second Reading:  
Heb 2:9-11

Gospel: Mk 10:2-17

## Do this in Memory



During the meal at the Last Supper, Jesus took bread, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "take and eat, this is my body". The same with the chalice of wine and he said, "take and drink, this is the cup of my blood which will be shed for you and for all", and he continued, "Do this in memory of me". The only thing Jesus asked for himself during his life and teaching with us – the Mass.

Now it has long been acknowledged that the most effective way of teaching children and preparing them for First Confession and First Communion is when home, school and parish each accept their share of the responsibility. One of the most recent studies on the state of catechesis in Ireland uses the image of the three islands of home, school and parish.

The same report acknowledges the classroom as a place of positive religious experience and our teachers as capable, confident and committed. It also recognises that the school programme on its own cannot carry the home and the parish. There is clearly a need for helps to enable parents and the parish community to fulfil their role.

As a response to this need, the Advisors for Religious Education in Primary Schools have developed the Do this in Memory programme, which encourages and challenges parents, guardians and the parish community to become more actively involved in the preparation of the children for the sacraments of First Confession and First Communion.

Besides, the programme enriches the faith of the families who participate and also that of the parish community.

This weekend we celebrate the first Mass of the Do this in Memory, and the children who will make their First Communion next year will be enrolled this evening at the 6.15 p.m. Mass. The Enrolment Book with the children's names will be placed in the Sacred Space after the promises have been made.

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## NOTICE BOARD

### First Friday

Next Friday 2nd October is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

Due to ongoing building work in the church, there will be no **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** next Friday.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** monthly collection next weekend.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** monthly meeting next Thursday 1st in the Parish Office at 3.00pm.

### 'Justice, Reconciliation & Peace'

Nuala Ó Loan to speak at Presentation Family Conference on Saturday 3rd October from 9am to 2.00pm (with light refreshments) in Silver Springs Moran Hotel, Cork. All are welcome. RSVP to Anne Barry-Murphy, Edmund Rice Office Tel: 024278935 Email: erofficecork@eircom.net

### Irish Language Social Night

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 8p.m. Rochestown Park Hotel. Fáilte romhat. An evening of music, dance, and conversation – a great way to try out your cúpla focal! Tickets €10 available from the Gael-Taca office 4310841.

### Divine Mercy

Feast Day of St. Faustina Sunday 4th October. Ceremonies at 2.00pm in St. Augustine's Church with confessions, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Talk, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary and Mass at 4.00pm.

**Bereavement Support Group** in the S.M.A. Parish Centre on Wednesday 30th September at 8.00pm for 8 weeks. Room 10. It is open to all people recently or long-term bereaved. For further information please call Margaret 4544429/Kathleen 4544262.

## In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Arthur O'Callaghan**, Farranlea Grove, on the death of his sister, Breda Magner in England.  
**Rita Corkery**, St. Francis Avenue, on the death of her sister, Marie Louise Murray.  
**Kitty and Donal Cronin**, Sheares Park, on the death of their brother, Denis.

## ST. JOHN VIANNEY - CURÉ OF ARS

Universally known as the Curé of Ars, this much loved saint has been chosen by Pope Benedict to be patron of the 'Year for Priests'.

Born into a poor family near Lyon in France, his path to the priesthood was a difficult one. The French Revolution of 1798 unleashed an intense and violent wave of anti-clericalism. Many priests and faithful lay people had been slaughtered. Those who remained loyal to the Church and Pope celebrated Mass in secret.

As he grew older and religious freedom returned, John persuaded his parents that he should apply to the seminary to become a priest. However, he was rejected because of a learning difficulty which meant that he could not retain information and suffered panic attacks when asked to write.

A meeting with a parish priest, Fr. Balley, changed his life for ever. Over time and with Fr. Balley's help and support, John was accepted to study for the priesthood and was ordained in 1815. He would say of Fr. Balley, "Do I not owe him everything."

His Bishop assigned him to the town of Ars, a remote and inaccessible poor parish located in the wilderness. On arrival at Ars one of his first actions was to give his mistress away to a destitute man.

Prayer and concern for the poor were at the very heart of his ministry. John Vianney would remain at Ars for forty-one years. Utterly dedicated to the Eucharist, he considered the celebration of Mass a joyous and remarkable privilege and would spend hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

It was estimated that he would hear confessions for sixteen hours each day, having a profound sense of God's mercy and compassion for sinners. From all parts of France people flocked to Ars to confess to him; he helped many troubled souls to be reconciled to God and thousands who had strayed from the church returned to the faith.

John Vianney embraced an ascetic lifestyle, fasting long hours, eating only dry bread and boiled potatoes. His health was broken by years of mortification and asceticism. He died on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1859.

Since then millions of pilgrims have journeyed to Ars to experience something of his holiness, example and, indeed, presence. Canonized in 1925, St. John Vianney is one of the Church's greatest sons.

The year for the "Sanctification of Priests" began on 19<sup>th</sup> June this year, Feast of the Sacred Heart. It ends on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Please remember all our priests in your prayers during this time. To be a Catholic Priest today requires courage and faith. Pray also that young men will respond to God's call to become 'Fishers of Men'.

Arthur O'Callaghan