

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 18th  
October

First Reading  
Is 53:10-11

Psalms 32

Second Reading  
Acts 13:46-49

Gospel  
Mk 10:42-45

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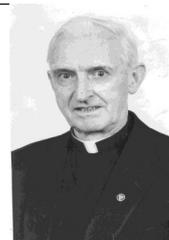
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## THE DEAN WRITES

### "I AM HUNGRY"



Some time ago a friend gave me an article written by Roy Hattersley. Roy who? We have heard that name somewhere before - a British politician - you know that.

What you may not have known is that he is a self-confessed atheist and well able to express himself. He was writing about the response of different classes of people to appeals for assistance in times of natural disasters and human misery.

Notable by their absence, he says, are teams from rationalist societies, free thinkers' clubs and atheists' associations, the sort of people who scoff at religion as an absurdity. Yet men and women who follow pronouncements of the Pope are the very people most likely to make sacrifices in helping others and indeed are joined by other Christians in doing good. He cites a friend, an officer of the Salvation Army who does his soup-run nightly.

He recalls a saying of John Wesley that good works of themselves are not a guarantee of a place in Heaven, but they are most likely to be performed by people who believe in the reality of such a place.

Roy must have been dreaming of St. James, because he said the same things two thousand years ago. "If one of the brothers or sisters is in need of clothes, and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them I wish you well, keep yourself warm, and eat plenty, without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? In the same way Faith, if good deeds do not go with it, is quite dead." I think Mr. Hattersley is an honourable man, and brave enough to speak the truth as he sees it, even when it hurts his own stance in life. We can all learn, and we do in supporting Vincent de Paul, Simon, et al.

## THIS WEEKEND'S PSALM

28th Sunday in ordinary time - Year B

Patrick Killeen

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Fill us with your love that we may re-joice.

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## Rest in Peace

Bridget O'Brien (Bendemeer Park) died in her 92nd year on 29th September in Cork University Hospital after a brief illness. A native of the South Parish, she came to live here on marriage to her husband Raymond where they reared their family. Family was the focus of Bridget's life, sharing in the varied sporting interests of her husband and children, especially greyhounds and hurling. A regular attender at the 10.00am daily Mass here, her devotion to Our Lady was central to her life which was particularly acknowledged in the Anthem to Our Lady of Good Counsel being the recessional hymn at her requiem Mass. A kindly neighbour, a good friend, a wonderful homemaker, she will be missed by many. To her children Michael, John, Raymond, Liam, Beatrice and Mary, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí.

### NOTICE BOARD

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

#### **Cork Mended Hearts**

The 25th Anniversary Mass will take place on Wednesday 14th October in Cork University Hospital at 7.30pm. Homily: Rev. Fr. James Good. Music: Southern Gospel Choir.

#### **Alzheimer Society at Bessboro Day Care Centre**

Carers' support meeting on Wednesday 14th October from 3.00 to 4.30pm. All welcome.

Meeting of the Saturday Club from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 17th October. An afternoon full of laughter and joy. Light refreshments provided. Free Admission. Tel: 4972504

**Mobile Phone Coaching** for Seniors every week, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.00-2.00pm at Bishopstown Senior Social Centre, Wilton Park House. Phone Roger Coughlan 086-3866975 to book a slot.

#### **Cardiac Support Group (South Lee)**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 12th October at the Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre, from 10.00 to 1.00pm. All are welcome.

## BIBLE CORNER



### HEARING THE WORD

Words are never neutral. The words we speak nurture hope or destroy it. They build up esteem or undermine it. They communicate truth or falsehood.

The gift of communication brings with it an enormous responsibility as well as unlimited potential. The realisation of this potential often depends on the attitude of the mind and heart of the listener.

This is particularly true of the word of God coming to us in the scriptures. This weekend's second reading highlights the potential of God's word depending on whether we hear it in faith or in cynicism, in love or in indifference, with an attentive or a distracted heart. When we listen in focused anticipation, the word has power to call us effectively into a deepening friendship with the Lord.

When the reader proclaims "This the word of the Lord" what does our reply of "Thanks be to God" imply? Is it an expression of heartfelt gratitude or just a routine gesture?

The difference has huge consequences for each of us.

Fr. Tom

Everybody can be great,

because anybody can serve.

You don't have to have a college degree to serve.

You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.

You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve...

You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.

- Martin Luther King

Life can be found only in the present moment. The past is gone, the future is not yet here, and if we do not live in the present, we cannot be in touch with life.