

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

18th October 2009

Mission Sunday

No. 1010

NEW CHOIR STALL

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 25th
October

First Reading: Jer 31:7-9

Psalm 125

Second Reading:
Heb 5:1-6

Gospel: Mk 10:46-52

Some time ago we announced the proposal to relocate the choir from the existing organ loft to a new location in the south transept. The reasons for the relocation are both practical and liturgical. On the practical side the access to the existing organ loft does not comply with modern safety standards and could be considered a hazard. The organ itself, which has given service to this church since 1979 and had previously given service to a community of nuns in Loughrea convent chapel (closed), has unfortunately reached a stage where the cost of its refurbishment would be far in excess of its value as a musical instrument.

The tiered staging for the choir podium has been designed by the experienced church architect, Alexander M. White, FRIAI, who worked in close consultation with our own Liturgical Musical Director and organist Mr. Patrick Killeen. The design of the choir podium has the full approval of Bishop John Buckley. We are grateful to Monsignor Leonard O'Brien and the members of the Diocesan Committee on Sacred Art and Architecture, Father Christy Fitzgerald of the Historic Churches Advisory Committee and Mr. Pat Ruane, Conservation Officer for Cork City Council, for their cooperation and advice given during the design and development of the choir podium.

The choir podium is asymmetrically fan shaped in plan. Its three dimensional form is based on an open human hand cusped about the organ. The fingers of the hand are represented by the rising tiers of the soprano and tenor sections extending out towards the nave on the left hand side. On the right the raised area of the base of the thumb in the human hand is represented by the alto section and the extended thumb by the bass section. This open handed gesture is inspired by the beautiful rhythmic hand movements of choir directors as they lead and encourage their choirs in song.

This very important piece of church furniture is being produced by the skilled craftsmen of O'Shea's Building Contractors, and they were the original builders of our beautiful church here at Dennehy's Cross. The organ, which is located at the base of the choir, was built specifically for our church by Phoenix Organs of Lancashire in consultation with our Liturgical Musical Director Mr. Patrick Killeen, who designed the specification.

The new purpose-built choir and organ podium are a fitting contribution to the spiritual and physical renewal of the Church of the Holy Spirit as the parish approaches the golden jubilee of the foundation of this church.

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BRINGING JESUS HOME

There is a long tradition of the priests of the parish bringing Holy Communion to people who are housebound through age or sickness. Here we do these rounds usually around the First Friday of each month. We are anxious to hear from people who would appreciate such a visit. Please phone any of the priests or Anne at the parish office.

Also, many Ministers of the Eucharist bring the Lord to housebound or sick neighbours on Sundays or mutually agreeable times. We would like to hear from you if you would like such a visit.

These visits are privileged times for both ministers and priests. Do not be afraid to remind us if we fail to respond.

Voluntary Envelope Collection System

We are pleased to announce that we have received €23,141 as a tax refund for the year April to December 2008. Self assessed donors have so far contributed €595. Expenses incurred for stationary, envelopes, printing and postage amounted to €1000. Our net gain is approximately €22,735 for which we thank most sincerely those parishioners who joined the scheme. All funds will be used for parish expenses.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Christian, voluntary organisation working with poor and disadvantaged people. Inspired by our founder, Frederic Ozanam, and our patron, St. Vincent de Paul, we seek to respond to the call every Christian receives to bring the love of Christ to those we serve in the spirit of the gospel message: "I was hungry and you gave me to eat."

The Holy Spirit conference wishes to thank parishioners for their sustained moral and financial support over the years. This support has enabled the Conference to help many people in need in our community. At present we are looking for new members and collectors. If you are interested in becoming a member or a collector, please contact the parish office, tel. 4344452, or Ozanam House, 2 Tuckey Street, tel. 4270444.

DO YOU LIKE SINGING?

Would you like to join a youth choir based in Wilton?

The choir, *An Cōir*, is for boys and girls from 3rd to 6th class and will rehearse in the hall at Gaelscoil Úi Riada, Wilton, from 3.30 to 4.30pm every Friday. Conductor Muireann Joyce. For more information contact Cliona Ó Riain at 087-82228979, or Ruth McDonnell at 087-7957904 after 6.00pm.

Why not come along next Friday.

NOTICE BOARD

Holy Communion Pyxes

If there is any Minister of the Eucharist who no longer uses a Church Pyx, we would be very grateful if you could return it to us please.

Novena of Masses for the Dead will commence on Monday 2nd November. Envelopes and prayer cards will be available in the church this weekend.

Annual Mass for Parishioners who died since last November will take place this year on Friday 13th November at 7.30pm.

Journeying with Luke.

An introduction to Luke's gospel over four Tuesday nights, from 8.00 to 9.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre, Blackrock, beginning 27th October. Cost for entire programme €10. All are welcome. Information and bookings from Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, 7336053 or are@corkandross.org.

Cork Simon Community will hold its Annual Church Gate collection on 24th/25th October. Your generosity would be very much appreciated.

Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly recital will take place on Wednesday 21st October at 3.00pm in the crypt of our church. Our guest presenter will be Peter O'Regan from Macroom Library Gramophone Circle. Everybody is most welcome to attend.

Role of Faith in Development in Developing Countries

Niamh Brennan, Kimmage Institute, will deliver a public lecture in the MSC Centre, Western Road, on Wednesday 21st October as part of Mission Alive.

Table Quiz in aid of Edmund Rice Action Camps

Over the past fifteen years students from Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh and Mount Mercy, along with students from other schools, provide Summer Camp and recreational activities for children who may not otherwise get this opportunity. On Tuesday, 20th October @ 8p.m. in Flannery's Pub (upstairs) a Table Quiz will take place in aid of Edmund Rice Action Camps. €10 per person. All Welcome!

THIS WEEKEND'S PSALM

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in ordinary time - Year B

Patrick Killeen

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May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.