

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

8th November 2009

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

No. 1013

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 15th
November

First Reading
1 Kgs 17:10-16

Psalms 145

Second Reading
Heb 9:24-28

Gospel: Mk 12:38-44

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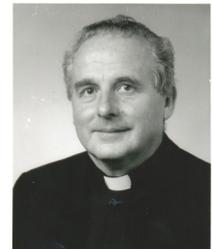
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YES, YOU CAN



In the face of tiger kidnappings, depleted pension funds, billions borrowed, growing unemployment, spiralling alcohol abuse, it is very difficult to believe that any one person can make a difference. The forces of upheaval and destruction seem to be unstoppable. Where will it all end? Is there any hope at all?

This weekend's gospel says there is. Jesus points up the importance of the widow who had only two small coins to contribute. She was generous beyond what was reasonable and conventional. She was long on generosity and short on self security. Jesus highlighted her contribution as being the most valuable of all.

Courageous generosity like hers is as necessary and as powerful today as it was then. Generosity not only relieves suffering but it acts as an antidote to self-pity and to self-deprecation through engendering trust. Where there is trust, all things are possible. In some situations, the little we have to contribute to building trust may seem irrelevant. Not so, proclaims Jesus. The mite of trust we offer is crucial and has a twofold potential. It gradually frees the donor from the fears that entrap in self-centred preoccupation. As well, it awakens hope in the recipient that a fresh beginning is possible, that somebody across the divide can be trusted again.

Listening to the gospel story of the widow's mite with an open heart this weekend will evoke a unique personal response in each one.

Fr. Tom

WEEKEND PSALM

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NOTICE BOARD

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

Parish Liturgy Group will meet on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm in Parish Office. The meeting is open to anyone interested and all ideas and suggestions for enhancing the Liturgy will be most welcome.

Charity Concert in aid of L'Arche on Sunday 22nd November at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Pope's Quay, featuring Majella Cullagh, Eleanor Malone, John Gibson, Amanda Neri, St. Mary's Church Choir and Togher 4th class girls choir. Tickets €20 at the door. Bring a cushion.

Forgiveness - Does it Matter?

A time to question, share, relax, discover, heal. All welcome to Sacred Heart Hall on Sat and Sun 28th/29th November, 10.30-5.30 each day. Bring lunch, coffee and tea provided. Rev. Fr. Pat Collins C.M. will speak and celebrate Mass and Moss and Janice Carrig will lead the Healing Service.

CIT's Open Day takes place on Saturday 21st November from 10.00am to 4.00pm. For further information email: openday@cit.ie website: www.cit.ie

Alzheimer Society Cork Branch, meeting of the Saturday Club, from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 14th November at Bessboro Day Care Centre. A musical afternoon with the one and only Mr Sean O'Shea. Light refreshments provided. Free admission. All welcome. Further information contact 4972504.

Bizzare Bazaar in aid of Down Syndrome, Cork Branch, on Sunday 15th November, 2.00-5.30pm. at SMA Hall, Wilton. Stalls/face painting/refreshments/raffles/spot prizes and much more. Christmas presents at recession prices. Everyone welcome.

Coláiste Chríost Rí celebrating 50 years. Launch of book "Rí-connect. Colaiste Chríost Rí. 50 years in words and images" Friday 13th November in new hall in Colaiste Chríost Rí at 7.30pm. All past pupils, present pupils, friends and supporters welcome.

D-Day in Bishopstown Library

Pat Gillen from The Lough will share his memories of WW11 in Bishopstown Library on Wednesday 11 November at 11.00am. Pat served as a commando with the V1 Commando and landed on Sword Beach on D-Day. All welcome. Admission is free.

Beyond Violent Futures: Cultivating Peace

Cork Theology Forum presents speaker Professor Linda Hogan at Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, on Saturday 5th December, 9.30 to 1.15pm. Registration €15. Contacts and queries: corktheologyforum@gmail.com

Bishopstown Community Association Annual Dinner for Senior Citizens hosted by the C.I.T Rossa Avenue, at 7.00pm. Friday 11th December. All welcome. Tickets €20 available at 4348595/4546358/087-2565481/4343575/086-3183950. Transport can also be arranged by contacting the above numbers.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

If you love me do not cry!
If only you knew the gift of heaven which God has given me.
If only from your world you could see in the ranks of angels and hear the glorious singing.
If only you could see, unfolding before you, the eternal fields of paradise and the new paths on which I walk.
If only, for one brief moment, you could stand with me in contemplation of God's infinite goodness and beauty.
For, my dear one, you have seen me and loved me in the world, and land of shadows; you are not yet able to see and love me in the joy of everlasting eternity.
Yet, believe me, that on a day, known to God and fixed in time by Him, when death shall come to break the chains which hold you, and bring your soul to heaven, for on that day, you will see again the one who loved you in his life and loves you with all of his heart, in paradise.

St. Augustine.

Letter to the Editor

24th October, 2009

Dear Editor,

I read with interest and dismay the article (unsigned) published in the Bulletin of 18th October about the new choir stall. Dismay at the lack of communication and consultation about this project which is a major reordering of the Church interior.

Neither I nor others to whom I have spoken recollect hearing or seeing any announcement made some time ago. One would expect with such a major project that the proposals and plans would have been put on display in the church before the work was approved and undertaken.

There is now so much emphasis on communication and partnership that parishioners should have at least been given the opportunity to give their opinions, comments and, if necessary, their approval before the work was undertaken.

I regret having to write this letter to highlight the lack of dialogue and consultation about this project in the parish where, up to this, communication and dialogue have been good and open.

There was no mention in the article about the total cost of the whole operation.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Lehane

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The reading of sacred scripture during church ceremonies such as Holy Mass is not for any elitist group of people. Baptismal vocation is a common calling for all of God's people.
Reading at Mass can be a challenge, yet also a very enriching experience. For those who volunteer, it requires courage, commitment and a willingness to reach out in communicating God's word to others.