

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

15th November 2009

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THE DEAN WRITES



God's Word

Readings for Sunday 22nd
November

First Reading:
Dan 12:1-13

Psalms 15

Second Reading:
Heb 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mk 13:24-32

DYING IN NOVEMBER

Last year I attended the funeral of an old school friend in West Cork. We left school on the same day. Shortly afterwards he emigrated to the U.S.A. Having survived his stint in the armed forces and the Vietnam war, he worked and spent the rest of his life in the United States. He was gregarious by nature and made many friends among his workmates and ex-pats. Some of these crossed the broad Atlantic to attend his funeral. For at least one it was his first visit to our Green Isle. He was rather fascinated by the ritual of our funeral services - the wake in the house, the removal to the church, the funeral Mass and burial. Neighbours and relatives lowered the coffin into the grave, filled it in, and tapped the earth down with the back of the shovels. His friend said the point was made that he was really dead - difficult for those grieving, but in the long run a help to accept the reality of death, and that it is quite alright to cry and grieve for the one who has gone.

His experience was in stark contrast to another friend of his from Scandinavia who came to work one day around midday and obviously was not himself. On enquiring if something was wrong, his friend told him his mother was cremated that morning.

I am not suggesting a morose preoccupation with death and dying, though I wouldn't blame you for thinking so.

There are many stories about the experience of dying, some fanciful. The reality is rather a state of peace and serenity, even for those of us who are cowards in ordinary living. The only authentic accounts we have of the after life are those given by Jesus himself, which can be summed up as a beautiful and happy existence with God. "In my Father's house there are many rooms, and I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am you may be too."

So let us thank God for his undying love for us now and at the hour of our death. Some say dying is a lonely experience, and a journey we must make alone - partly true. But Jesus is our forever friend and will be with us every step of the way.

Sacred heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you.

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THIS WEEKEND'S PSALM

Thirty-Third Sunday in ordinary time - Year B

Patrick Killeen



In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Dr. Siobhán O'Sullivan, Kenley Drive**, on the recent death of her mother.

LAY MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH

Music and song enhances our celebration of the Eucharist. With the help of hymnals we are all encouraged to sing and be part of the choral music ministry. Should anyone wish to become a member of the choir, there is room for more singers in the new choir stalls, especially tenors.

All God's people have a place in the choir, so we should all join in giving praise to God through singing.

St. Catherine's News – November '09

Our First Holy Communion Classes are busily preparing for their third "Do this in Memory of Me" Mass at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st – why not join them and their families and community in Dennehy's Cross. These Masses take place once a month and are a wonderful opportunity for home, parish and school to work together.

On December 17th all of our school community will present a Christmas Celebration in the church at approximately 7 p.m. This is always a most moving occasion and we would love to see all of our neighbours and parishioners there too.

As part of our Golden Jubilee Celebrations we have launched our Achievement Book to record the many wonderful achievements of pupils during the year. Well done to Sophie O' Rourke in 2nd class on climbing Carrauntwohill and to Cheryl Furlong, Eva Fleming & Celia Sheehan on their recent outstanding success in the "Anne Frank & Me" Poetry and Doll Making Competitions in the Everyman Palace. We would also congratulate our past pupil Sinéad Mc Gee who is starring in the production.

December 2nd sees Bishopstown Lions Club in association with Herlihy's Centra host their spectacular Christmas Food Fair in Bishopstown G.A.A. Club. A great night out is assured as always! Tickets are available in the school priced €10 and remember all money raised in each school goes directly to that school.



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Notice Board

Parish Dues

Autumn dues envelopes will be distributed during the coming weeks with the help of our kind distributors. If you have joined the envelope collection system, please use the brown envelope provided in the box.

St. Vincent de Paul

We once again appeal for donations to our fuel fund to help the needy of the parish. We would ask you to give generously, particularly in light of the substantial price increases for fuels in recent years. Our priests, the parish office (mornings) or any member of the Conference will gladly receive donations. Many thanks.

Cork Marriage Counselling Centre

The annual collection will take place at all Masses next weekend. CMCC provides a range of services including pre-marriage courses, parenting teenagers, parents in marital breakdown, marriage - the early years. The annual collection helps to fund these services.

Monastic Weekend

We invite single women between 22 and 40 years to experience our Carmelite Life on December 4th-6th. Further information available from Sr. Teresa Carmelite Monastery, Tallow, 058/56205, www.carmelitetallow.org email: teresatallow@eeircom.net



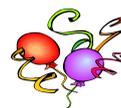
Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle will meet on Wednesday next 18th November at 3.00pm in the Crypt of our church when Pat Lemasney will present the final recital for 2009. As always everybody is welcome to attend.

Small Sum of Money found at church gate last weekend. Please contact the parish office or sacristy. Tel. 4344452.

Cork Simon Community would like to thank all the people who contributed so generously to their recent collection at the Church of the Holy Spirit. Thank you. Sum collected was €1300.48 which is much appreciated.

Reminder...Bizarre Bazaar in aid of Down Syndrome Cork branch takes place on Sunday from 2.00-5.30pm. at SMA Hall, Wilton. Everyone welcome.

Senior Citizens Party hosted by Bishopstown & District Lions Club will take place on Friday 27th November at Bishopstown GAA Hall at 8.00pm. Music, dancing, refreshments provided. Everyone welcome. No charge. Bus pick up and return will be arranged. Contact numbers: 4343459, 4544369 or 4871584.



Charity Christmas Open House at Bridge Park Cottage, Killumney, in aid of Marymount Hospice and Enable Ireland. Adm. €10. Viewing 19th-22nd and 26 -29th November, 6.00-10pm, weekends 12 noon - 8pm. Contact 0238842260.

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