

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

7th February, 2010

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 14th
February

First Reading
Jer 17:5-8

Psalm 1

Second Reading
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Gospel
Lk 6:17, 20-26

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Schools are important places. We spend a considerable amount of time in them. When schools are working at or near their best they are truly a remarkable human achievement. Young children have a safe place to pray and play and learn. But it was not always like that.

Today looking back over a period of one hundred and fifty years, we cannot but be touched by the journey of joy and pain on a pathway that was both rugged and consoling. It was a journey filled with light and joy, yet sometimes bleak and confusing in Cork City that was the home of the sick, the poor and the beggars.

Quoting from the City Mission Report of July 1848, the following picture emerged of Orchard Place in the East end: "Orchard Place is less than 45 yards long and 8 broad and contains 27 houses. Resident in this court in 1845 was no less than 217 families consisting of 882 persons, of whom 582 were above 14 years of age." Educational facilities were none beyond the Hedge Schools.

Now if Irish Catholicism wears any mark of identification surely it is the stamp of asceticism. The Irish response to God has always been made with a generosity that knows no bounds. The extremes of austerity and mortification are a central theme in the lives of the saints.

On to the scene came two outstanding and dedicated people – Nano Nagle and Ignatius Rice. Under the penal laws the youth of Ireland were condemned to ignorance, superstition and final loss of faith. Nano Nagle was called to herald a movement of religious and social recovery. In that mighty undertaking she was a solitary figure. The Irish people were leaderless. One does not easily forget John Mitchell's description of the Irish Catholics: 'They were as completely helpless as the beast of the field.'

Nano Nagle set up her schools for the poor and both she and her schools were regarded as a challenge to the penal legislators.

We think of the many Religious Orders throughout the world today. We are aware of the enormous contribution they have made towards the success in the spread of the faith, the care and education of the sick and poor.

But then there comes 'One who knew not Joseph' and advocates, if not demands, the exit of such a powerful body of Religious from the educational scene. How terrible to think of the 'bog' and how anxious 'the One' is to stay in it.

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Rest in Peace

To the family and friends of our late parishioners we offer sincere sympathy. May they rest in peace.
Eileen Murray, Wilton Gardens, who died on 25th January.
Christy Murphy, 24 Parkway Drive, who died on 30th January.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to
Mary Kingston, Lima Lawn, on the death of her sister, Susie, Skibbereen.
Dan Joe O'Driscoll, Laburnum, Lawn, on the death of his brother Michael, Skibbereen.

'Log On, Learn' Programme

Older people are invited to join Transition Year students in Bishopstown Community School, on Friday, February 12th, from 10.55 to 12.15pm, and every Friday thereafter.

The course is limited in places, so those interested should contact Ger Long, Bishopstown Community School at 021 4544311.

FEAST DAYS - 11TH FEBRUARY

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On this day in 1858 Our Lady first appeared to 14 year old Bernadette Soubirous. In time Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, "I am the Immaculate Conception".

ST. GOBNAIT is one of the best loved saints in West Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in Ballyvourney, where there has always been a deep devotion to her and which is a place of pilgrimage on this day and on Pentecost. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick has been a significant part of her cult through the centuries.

NOTICE BOARD

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday February 13th at 3.00pm

The special day of prayer for the sick occurs this week. We are having Mass with the anointing of the sick in the Crypt next Saturday 13th February at 3.30pm.

It is hoped that family, friends and kind neighbours will arrange to bring our sick and housebound to the church for the celebration. Thank you.

Pastoral Council Meeting this Monday 8th in the Parish Office at 8.15pm.

Haiti Appeal. Our recent church collection amounted to €6861.58.

Alzheimer Society Carers' support meeting on Wednesday 10th from 3.00 to 4.30pm. in Bessboro Day Care Centre, tel. 4972504.

Ennismore Retreat Centre

Lectio Divina Scripture Reflection, commencing Thursday 18th February, 7.30 - 9/00pm. directed by Benedict Hegarty OP/Martina Lehane Sheehan.

Saturday 20th February: *Does Your life have Meaning - What Meaning?* Directed by Pat Murray SCA. Further information please contact 4502520.

Trócaire

This year's Fast encourages people to 'Give it up for Trócaire' on the 4th/5th March in support of the people in the world who have to go to bed hungry every night.

What you give up for a day is up to you - food, your phone, coffee, TV or even a bad habit. What is important is that people 'Give it up for Trócaire' on March 4th and 5th and ask family, friends or colleagues to sponsor them. The efforts of people here at home make an enormous difference to the lives of some of the world's poorest families and communities. To order your Fast pack log on to www.trocaire.org/fast where you can set up your own sponsorship page, Call 1850 408 408 or text Fast4 to 81515 (Fast4 to 51727 in ROI).

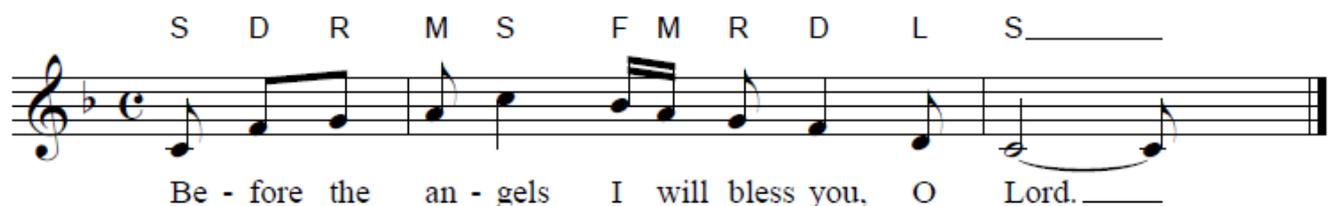
Charity Concert

Army Massed Bands in Concert at City Hall on Friday 26th February and featuring guest artist Cara O'Sullivan, Soprano. Booking at City Hall ticket office, Riverside Entrance, 22nd to 26th February, 10.00 to

Fifth Sunday in ordinary time - Year C

Patrick Killeen

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Be - fore the an - gels I will bless you, O Lord. _____