

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 21st
February

First Reading
Deut. 26:4-10

Psalm 90

Second Reading
Rom 10:8-13

Gospel
Lk 4:1-13

TOGETHER WE CAN



Despite the cold edge to the weather this week, the lengthening day is awakening an instinct in the birds to set about making the most of the opportunities that 2010 brings. Strategically perched, the male robins and great tits are singing again as they woo partners with whom to share the enterprise of rebuilding their depleted flocks. The severity of the winter has left some species ravaged almost to extinction, but they are up for the task of renewal. Trusting in their natural instinct, they are already searching for sites on which to build for the future. For them, time is precious. It is now or never. Survival is their focus.

With scandals in church, in business, in public life, many people are devastated and losing hope. There seems to be no way forward. The temptation is to succumb to apathy or even despair, but for the believer in Jesus, the instinct must be to rebuild together.

Lent is a clarion call to search out ways to build faith and trust for the future. It is a time to focus on what is really important to us in life, this life and the next. Time is precious. How we use it or waste it shows our real priorities.

Faith, hope and love, nourished in prayer, must underpin our choices and be evident in our lifestyles. It is well nigh impossible to keep such a vision alive on one's own. It needs to be lived with a loved one, or within a family as well as within a community. It needs to be nourished by soul friends. Lone rangers' hopes are more easily crushed.

Lent is a particular opportunity to refocus our priorities. Ash Wednesday is a key day to talk to somebody about your hopes and your vision. Together we can rebuild our communities, our society our trust, our hopes, our love. Together we can.

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- Helping Hands for Haiti - Our pupils were very moved by the plight of the people of Haiti and raised a staggering €2,700 by giving a helping hand at home! This money has been donated to UNICEF to help the children of Haiti in particular.
- In January, we had a visit from the fourth of our series of Inspirational Speakers celebrating our 50th Birthday. Commander Eugene Ryan and Officer Caroline Scanlon came to inspire and inform the girls and boys with stories of life in the Irish Navy. We were all enthralled by tales of Search and Rescue, Fishery Protection, Drug Surveillance and Environmental Protection too.
- We said a very fond farewell at Christmas to our long serving colleague and past pupil Mrs. Mary O' Loughlin who retired in December.

LENT

Next Wednesday 17th is Ash Wednesday and a day of fast and abstinence. Masses at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30pm. Ashes will be distributed at each Mass.

Trócaire collection boxes are available in the church.

Bulletins to Homes

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

Pancake Morning

Hosted by the Bishopstown Community Gardai at the SMA Hall, Wilton, on Tuesday 16th February between 9.30 and 2.00pm in aid of the CUH sick children's holiday fund. Raffle for Irish rugby signed jersey. Pancake, tea or coffee, raffle tickets. Any support or donations welcome.

Alzheimer Society Cork Branch

Meeting of the Saturday Club, from 2pm until 4pm on Saturday 20th February at Bessboro Day Care Centre. A presentation on Advocacy by Clare McCutcheon. Light refreshments provided. Free admission. All welcome. For further information contact 021 4972504

Pilgrimage to Holy Land

St. Mary's on the Hill Parish plans to go on pilgrimage in Autumn 2011. If you are interested and would like to put your name down and a deposit, give your details to Fr. Pat Fogarty, 087-6608758, Sr. Eileen Browne, 087-6452267.

Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France from 21st to 29th July 2010, departing Dublin. 8 nights accompanied by Spiritual Director. Contact Monaghan Prayer Group - Philip McArdle 042 9661572 or visit www.mcpng.net

CIT UpSkill

Following the success of the first event last summer, we are hosting a second UpSkill on Friday 26th February at the CIT Student Centre Gallery at 2.30pm. Information clinic for anyone who wants to update qualifications, or change career direction. Further details from alumni@cit.ie.

LENT - WHAT TO GIVE UP . . .

- Give up complaining. focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism. become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments . . . think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry. trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement. . . . be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness. turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred. return good for evil.
- Give up negativism be positive.
- Give up anger. be more patient.
- Give up pettiness. become mature.
- Give up jealousy. pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping. control your tongue.
- Give up sin. turn to virtue.
- Give up gloom. enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up giving up. hang in there!

Prayer

Direct our actions, Lord, by your holy inspiration and carry them forward by your gracious help, that all our works may begin in you and by you be happily ended.
Amen.

WEEKEND PSALM

Sixth Sunday in ordinary time - Year C

Patrick Killeen

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Hap-py the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.