

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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First Sunday of Lent

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THE DEAN WRITES

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 28th
February

First Reading
Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalms 26

Second Reading
Phil 3:17-4:1

Gospel
Lk 9:28-36

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LENT



AS YOU ALL know Lent is underway - and Lent equals Spring and Spring means brighter days and new life ahead. There was a time when Lent was far more demanding than it is at present. For most of us now it means getting the ashes on Ash Wednesday and kissing the cross on Good Friday - and that's it. The media people used to make fun of former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern arriving into Dáil Eireann with a generous daub of ashes for the first day of Lent. I understand he gave an inspiring homily on the Eight Beatitudes in a recent interview with Gay Byrne, but admitted he hadn't been to confession for forty years, no sins to tell, you know.

The traditional sacrifices - giving up smokes, drink, and sweets for children, are all good for soul and body. People reduce their intake of food for various reasons, usually for health and beauty. I'm making a suggestion to healthy adults now to forfeit **ONE MEAL A WEEK** - just for love. Yes, for love - love of Jesus. After all, Lent is meant to be a preparation for Holy Week and Easter when we recall that Jesus loved us so much that he suffered and died to save us - you and me from the results of our own selfishness and sinfulness.

Some people may find it more beneficial to attend daily Mass, or even to say your prayers in a more meaningful way - why not follow the Glenstal Book of Daily Prayer - available from Veritas, Carey's Lane (off Patrick Street). Why not make a good confession, even if it's forty years in the making.

But let us all **DO SOMETHING REAL** - to bring us closer to the Lord by the end of Lent 2010. By doing something real we are making a statement. By doing nothing we are making a statement also.

"Ordinary Actions Making Extraordinary Differences"

Rev. Ian Jonas will give a talk on the fundamental questions that affect and influence people on the actions and decisions that they make on a daily basis with a focus on the philosophy and actions of Fairtrade.

Date: Thurs 25 Feb 2010

Time: 7.30pm.

Venue: Crypt, Church of the Holy Spirit

PARISH PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Our **CIRCLE OF PRAYER** is up and running! Thanks to all taking part.

Remember Thursday next is the 25th.

Feedback suggests more flexibility on the time.

You may like to include Mass as part of your hour.

Forms still available at church and office (name only for enrolment)

Email: holyspiritparish@eircom.net

Website: www.dennehycrossparish.ie

FINANCIAL REPORT 2009
Presented by the Parish Finance Committee

Expenditure	€	Income	€	Special Collections 2009	€
Heating & Light	22,608	Offertory Collections	141,100		
Church Requisites	5,373	Shrines	12,941		
Repairs & Maintenance	24,121	Bank Interest	1,023		
Wages & PRSI	49,431	Directories, booklets, etc.	516	Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund	890
Insurance	7,220	Rents - Crypt & Parish Centre	7,409	Holy Places	805
Service Charges	570	Tax Refund collection system	23,140	Episcopal Commissions	960
Pastoral Formation	66	Insurance Claim	916	Pastoral Services	650
Booklets/missalettes	1,927	Sundry	611	Peter's Pence	812
Office supplies/telephone		Car Park (after capital expenditure)	1,351	Priesthood Education	3,540
Bulletin/calendars	6,360	Transfer from deposit account	113,337	Mission Sunday	1,955
Eucharistic Procession Fund	700	Donations	1,396	C.M.C.C.	685
10% Diocesan Levy	14,340	Total	€303,740	Trócaire	6,029
8% Diocesan Retirement Levy	11,472			Peru Collection Boxes	1,355
Cleaning & Gardening	9,110	Summary	€		
Bank Charges & Gov. Duty	887	Balance 1/1/2009	35,372		
Purchase of Equipment	134	Income 2009	<u>303,740</u>		
New Church Organ	35,750	Total	339,112		
Choir Stall	84,590	Expenditure 2009	<u>297,444</u>		
Archbishop White (<i>Confirmation</i>)	300		41,668		
Ballinora Church repair fund	20,000	Outstanding cheques	318		
Conservation Services	2,485	Balance 31/12/2009	41,986		
Total	€297,444				

NOTICE BOARD

Table Quiz

Hosted by Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh Parents' Association at Highfield Rugby Club on Friday 26th at 8.00pm. €40 per table of 4. Tables can be booked or donations made in lieu by contacting csnparentsassociation@eircom.net

Drink & Drugs, An A to Z for Those who Care

Talk by Dr. Chris Luke, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, will take place on Thursday 25th February at 8.00pm at Silversprings Moran Hotel. This illustrated talk on the realities of alcohol and drug misuse is in aid of Cork Simon Community. Admission to lecture €10 per person. Enquiries to Cork Simon at 4929407.

Book Swap

At Highfield Rugby Club on Thursday 25th February at 8.00pm in aid of St. Catherine's School. Bring five books and €10 - take home five new books. Everyone wins! Children's books welcome - children welcome!

Ballinespaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly gathering will take place on Wednesday next 24th in the Crypt at 3.00pm when Margaret O'Leary will give the recital. An afternoon of great music is assured. All are welcome.

Lough Flower & Garden Club will host a demonstration by founding members on Tuesday 23rd February at S.M.A. Hall, Wilton at 8.00pm. Adm. €7.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are appealing for volunteers to act as distributors of the Parish Bulletin in the different parish areas.

Volunteers are also required for the Social Group which provides refreshments at parish functions, as there will be a particular need for the services of the group during the Jubilee Year.

JUST A THOUGHT FOR LENT



Almsgiving is an integral part of our Lenten journey. It is part of a three-fold expression (fasting, almsgiving and prayer) of our desire to be spiritually renewed for Easter. Perhaps this Lent might be an opportunity for us as adult Christians to reconnect with the richness of this threefold tradition as we journey together as a parish towards the joy of Easter.

WEEKEND PSALM

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Patrick Killeen

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Be with me, O Lord, in my dis - tress.