

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Third Sunday of Lent

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 14  
March

First Reading  
Josh 5:9-12

Psalms 33

Second Reading  
2 Cor 5:17-21

Gospel  
Lk 15:1-3,11-32

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## BE AMBITIOUS



At the present time of economic recession, church disarray, political disillusionment, break-up of family, one enormous casualty is ambition. Ambition is essential for every worthwhile initiative and project. The spirit of our time is to suffocate the flame of ambition rather than fan it into a torch of true greatness. Even the Obama, *We Can Do*, mantra is snidely trivialised rather than constructively responded to.

In the absence of ambition, we settle for survival. An atmosphere of mere survival leads to mediocrity sliding to impoverishment. The only antidote is to reawaken and nurture ambition in every generation and on all fronts.

What are our (yours and mine) ambitions for our church? Maybe, we just hope that it will survive long enough to see us out. Is our Sunday Eucharist a survival strategy or is it our ambition to be so involved, mind and heart, that it inspires faith, nurtures hope, awakens love and energises goodness for the week ahead?

What are our ambitions for homes and family life? To be oases of acceptance, security, happiness, love, forgiveness, joy, tenderness, nurturing ambition for all that is best?

Followers of Jesus are called to be ambitious for the higher gifts. In every area of life, familial, religious, academic, commercial, political or service, survival mode leads to the death of goodness and of love itself. Give rein to your good ambitions. Nurture them in our young.

"Do not curse the darkness. Light a candle of loving ambition."

Fr. Tom

## YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Augustinian, Capuchin, Dominican and Franciscan - Religious Celebrations  
**MASS, HOMILY AND PRAYERS**

St. Augustines Church - Monday 15th March at 7.30pm.  
Holy Trinity Church - Tuesday 16th March at 7.30pm  
St. Francis Church - Thursday 18th March at 7.30pm  
St. Mary's Church - Friday 19th March at 7.30pm.

Preacher: Fr. Tomas Lane CM, All Hallows  
All Priests, Religious and Laity are welcome.

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## Rest in Peace

We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of our recently deceased parishioners. May their souls rest in peace.

**SIOBHAN COLLINS**, Wilton Road

**JIM HASSETT**, BishopsCourt Hill

**PADRAIG TYERS**, The Ridgeway

**WILLIAM HENNESSY**, Wilton Gardens

**BETTY COUGHLAN**, Wilton Gardens

**PAT O'DONOVAN**, Greenfields

**JOHN KELLEHER**, Farranlea Park

## In Sympathy

**Marion Heffernan and Anne O'Callaghan**, Farranlea, on the death of their brother, Michael Jackson.

**Padraigin Ó Riordain**, Principal of Mount Mercy, on the death of her mother, Ellen O'Donoghue.

**Michael Ryan**, The Manor, Model Farm Road, on the death of his brother, Sean.

## Healing Day for the Bereaved

*'For everything there is a time - a time to weep, a time to mourn, a time to heal.'*

A reflective day in the form of a workshop at Ennismore Retreat Centre, Montenotte, will afford you the opportunity to honour the space you now find yourself in as you grieve the death of a loved one and indeed as you grieve within yourself.

Together we will make this journey with the gifts of acceptance, respect, guided meditation, reflection and sharing. We will conclude with Mass during which we will honour and remember our departed loved ones. Directed by Frank Downes, OP. Booking essential at 4502520.

## Discover Cork Heritage Project 2010



Pictured are three fourth class students from Gaelscoil Uí Riada, Grainne Ní Choileain, Megan Ní Fhataigh and Caoimhe de Brun who entered their project into the Discovery Cork Schools' Heritage Project 2010. The three girls are from the Model Farm Road area and chose as a theme for their project how the Model Farm Road got its name. A copy of the project is available in all local libraries, churches and schools.

## JUST A THOUGHT FOR LENT



As we enter the third week of Lent, we become more and more aware of the need in our own lives for pruning. This Sunday we are invited to consider the ways in which our lifestyles might be negatively impacting on others. In a particular way, we are called to look at how our lifestyles in the developed world might be negatively impacting on the lives of our brothers and sisters in the developing world.

## NOTICE BOARD

### Are You Interested in the Bible?

Would you like to learn more with a small group in your own parish? If so, join us from 10.00 to 4.00pm. on Saturday 13th March in St. Michael's Parish Centre, Blackrock (directly behind parish church) for a workshop entitled 'Journeying with Luke'. Cost €10 incl. lunch. Full details from Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, Office for Adult Religious Education, tel. 7336053, website are@corkandross.org All are welcome.

**Gala Concert in Cork City Hall** with Mary Hegarty, Soprano, Breffini Horgan, Tenor, and Louise O'Sullivan, Mezzo Soprano, will perform with City of Cork Male Voice Choir and Chorus of Opera Cork in a charity concert on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm, in aid of The Hope Foundation for the street children of Calcutta. Tickets €15-€30 from Cork Opera House & ProMusica, and from The Hope Foundation, Tel: 021 429 2990 or Email: susan@hopefoundation.ie

### Irish Wheelchair Association

Do you know that the association provides a motoring assessment, and advice & tuition service for people with any type of mobility difficulty? This service is part funded by the H.S.E. For further information contact 4350282 or see www.iwa.ie

**Scoil Naomh Thérèse Bishopstown** now enrolling for September 2010. Please contact 021-4544098 for further details.

### Table Quiz

At Highfield Rugby Club on Friday 12th March at 8.00pm. Table of four €40. All proceeds to Haiti disaster fund. Organised by Bishopstown Hillwalking Club.

### Alzheimer Society

Carers' Support Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th March in our Day Care Centre in Bessboro, Blackrock from 3.00pm to 4.30pm.

## WEEEEKEND PSALM

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Patrick Killeen

