

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Palm Sunday

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 4th  
April

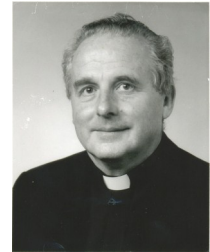
First Reading  
Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm 117

Second Reading  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8

Gospel  
Jn 20:1-9

## DO THIS.....



In August 2009, a railway line collapsed into the sea near Malahide. An enquiry has now found that the reason for the collapse was a loss of "corporate memory" within the railway maintenance organisation. In other words, nobody there now remembered that the railway line was built on a causeway of rocks that were gradually undermined by the daily tides. The foundational memory was not handed on. Foundational memories can be very important and can be easily lost.

Holy Week is about celebrating and handing on the central memories about the foundations of our faith and of our Church, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. For us, this is not just a memorial, but a living reality in which we take part and share every time we obey the Lord's command "Do this in memory of me".

But Holy Week is special. It is a time for a rain check on our communal memories. We all run the risk of the selective memory. We can remember the reassuring and comfortable aspects of the life of Jesus such as Nazareth, Tabhor and Cana and play down the challenge of Gethsemane and Golgotha. The core of the life of Jesus was the poor, the outcast, the rejected, the powerless, the sick. He wined and dined with the outsider. The central actions of Jesus' work of salvation happened outside the city walls - speaks to us of the special place of the excluded in the heart of Jesus.

But we must also remember that the resurrection happened outside the walls. It happened for all of us, all inclusive. It is still happening for all of us. It is our destiny. To lose sight of such foundational memory is to travel life's journey without a compass - a foolhardy enterprise.

This week we reset our sights, reactivate our memories, take part in the living continuous events of our salvation. Bí linn.

Fr. Tom

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**"When a singer truly feels and experiences what the music is all about, the words will automatically ring true."**  
 - Monserrat Caballé

Since I joined the Dennehy's Cross Church choir in 2008, these words have taken on much significance.

Our choir travelled to Limerick to compete in a choral competition held in St. Augustine's Church in Limerick and tied for second place with the Redemptorist Choir from Limerick.

The variety of choirs competing was surprising. Each choir had prepared two hymns and the pressure was high; so too was the excitement! The two hymns that we performed were the *Gaude Virgo* and *Rejoice, The Lord is King*. All the choirs performed on the steps of the altar to a crowded church. Not surprisingly, we were nervous before we began. However, when Patrick Killeen began conducting us, the thrill of singing banished the butterflies.

Our choir practises weekly, not only for the Mass on Sunday morning but for other organised events during the year also. Patrick combines well-known hymns with Latin hymns, not to mention some of the most beautiful Irish music. It is a privilege to be part of this choir as the work is immensely enjoyable and the teamwork that goes into rehearsals makes the singing all the more exhilarating. On behalf of the choir, I would like to thank Patrick for his enthusiasm and motivation but, most of all, for the respect he has for the music, that we, in turn, take with us.

We invite you to sing with us at Mass and help make our words rings true!!

Michelle

**NOTICE BOARD**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Monthly collection will take place on Easter Sunday.

**Holy Places**

Annual Collection will take place at ceremonies on Good Friday 2nd April.

**Found** small sum of money in the church. Please contact the Sacristan.

**Organ Donation: What the Church is saying.**

At present over 600 people are anxiously awaiting an organ transplant that could transform their life. Inform yourself about what organ donation entails and what the Church is saying on the subject .

Brochures available inside the church doors.

**Bible Corner**



**PASSION AND LOVE**

Having listened to the story of the Prodigal Son, a journalist in last Saturday's Irish Times wondered why one would bother to be good if forgiveness is so easily available. Being good was not worth the effort, he mused. Perhaps he missed out on the experience of being loved unconditionally and knowing that goodness is the fulfilment of all our desires. It is when one is loved that one is inspired to share in the goodness of the lover and to emulate him or her.

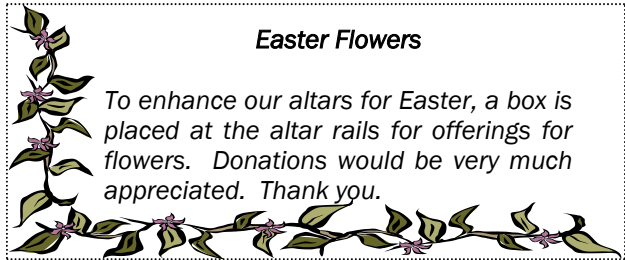
When one is loved passionately the bond enables one to believe that goodness flowing from the lover can permeate every aspect of our lives. When we block the outflow of goodness, it is reasonable to ask for forgiveness and to celebrate its immediate availability.

This week is dominated by the story of the passion of Jesus. The core of the story is not suffering but the passionate love that underpins it. It is about recognising the personal love of Jesus for each of us and allowing it to inspire us to unexpected generosity in response.

Fr. Tom

*P.S. Join us for a celebration of the love of the Lord in the Parish Reconciliation Service at 5.00 pm this Palm Sunday.*

**Easter Flowers**



To enhance our altars for Easter, a box is placed at the altar rails for offerings for flowers. Donations would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

**JUST A THOUGHT FOR LENT**



When we think of Christ's death we are deeply moved. Jesus knew what it was to be rejected, to be despised; he knew physical pain and torture. The great tragedy is that daily, hourly, every minute, thousands suffer unnecessarily from similar kinds of pain. This Lent we have focused on the pain caused by hunger and malnutrition. These are our crucified brothers and sisters today and we remember them as we remember Christ on Calvary during today's liturgy.

*Passion Sunday*

Weekend Psalm

Patrick Killeen

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My God, my God, why have you for - sak - en me?