

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 9th
May

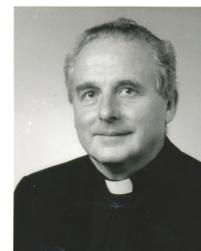
First Reading
Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Psalm 66

Second Reading
Apoc 21:10-14,22-23

Gospel
Jn 14:23-29

A DEATHBED PLEA



Newspaper people are very conscious of deadlines. Printing and distribution schedules impose a discipline on finalising which story is to get priority on the front page. All stories are not equal. Similarly, every teacher and pupil knows that approaching examinations focus the mind and heart very decisively. One cannot cover every option. The core topics must be highlighted.

Such deadline consciousness is heightened even more dramatically for the criminal on death row. He is to die next day. Final messages take on a crucial importance. Such is the background to the current Sunday gospel readings. In this weekend's brief extract from the core message of Jesus to the disciples on the night before he died, there is a command and a promise. The command is to love one another as he has loved us. The guarantee is that we will truly be disciples if we do so. There is both a challenge and a reassurance. To love as Jesus loved is to strive to recognise God present in everyone we meet and to treat them accordingly. Seeing each other as made in God's image is the cornerstone of forgiveness. Without forgiveness, there is no love. The reassurance is that we need never worry about our worthiness to be with God. Loving the neighbour guarantees our salvation. Fudging the message of Jesus can leave us with harmful hang-ups.

The words of Jesus are unequivocal. Be generous, nurture no grudges, truly love and allow oneself to be loved and all will be well. If only we would trust Him and trust our better selves.

Fr. Tom

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BALLINEASPAIG GOLDEN JUBLIEE

PARISH MISSION

8th - 15th May 2010

Opening at Masses next weekend

Weekday Masses (10th - 14th) at 7.30am and 10.00am

Evening Sessions daily at 7.30pm

Journeying Together in Faith & Hope

Conducted by the Redemptorist Team:

Fr. John P. O'Riordan C.Ss.R.

Fr. Seamus Enright C.Ss.R.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday 7th May is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament next Friday 7th from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

Pastoral Services

The annual collection will take place next Sunday 9th May.

REMINDER - Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered next weekend.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

The Annual Mass will take place on Thursday 6th May at 8.00pm in the Crypt. All very welcome.

Alzheimers Tea Morning

This will be held on Thursday 6th May at our Parish Centre from 10.30 to 12 noon, hosted by The Friendship Club - everybody welcome. Please come and help this very worthy cause.

Book Swap

In aid of the L'Arche community in Cork, at the River Lee Hotel, Western Road, (formerly Jurys), on Thursday 20th May, 7.00 - 10.00pm. Bring 10 books that you may no longer need, together with €20. You get the chance to swap your 10 books for a different 10 and enjoy a glass of wine. Bring your friends. All welcome.

We extend a very sincere céad mile
failte to the

Westminster Chamber Singers

from **Utah, USA**

Director Dr. Christopher Quinn

who will sing at the 12.15 pm Mass today.



A Friendship Blessing

*May you be blessed with good friends.
May you learn to be a good friend yourself.
May you be able to journey to the place in your soul
where there is great love, warmth, feeling and
forgiveness.
May this change you.
May it transfigure that which is negative,
distant or cold in you.
May you treasure your friends.
May you be good to them and
may you be there for them.
May they bring you all the blessings, challenges, truth
and light that you need for the journey.
May you never be isolated,
but may you always be in the gentle nest of
belonging with your friends*

John O' Donoghue



We welcome

*Tom William Cunningham and
Joseph Andrew Kennedy who
were baptised into our Parish
family recently.*

EASTER CROSSWORD CORRECTION

In the solution published, clue 30 Down should, of course, have read 'STRAW' and not 'SHREW'.

WEEKEND PSALM

Easter 5 - Year C

Patrick Killeen



I will bless your name for - ev - er, O God my King.

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