

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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The Most Holy Trinity

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 6th  
June

First Reading:  
Gen 14:18-20

Psalms 109

Second Reading  
1 Cor 11:23-26

Gospel: Lk 9:11-17

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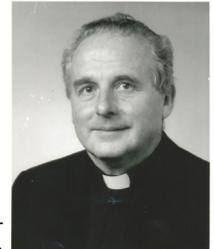
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## IF ONLY



On every side, the pain is obvious. In so many lives, hopelessness and despair are tangible. Hurts, mistakes, betrayals and broken promises have diminished many of our lives. If only we could start again. If only we could give each other and ourselves a second chance, another opportunity to live life over again. The 'if only' cry wells up in every human heart sometime, and in some hearts all the time, calling out for a reply.

Jesus responds to this anguish. After the savage brutality of Calvary had destroyed an innocent and good friend, the fear filled disciples locked themselves away from their enemies and even from their friends. The Risen Jesus comes among them bringing peace, a spirit of creative love that heals hurt and unravels the web of fear that so often ensnares wounded human hearts. Strengthened by this enabling power of the Spirit, the disciples are sent out as messengers of forgiveness and hope. Every hurt they forgive is healed by the power of God. Every hope they rekindle is fanned into flame by the spirit of God.

Jesus renews this Pentecost mystery each time the people of God gather to meet the Risen Lord in the Eucharist. He sends the same healing spirit into our hearts and sends us out to be wounded healers of all whose broken lives touch ours.

To be human is to be able to make a fresh start. To be a follower of Jesus is to be willing to entrust oneself to the healing power of forgiveness, rather than to the crippling analysis of constant condemnation and recurring blame. Blaming on its own without forgiveness never heals anybody.

May the spirit of the risen Lord permeate our hearts.

Fr. Tom

The annual **EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION** will take place next Sunday 6th June leaving the Cathedral at 3.00pm arriving at Daunt's Square approx. 3.40pm.

Preacher will be Fr. Noel O'Sullivan, P.P. Glanmire

WEEKEND  
PSALM

*The Most Holy Trinity - Year C*

Patrick Killeen



How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

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## Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Finbarr Ronayne**, late of Bishopstown Park, who died during the week. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

## Sympathy

To **Pat O'Connor**, Woodlawn, on the death of his sister, Eileen Watson.

## NOTICE BOARD

### Eucharistic Congress 2012

A collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend to defray the costs associated with the Congress.

### First Friday

Next Friday 4th June is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 3rd June in the parish office at 3.00pm.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection will take place next weekend at all Masses.

### Wanted

Rosary Beads, Religious videos, audio tapes, medals, small statues, scapulars, used postage stamps, Christmas cards, printed matter for countries in Africa, South America, Eastern Europe. Send direct to Tom Wall, Ballinookera, Whitegate, Midleton. Donations towards cost of postage very welcome.

### All Night vigil of Reparation and Adoration

South Presentation Chapel, Douglas Street, on the First Friday 4th June. Rosary starts at 10pm. Mass at 10.30 pm. First Saturday Mass at 6 am.

*"Could you not watch one hour with me"*

### Cork City Marathon Monday 7th June

Wilton Road and Model Farm Road will be closed to traffic from 10.30am to 2.30pm (times approximate).

## MARY'S HOUSE IN EPHEBUS

The story of Mary's house at Ephesus provides possible evidence of her life after the resurrection and ascension of her son, Jesus.

Christ's dying wish, as he hung on the cross, was to entrust his mother to the care of John the beloved disciple. Mindful of Christ's command to the apostles to "go and teach all nations" and to protect Mary from possible persecution, John sailed for Asia Minor.

Ephesus, located in Turkey between Asia and Europe was of major importance to the Roman Empire. John established the church there and was given the title of *Apostle of Asia*. It was at Ephesus that John the Evangelist wrote his gospel and in a letter to Pope Victor (189-199) the Bishop of Ephesus mentions John's tomb.

In a remarkable book entitled *The Life of the Virgin Mary* by the German Seer, Anna-Katharina Emmerick (1771-1824), she describes the exact location of the house of Mary in Ephesus. However, this was totally disregarded by church authorities. In 1891, after intensive research, several eminent archaeologists declared that the ruined building could date from the first century.

One interesting fact came to light. Each year on Assumption Day villagers from the mountainous region journey to the site which is now a small chapel - they believe that the Virgin Mary had been raised to heaven from this place. The tradition of this pilgrimage dates back centuries.

The proclamation of the Dogma of the Assumption in 1950 focused worldwide attention on Ephesus. Two popes, Paul IV and Pope John Paul II have celebrated Mass in the chapel and have declared the House of Mary as a place of worship. Today thousands of pilgrims visit the shrine each year offering prayers and petitions to Our Lady.

Arthur O'Callaghan

### We welcome

Emma Jane Moloney  
Kayla Nicola O'Donoghue  
Joseph Andrew Kennedy  
Tom William Cunningham  
Jayden Michael O'Donoghue  
Ronan Paul Patrick Byrne  
and Sophie Randles



HOLY  
BAPTISM

*who were baptised into our Parish family recently.*

## ST. KEVIN - FEAST DAY 3RD JUNE

*St. Kevin was a native of Leinster and grew up in Kilnamanagh, where he received his early formation. Wishing to be a hermit, he crossed the mountains to Glendalough and settled at the foot of the upper lake living in a cave accessible only by boat. Living as a hermit he wore animal skins, slept on stones and ate little. His preferred companions were animals and birds, but disciples began to gather round him. Gradually the great monastic settlement grew, and spread through the glen after his death in 618.*