

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 23rd  
January

First Reading: Is 8:23-9:3

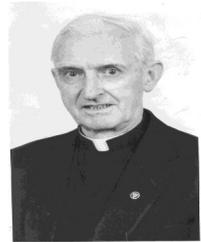
Psalm 26

Second Reading  
1 Cor 1:10-13,17

Gospel: Mt 4:12-23

THE DEAN WRITES

## LEST WE FORGET



I read an article in the Examiner during the week. The writer went to great lengths to sing the praises of 'Share' boys and girls and their outstanding work for the elderly in our city - a theme which I fully endorse. The whole article on this most praiseworthy and honourable movement of *Share* made little mention of the founder and inspiration - the late Bro. Jerome Kelly, Freeman of Cork City.

Bro. Jerome was a native of Beara in West Cork - and proud of his roots. Having worked for years in schools of the Presentation Brothers in the West Indies he was appointed Principal of Presentation College, Western Road. Here he inspired the boys, especially Transition Year, with the idea of helping elderly people here in Cork who were lonely and poor. He got the boys who were willing to do a voluntary fast at the Crib in Patrick Street. Their work came to the notice of City Hall, who joined to help, as did professionals in building and construction. Soon other secondary schools, both boys and girls, joined the good work. In all some 200 houses and self-contained flats were built.

The young people took a special interest in the occupants and visited them regularly helping in doing errands, etc. They were soon joined by parents helping in many practical ways.

I was privileged to attend the opening of various schemes in the city - Fair Street, Winter's Hill, Abbey Street and The Marsh. These events were usually honoured by the attendance of personalities of national importance, Jack Lynch, Bishop Cornelius Lucey, President Hillery, et. al. In all cases it was the boys of *Share* who did the honours for the opening of these schemes. Bro. Jerome had tutored his young protégées how to address these gatherings but never appeared on the platform himself, nor did he ever claim any credit or kudos for the work done.

Furthermore, he gave responsibility to the young students as to who should get occupancy of the different houses and flats as they came on stream, in consultation, of course, with other social bodies - health authority, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.

William Shakespeare might have said, "The good that men do is often interred with their bones" - in the case of Bro. Jerome it lived in the *Share* houses of our city.

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## Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy on the death of our parishioners:

**John Lyall**, Woodlawn, to his wife Edith, daughters Barbara and Joanne, and sons Frank, Gerard, John and Peter.

**Eileen O'Mahony**, Wilton Gardens, to her sons John, Julian, Gene, Hugh and daughter Cathleen.

### In Sympathy to

**Robert Barry, Greenfields**, on the death of his mother, Sheila.

## NOTICE BOARD

### The Friendship Club

We will reopen next Monday 17th January at 2.30pm. and look forward to meeting all our members at the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

**Adult Evening Classes Spring 2011** at Bishopstown Community School. Enrolment night on the 19th January from 7.00 - 8.00pm or call to the school during office hours, Monday to Friday from 10th January. Classes commence on Monday 31st January. Ballroom Dancing beginners and continuation will also run this term. Ph 4869310 or email [ad-ed@bishopstown-cs.ie](mailto:ad-ed@bishopstown-cs.ie)



**Volunteer cooks and drivers** urgently needed by Bishopstown Meals on Wheels to keep the service going at its present level. The commitment for cooks is just 2-3 hours 1 day every third week, and drivers are required 2-3 hours 16 days in any given year. Please contact either Pat Harrington 086-3183950 or Sheila O'Brien 4343575 for further information.

### Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle

Monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next 19th January at 2.30pm when Denis O'Callaghan will give the recital, and everybody is welcome to attend.



## WHAT TO DO WITH UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ??

All unwanted Christmas gifts may be brought to the church this weekend and left by the Crib before/after Masses. Only **NEW** items can be accepted.

They will be distributed to **Local Charities**. This is the second year to share our excesses with the less fortunate in the community. The generosity experienced was amazing and we hope this year will be as successful.

The appreciation shown by the charities make the effort worthwhile as the demands on them are enormous.

## CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD by Portia



Portia was delighted with the large number of entries for which she thanks you. The winners are:

**Betty Foley**, Laburnum Drive

**Geraldine Fahy**, Farranlea Grove

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO SHANE O'NEILL, COURT CAIRN, ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS CAPTAIN OF THE CORK SENIOR HURLING TEAM.

## WEEKEND PSALM

Second Sunday in ordinary time - Year A

Patrick Killeen



Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.