

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 30th  
January

First Reading  
Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13

Psalms 145

Second Reading  
1 Cor 1:26-31

Gospel : Mt 5:1-12

## THE NEW YEAR

Just about a month ago we celebrated Christmas. Cards, presents, messages of good will were shared asking God's blessing for Christmas and the New Year. Facing the New Year is like facing an unknown journey.

January 25th is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. He was a Jew on the way to Damascus to imprison Christians and bring them to Jerusalem for trial. But Jesus changed his life's journey in a way Paul never expected. Jesus appeared like a light and said to Paul "Why are you persecuting me?" Paul was baptised in Damascus and became a preacher instead of a persecutor. His life was changed forever.

The same Jesus lives in us. He said, "I am the light of the world". May He guide us through this unknown journey. May we be aware of His presence in us through Holy Communion. He will not leave us walk alone. Paul said, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." May you too be aware of the Power of Jesus in you as you face the coming years.

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## *Prayer for the Community*

*Lord God, you have united us closely with Jesus your Son, and with one another in the bond of love and peace. Grant that, through the power of your Holy Spirit in us, we may daily grow in love of you and be strengthened to promote in our community your kingdom of love, justice and lasting peace. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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## Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy on the death of our parishioner, **JACK RING**, Leedale, Model Farm Road, to his daughters Geraldine, Marie, Tina, Susan, and sons Tom, Denis, John and Leslie.

## In Sympathy to

To **Val Turnbull**, Court Cairn, on the death of his mother, Violet.

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## NOTICE BOARD

### Where in God's name is God?

Fresh Insights for people and communities of faith. The lectures will take place on Thursday nights from 7.30-9.00pm at the Presentation Brothers, Mardyke House, from 3<sup>rd</sup> February until 10<sup>th</sup> March inclusive. Contact [www.nostra.ie](http://www.nostra.ie) or call 061 204379.

### Anger Management

Everyone knows what anger is but how do you express it without hurting others or hurting yourself? The Irish Association of Anger Management is running a two day intensive programme on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> February at the Radisson Hotel. Further information from 087-7989253 or log onto [www.difficultemotions.com](http://www.difficultemotions.com)

**Bishopstown Community Association's** Annual Dinner hosted by the Cork Institute of Technology, which was cancelled in early December 2010 due to the bad weather, is now rescheduled to take place on Friday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm at The Student Centre CIT, Rossa Ave. We look forward to seeing all ticket holders there on the night and also our invited guests. There are some places still available, if interested please contact Nora - 4546358, Pat - 4545790, Sheila - 4343575 for tickets.

### Greenhouse Sustainability

Five day courses are being run during January, February, March and April by GreenWorks at Farranferris College Complex in Blackpool. Courses, all from a sustainability angle, include: permaculture, building, business, knitting and sewing, development....For further details please contact [mags@green-works.ie](mailto:mags@green-works.ie) for enquiries.

**Bishopstown ICA** have now returned after the Christmas recess and meet every Thursday evening at 8.00pm in the SMA Community Hall, Wilton. New members are welcome.

## Bible Corner



## THE YEAR AHEAD

Very often when I ask a person what brought them to live in Cork, the answer is 'the job'. Whether it was the professions, public service, construction, commercial or manufacturing, it was here the opportunity was for them when they were setting out in life. It was like that for Jesus, too, when he left Nazareth and settled in Caphernaum. It was in that seaside town that the best opportunity to build up God's kingdom on earth by creating deeper awareness of God's loving presence through preaching and through gathering together a community of believers that we call church as we read in this weekend's gospel.

Matthew's gospel which will be the backbone of our Sunday gospels in 2011, has a vision of God creating a church, a community called to be a peacemaker, to always seek justice, to be poor in spirit. As he called Peter and Andrew, then James and John, he calls each one of us to share in that vision, to live it, to bring its hope and love to the world of our daily lives. Throughout the year, Matthew's gospel will alert us again and again to that invitation and will nourish the vision in our hearts. Treat yourself to the text of Matthew's gospel.

Fr. Tom

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EUCHARIST

*Thanks to all Ministers of the Word and Eucharist who have recently retired. Your commitment was very much appreciated.*

*May God bless you all in the future.*

## THE CRYPT BRIDGE CLUB



We wish to announce a change of day and venue

From Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 we will be reverting to **TUESDAYS INSTEAD OF THURSDAYS**

and will meet in

**THE PARISH OFFICE** instead of the Crypt.

Starting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm sharp

## WEEKEND PSALM

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time - A

Patrick Killeen



The Lord is my light and my help.