

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

20th February 2011

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

No. 1087

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 27th  
February

First Reading  
Is 49:14-15

Psalms 61

Second Reading  
1 Cor 4:1-5

Gospel: Mt 6:24-34

THE DEAN WRITES

## FRIENDSHIP IS A PRECIOUS GIFT



You may wonder why I have chosen to write on this particular topic this week. You may speculate that the media switched off the election topics to concentrate on St. Valentine during the week - not so. The fact is - I read an article by a well-known Irish writer who had joined in some miserable demeaning criticism of a friend. He had the usual twinge of conscience afterwards, and decided to share his anguish with the whole country - in Joe Duffy style - but in writing.

In a way his reaction fitted in with the opening sentence of this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus said, "You have heard how it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth'. But I say this to you. Love your enemies. If you love those who love you, are you doing anything exceptional - even the pagans do as much, do they not?" Gandhi saw the practical sense in this teaching - "There is no point in the whole world blinding each other." Jesus saw that a tit for tat sort of relationship ran directly contrary to his Gospel of Love.

In the Old Testament God blessed the friendship between David and Jonathan. The Lord said to his followers: "I do not call you servants any more, I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my Father."

This is the key to a deep and genuine friendship - sharing myself. My ideas, convictions and values are not original with me. They can locate me as *Irish, Catholic, Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, Labour or Sinn Fein*. But they can never make me transparent, knowable - so that you can experience me, share my person. Only my feelings do this. My feelings are like my fingerprints, the colour of my eyes, the sound of my voice - unique to me, and unrepeatable in anyone else. To know me you must know my feelings. To share my feelings requires courage and acceptance of me as I am - to share my fears and joys, the peace of certainty and the pain of doubt.

As Jesus died on the cross he was comforted by those who were his true friends, - his mother, his aunt Mary, wife of Clopas, Mary Magdalene and St. John. At the end of it all he went home to the Father whose love and friendship he had tried to share and teach to all who would call themselves Christians.

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## Post of Parish Secretary Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit,

Applications are invited for the above post. For full particulars and application form please contact the Parish Office, tel. 4344452, email [holyspiritparish@eircom.net](mailto:holyspiritparish@eircom.net)

Closing date for completed applications: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

## FINANCIAL REPORT 2010

| Expenditure                  | €               | Income                        | €               | Special Collections 2010 | €    |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------|
| Heating & Light              | 27,728          | Offertory Collections         | 135,802         |                          |      |
| Church Requisites            | 8,748           | Shrines                       | 11,849          |                          |      |
| Wages & PRSI                 | 48,121          | Booklets                      | 618             |                          |      |
| Repairs & Maintenance        | 25,303          | Rents - Crypt & Parish Centre | 5,935           | Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund  | 1320 |
| Insurance                    | 6,594           | Bank Interest                 | 693             | Episcopal Commissions    | 908  |
| City Council Service Charges | 905             | Tax Refund collection system  | 23,351          | Holy Places              | 742  |
| Pastoral Formation incl.     |                 | Cheque refund                 | 1,455           | Pastoral Services        | 614  |
| Jubilee Celebration          | 6,511           | Sundry                        | 1,286           | Peter's Pence            | 1150 |
| Booklets/missalettes         | 1,787           | Mission                       | 2,255           | Priesthood Education     | 684  |
| Office supplies/telephone    |                 | Car Park                      | 25,055          | Mission Sunday           | 1678 |
| Bulletin/calendars           | 6,463           | Haiti Appeal                  | 6,861           | C.M.C.C.                 | 470  |
| Eucharistic Procession Fund  | 700             | <b>Total</b>                  | <b>€215,160</b> | Trócaire                 | 7279 |
| 10% Diocesan Levy            | 14,276          | <b>Summary</b>                | <b>€</b>        | Peru Collection Boxes    | 1544 |
| 8% Diocesan Benevolent Levy  | 11,420          | Balance 1/1/2010              | 41,986          | Haiti                    | 6861 |
| Eucharistic Congress         | 288             | Income 2010                   | <u>215,160</u>  |                          |      |
| Cleaning & Gardening         | 8,860           | Total                         | 257,146         |                          |      |
| Bank Charges & Gov. Duty     | 1,092           | Expenditure 2010              | <u>231,728</u>  |                          |      |
| Parish House renovations     | 55,821          | <b>Balance 31/12/2010</b>     | 25,418          |                          |      |
| Car Park Meter expenses      | 250             |                               |                 |                          |      |
| Haiti appeal                 | 6,861           |                               |                 |                          |      |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>€231,728</b> |                               |                 |                          |      |

### Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the wife Maria, daughters Linda, Jennifer and Karen, and his son Philip, of **Philip Mohally**, late of Liam Lynch Park, who died during the week. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam delis.

### NOTICE BOARD

#### **Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle**

Our monthly Recital will take place on Wednesday next 23rd February at 2.30pm in the Crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross,. Our guest presenter will be Peter O'Regan from the Macroom Gramophone Circle. Be advised. Be there.

**Keys Found on College Road** on Thursday morning, 10th February, near the Poor Clares. Please call to our Sacristy here at Dennehy's Cross.

**St. John's Ambulance Brigade** will hold a church gate collection next weekend 26th/27th February.

**Cork Old Ursulines Past Pupils' Union** would like to extend an invitation to you to join them in celebrating Mass and remembering the lives of the deceased members of the union and of the community. The Mass will take place at Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, on 24th February at 4.30pm. Light refreshments to follow.

**The Lough Flower & Garden Club** will host a demonstration by Sheila Gilbert, A.O.I.F.A. on Tues 22nd February at the SMA Centre, Wilton, at 8pm. Adm €7. Visitors welcome.

### SPRINGTIME OF THE SOUL

#### LENT

The core purpose of Lent is to better appreciate and celebrate God's plan of loving us. A key way to do just that is to explore and be guided by God's Word proclaimed in the Sunday liturgies of Lent.

Hence, the invitation is to join Fr. Tom in the Crypt on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm beginning on Tuesday week, 1st March.

Bring a bible or a copy of St. Matthew's gospel if convenient (not essential).

Bring a friend. All Welcome.

#### CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

to **JENNY GARDE** of Orchard Road, on being part of the potential Irish Paralympic Team.  
Good luck to her in the World Cup in Belfast in August.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - 28 FEBRAURY-13 MARCH

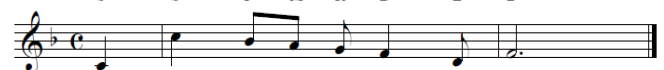
*Watch out for competition in next week's Bulletin!*

#### WEEKEND PSALM

Seventh Sunday in ordinary time A

Patrick Killeen

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The Lord is com - pass - ion and love.