

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WIN A FAIRTRADE Easter Egg

FAIRTRADE – Guarantees a better deal for Third World producers

FAIRTRADE was started by Oxfam in 1964 to help achieve a fair price for growers/producers from poor countries for their products. In 1969 they opened their first shop in Holland to bring the products directly to the consumers.

By 2010 they have spawned over 100 different organisations involved in ethical trading in 25 countries and they have over 2,500 products for sale that carry the FAIRTRADE logo.

Your local supermarkets carry a large supply of FAIRTRADE tea, coffee, orange juice, bananas and chocolate. You can also buy FAIRTRADE clothes in some department stores and you can even go as far as buying FAIRTRADE gold and diamonds on the internet.

As the motto says the whole purpose of their work is to guarantee a better deal for Third World producers. One simple example illustrated this clearly;

Well known brands of coffee sell in local supermarkets for €4. The farmers in Kenya & Ethiopia who grow this coffee receive only 1.6cent (0.4%) of the price the customer pays.

Coffee brands that carry the FAIRTRADE logo guarantee that the producer/grower will get a minimum 10% of the price a customer pays. This means that the growers/farmers in Kenya & Ethiopia will get a minimum 40cent of the €4 paid in the local supermarket. This huge difference in payment to the grower/producer is what guarantees them the ability to raise their families and secure their futures by recognising that they must get a fair reward for their work.

Questions

1. What are the dates for FAIRTRADE Fortnight 2011?
2. When was FAIRTRADE founded?
3. What organisation founded FAIRTRADE?
4. What is the FAIRTRADE motto?
5. Name 3 products from your local supermarket that carry the FAIRTRADE logo.
6. What percentage of the price paid by the consumer is guaranteed to the producer by FAIRTRADE

Name..... Contact Number.....

Answers 1..... 2..... 3..... 4.....

5..... 6.....

Please detach and drop into Parish Office by Sunday 6 March



We offer our sincere sympathy on the death of parishioners who died during the week.

Terry O'Keefe, Laurel Bank, to his wife Rose, sons Kevin and Donal, and his daughter Una, his grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Ann Downey, Woodlawn, to her sisters Kay, Sheila, Maura, and brothers Jimmy, Eddie, Ted and John.

As dheis Dé to raibh a nanamacha dílse.

PRIORITIES

At first hearing, last Sunday's gospel appeared to be unusual with its suggestion to love one's enemies. In our current economic climate, this weekend's reading may sound even more unrealistic with its admonition not to worry about money. What message can such a gospel have for a family where the breadwinner is unemployed, the teenage children have no prospect of work and mortgages have to be paid?

For those of us who are reasonably secure and enough food on the table, it is challenging us not to set our hearts on material goods and not to put our total trust in them. There are more important matters.

But for those who are without food, shelter or other necessities of life, what is the message for them? Maybe, it is telling them not to worry because the Father knows their needs and He trusts their more well-off brothers and sisters in Christ to care for those needs of money, work security and respect. Is that trust by the Father misplaced? That is a question we answer by how we live.

Fr. Tom

NOTICE BOARD

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament next Friday 4th March. Due to a reduction in the number attending Exposition and to ensure the safety of those attending, Exposition will be from 10.30am to 12 noon and 6.30 to 7.30pm. followed by Mass.

First Friday

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

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society monthly meeting takes place next Thursday 3rd in the Parish Office at 3.00pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The usual monthly collection will take place next weekend, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March. The Holy Spirit conference wishes to thank all those who contributed so generously to our February collection.

New Knitting Circle is to start up in the County Library, Carrigrohane Road. Meeting 8th March and every 2nd Tuesday thereafter at 10.30am - 12.30pm approx. on ground floor of the library. All are welcome from beginners to experienced knitters. Contact Lorraine at the County Library 4546499.

A valuable black leather lady's coat was taken in error from the coat rail at the BCA annual dinner in CIT last Friday night 18th February. BCA currently has in its possession a black leather type coat with a Punt Roma label. If you think you have the lost item please contact urgently Pat @ 086-3183950 or Sheila @ 4343575 to arrange

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

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 6th March
First Reading Deut 11:18,26-28,32; Psalm 30
Second Reading Rom 3:21-25,28; Gospel: Mt 7:21-27

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or give it to a friend or neighbour**

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Patrick Killeen

WEEKEND PSALM

