

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

6th March 2011

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 13th
March

First Reading
Gen 2:7-93:1-7

Psalm 50

Second Reading
Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Mt 4:1-11

A PERSONAL REFLECTION



The election campaign is over and a new government is emerging as I write. We pray that the spirit of God may fill the new administration with true wisdom, with a hunger and thirst for what is right, with an empathy with the vulnerable, a commitment to truth and a constant striving to build up living communities of hope and love.

I found the near total obliteration of the outgoing government unsettling as I mused whether there were parallels with the decline of my Church in Ireland. Phrases like toxic brand, losing touch with the grassroots, failures in communication resonated with me.

How severely have the child abuse scandals and the failures in dealing with them rendered the brand Irish and Catholic toxic? How can credibility be restored? Who is willing and able to undertake the task?

While the continuing loss of the younger generation from church practice is acknowledged, the significant slippage of older and, until now, loyal worshippers is a serious losing touch with the grassroots.

Again and again, campaigns and media pundits stressed that the Irish people need to know the truth no matter how bleak the picture and want to be part of making the decisions that affect them. Are there any lessons in communications for our Church as people of God?

I know that there are fundamental differences between our Church and a political party. The Church is a gift from God to enrich all believers, to be treasured and served by them as a sign of God's love to the whole world. He has promised that his Church will not fail. But the Church is a human institution as well as a divine one. We occupy both worlds. We both live in the same culture, both are open to the same temptations of fear, lack of accountability, arrogance and reluctance to serve.

Have we a plan to revitalise our Church community? Will we together tap into the resources that the Spirit of God can unleash among believers? Can we enhance our children's inheritance by creating vibrant faith communities? Together we can.

What initiative will we take together to renew the brand?

Fr. Tom

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or give it to a
friend or neighbour

LENT

Next Wednesday 9th is Ash Wednesday and a day of fast and abstinence.
Masses at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30pm. Ashes will be distributed at each Mass.

Trócaire collection boxes are available in the church.

Email: holyspiritparish@eircom.net

Website: www.dennehycrossparish.ie

Rest in Peace

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

Frank Fahy, Bishopscourt Road, to his sister Bessie and brother Joe.

Margaret Foley, Model Farm Road, to her daughter Sarah and son Alan.

Mrs. Donovan, School Avenue, to her daughters Sally and Ann.

As dheis Dé to raibh a nanamacha dílse.

In Sympathy

To **Moyra Barrett**, Model Farm Road, on the death of her brother, Derry Gleeson.

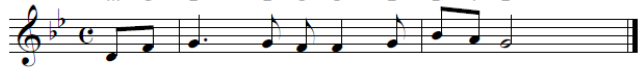
To **Eileen Corkery** and family, Highfield Lawn, on the death of her son, Liam.

WEEKEND PSALM

Ninth Sunday in ordinary time - Year A

Patrick Killeen

M S L L S S L D T L



Be a rock of re - fuge for me, O Lord.

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.

Please join Fr. Tom in the Crypt on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm

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

Bring a friend. All Welcome.



LENTEN CORNER

Will you create a SACRED SPACE in your home this Lent?

All you need is a small table covered with purple cloth and a candle.

Each day light the candle and pray. This will help you to reflect on how best to celebrate Lent in your home.

NOTICE BOARD

Parish Meeting of Groups, Ministries and Pastoral Council

On Monday 14th March at 7.30pm. in the Crypt.

Bishops Commissions

The annual collection will take place next Sunday 13th March at all Masses.

Vocations Information Day

Vocation Information Day is an opportunity for people who are exploring the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood to do so in an informal setting. Some current seminarians will attend and will be available to talk to prospective students. The venue is St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Montenotte on Saturday 26th March.

Ministers of the Eucharist

We would sincerely request any Minister who has a pyx that is no longer used to please return it as soon as possible to the Sacristy. Thank you.

Scout Movement in Cork

The annual Mass for deceased members will be held in St. Martin's Chapel, at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay on Friday next 11th March at 8pm. All present and past members, as well as relatives of deceased members, are welcome to attend.

Monastic Weekend

Are you called to share in our way of life? St. Joseph's Carmelite Monastery, Tallow, Co. Waterford, invites you to a weekend on 25th-27th March (single women 22-38 years). Please call 058-56205, website www.carmelitetallow.org. Email: carmeltallow@eircom.net

Pancake Tuesday 8th March.

The Community Gardaí in Bishopstown will host a pancake morning at the S.M.A. Centre, Wilton, between 9.00 and 2.00pm. with a sale of pancakes and tea/coffee. There will also be a raffle for various prizes including a signed Irish jersey. All proceeds will go towards the CUH children's holiday fund.

Alzheimer Society

Carers' support meeting on Wednesday 9th March, 3.00-4.30pm. in Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock. All welcome. Tel. 4972504.

The Presentation Brothers

An Information Day for men interested in religious life will be held on Saturday 12th March at Mardyke House in Cork city, 11am-2.30pm. The event is free of charge and is without obligation. Contact Br Ray Dwyer at 01-2300824 or email prescall@eircom.net Visit www.PresentationBrothers.org

Childminder required, College Road, 5 years, 3 years, 8 months, own car essential, ph 086-8524731

Heart Throbs - Cardiac Support Group

We provide support to patients who have experienced heart attack, angina, angioplasty or heart surgery. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month to provide encouragement, advice, support and information. Next meeting on Monday 14th March at Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre, 11.00 to 1.00pm. Theme: Relaxation. Further information from 4872626.