

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

27th March 2011

Third Sunday of Lent

No. 1092

MASS TIMES

Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays

9.00, 10.00

Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

Holydays

9.00, 10.30

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 3rd
April

First Reading

1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13

Psalm 22

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

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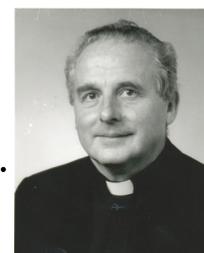
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A CUP OF COLD WATER GIVEN

Do not let this weekend's gospel slip by unnoticed. Read it in advance. Savour it. Ready your heart for it. Together with the gospels for the following two weekends, it opens up ever deepening aspects of the personality of Jesus and His mission among us. To grow in a knowledge of the Lord Jesus is the road to eternal life. Sunday's Eucharist can be an enriching step on that journey.

The setting is straightforward. Jesus is thirsty. The well is deep. He has no bucket but a stranger woman has. She is from a people ostracised by His own people and she is living publicly in an irregular relationship. The stage is set. Like all law abiding Jews of the time would do, will He shun the woman or will He ask for and accept a drink from her? He does the unexpected and in requesting a drink, He accepts her as a child of God, a person worthy of the deepest respect just any other human individual. He then moves to offer her a share in the life of God which He describes as living water. She glimpses the wonder of the moment and dashes off to share it with the neighbours. The disciples were less than enthusiastic about the Master's involvement with the woman of ill repute.

Drawing water was a humdrum part of the Samaritan woman's life. But it was there she met the Saviour of the world. Her first reaction was sceptical but her generous kindness opened the way for Jesus to touch her and change her life and that of her townspeople.

The lessons for our own lives are many and, also, unique.

Fr. Tom

LOURDES

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage 2011

11 - 16 June - 5 nights - full board accommodation

BOOKING FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE PILGRIM SECTION OF Joe Walsh Tours,
117 Patrick Street

Tel. 021-4277959 / 021-4277120

Enquiries for Special Invalid Section to

The Pilgrimage Director, Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan
No.2 Presbytery, Curraheen Road. Tel. 021-4346463

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Next Friday 1st April is the First Friday of Lent. From 10.30am to 7.30pm we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

It will be an opportunity when we, as a community, can remember and pray for our brothers and sisters in Japan who are living with fear, devastation and death following the recent earthquake and tsunami.

We could spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament praying for and with each other. We all have many intentions at this time and are all in need of one another's prayers and support.

LENTEN CORNER

Sacred Space



Fellow Travellers

The Way of the Cross depicts the final days of the passion and death of Jesus.

Reflecting and meditating on the Stations is a reminder to us of the ultimate sacrifice of love. This Lent we might travel that journey with Him and bring with us in prayer somebody we know who is terminally ill.

This week we will add a cross to our Sacred Space.

"We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday 1st April is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our special **Easter** collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, 2nd/3rd April.

Living Eucharist Today

A series of evenings exploring the Mass and our lives today at Blackrock Parish Centre, Mondays, 8.00-9.00pm. All welcome. March 28th: *Jesus present in his Word*; April 4th: *Jesus present in the Eucharist*; April 11th: *Jesus present in our Living*. Presented by Fr. Christy Fitzgerald and Dr. Anne Francis. All welcome. These nights may be of special interest to Ministers of the Word and Eucharist. For booking: abfrancis@eircom.net Tel 087-2282134.

On this third Sunday in Lent we stand in solidarity with the people **Trócaire** works with in the poor communities of Honduras. They are doing all in their power, sometimes at great personal risk, to improve the conditions and futures of their people. Please help Trócaire to help them this Lent.

An Acting for Camera training course for anyone from local drama groups, musical societies, etc., or anyone interested, who would like to learn how to get acting work in film and TV, including commercials, will take place the Lee Valley Hotel, Cork, on 29th, 30th and 31st March, from 7pm to 11pm each evening, min. age 17 (over 30's esp. welcome!). Enquiries to (074) 9126994, or email: filmmactorsworkshop@eircom.net.

Fourth Annual World Autism Awareness Day is being held on 2nd April. National collection days and fundraising activities throughout April. Patron Keith Duffy. If you would like to get involved contact 087-2496068.

Teen Spirit

A celebration of teen talent and Christian faith at the Cork Opera House, Sunday 10th April at 8.00pm. A unique blend of fun, lively music and inspirational and challenging songs that will move, inspire and entertain you. Tickets available at the door, €21 adults, €15 children and OAPs. Proceeds to Kenya Education Project and Teen Choir Development.

Bishopstown Credit Union and Wilton Shopping Centre announce the launch of the Wilton Community Achievement Awards. Do you know anyone who deserves special recognition? Whether it is a sporting achievement, a group achievement, or an unsung hero, we want to hear about the people in the community that make a difference. We are looking for nominations from people like you. Who do you think deserves a special Thank You from the community at large? Nomination forms are available from the Customer Service Desk in Wilton Shopping Centre.

'Come and See'

Discern your future with The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Women aged 18-45 are invited to come. Venue: Cork. Information: Sr Una Mulvey sshjm_unashjm@aol.com Tel:021-4616099, Mobile: 0863926161

WEEKEND PSALM

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Patrick Killeen

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O that to - day you would list-en to his voice! Hard-en not your hearts.

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