

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

22nd May, 2011

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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
29th May.

First Reading:
Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalms - 65

Second Reading:
1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel:
John 14: 15-21

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THE DEAN WRITES

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE



Last Sunday and on the weekdays since, the readings at Mass have made reference to the Good Shepherd. They carry the call of Jesus to join him in a special way in the priesthood or religious life.

When I went to Maynooth in the 1940's, the Second World War was raging in Europe. Times were hard, but the hardest decision I had to make was to forego an offer of a permanent and pensionable job in the Civil Service. The pay was miserable, but I could live independently and have a pound in my pocket and things could only get better. But all the time there was this quiet calling in my head to a closer union with Jesus and to serve his people as a priest.

I wasn't looking for a position of respect or security or adulation, and may God help anybody who thinks it is any of these things. Certainly there was support for the Church which felt secure in a world embroiled in the awful turmoil of a world at war. Now the wheels seem to be coming off. The situation has changed, utterly changed, but the need for vocations is greater than ever. Some of us will wonder will anyone hear the call anymore, and if they don't, who could possibly blame them. Now if a young person expresses a desire to enter the priesthood, his brothers and sisters are probably too embarrassed to speak about it, the parents are anxious and their friends think they are for the birds.

The fact is, of course, it never made sense in human terms. Yet the call is there - somebody has to pour water over babies and welcome them into God's family. Somebody has to offer Mass for our sins and shortcomings. Somebody has to represent the compassion of Christ in the confessional and send us to heaven with the blessing of the Lord when life closes in on us.

So, today we pray that young people may hear the quiet gentle call of Jesus to come and do his work in the world.

Now to end, and again on a personal note, in the twilight of my days, I thank God for the wonders He has done for me, and I would not change any of them. A very sincere thanks for the continued support of family, friends and parishioners who have meant so much to me on the journey of life.

Please take a copy of the Bulletin home
or give it to a friend or neighbour

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NOTICE BOARD

Specs Appeal!

Cork Lions Club are running a Recycle for Sight campaign. People are asked to gather old glasses (including reading glasses and sunglasses) that are no longer required and deposit them in the specially marked Lions Recycle for Sight collection boxes which will be located at the back of the church between **May 22nd** and **May 29th** - your generosity is much appreciated.

See www.corklionsclub.ie for more information.

Padre Pio Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage from Cork to Holycross Abbey will take place on **Sunday, 29th May**, departing Cork Opera House at 9.30am. Fare €15. Tickets available from Jackie @ 087-6527136 and Holy Trinity Office.

"From Bishopstown to Chennai"

Friend and neighbours, please join Ber and Kathy at their wine and cheese evening on **Friday, 27th May** at 7.00pm at "Kilsinan", Bishopstown Park, Model Farm Road and help support orphans in southern India. Your attendance and support would be greatly appreciated.

Bru Columbanus

A cookery demonstration featuring Philip Brazil (Executive Head Chef Fota Island Resort) will take place on **Wed. 25th May** in C.I.T. catering theatre. Tickets €20 which include a cheese and wine reception. All proceeds to Bru Columbanus (accommodation for relatives of patients in Cork hospitals and the Hospice). For tickets or further information tel. 021-4345754 or 087-2787074.

NAOMI - Billings Ireland

For information on:

Pre-Marriage Courses - full day on specific Saturdays - cost €90.00 per couple. Also counselling to achieve/postpone a pregnancy. Contact: NAOMI, 119, Patrick Street, (entrance on Drawbridge St.,) Cork. Phone 4272213 Mon-Fri 9.30 to 1.00 (office hours).

Aware

A new Aware Support Group, Blackpool, meets every Thursday @ 8pm in Blackpool Community Centre, 90, Great William O'Brien Street. The group is open to people experiencing depression and is free of charge. All Aware support services are confidential. (No need for referral or advance booking).

We remember all students undertaking examinations at this time.

We wish them well and pray that they will be inspired by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy on the death of our parishioner, **Pat O'Brien**, Victoria Village, to his wife Frankie, son Patrick and daughter Joanne.

Sympathy

To **Betty Golden**, Kenley on the death of her mother Eileen O'Connell, Dripsey.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a nanamacha dílse.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



"Welcome Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to me"

Pupils of St. Catherine's School will receive their First Holy Communion next **Saturday, 28th May** at 11.30a.m. We pray for them and their families.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE



In the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit

on **Wednesday 8th June.**

At 7.30pm

All are welcome to attend.

Weekend Psalm

Easter 5 - Year A



May your love be up-on us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Patrick Killeen