

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

12th June 2011

Feast of Pentecost

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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

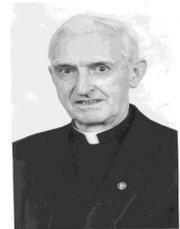
7.30pm

### Holydays

9.00, 10.30

## THE DEAN WRITES

### THE FEAST OF PENTECOST (FIFTY DAYS AFTER EASTER)



This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, a very special feast in our Church and Parish. We talk a lot about the Holy Spirit, especially around Confirmation time. But do we really believe He is there? The English atheist, Richard Dawkins, is in Dublin as I write these few lines. He states that belief in God is like belief in leprechauns - and getting big monies for saying just that!!!!

Let me answer the question in this way. My father was born in a town called Laurence, Mass., U.S.A. I had no proof of this except that my father told me. I could have checked this out from records of the time, but I felt no need to do so. I took my father at his word. It wasn't his nature to lie and he had no reason to mislead me. Do you know my best reason for believing in the reality of the Holy Spirit? The Son of God assures me He is really there. If I put my faith in my father about the time and place of his birth, all the more reason why I can put my faith in the Son of God when He tells me about the reality and power of the Holy Spirit in my life. When He was about to leave the Apostles, and they were very upset about the prospect, He said "it is for your own good that I go, because unless I go the Holy Spirit will not come to you". They were frightened for their lives and with good reason. They were entrusted with the task of preaching the Gospel to the whole world and just as today, many did not want to hear it and copper fastened their objections by having them all put to death like their leader, Jesus himself.

Somebody wrote "Fear is a great plague of our age and everyone suffers from it" - children as they face the world and their own peers, teens afraid they won't get the points needed for their chosen way of life, mature people fear the inevitability of death, loss of a loved one, loss of a job. We are afraid of letting people down who depend on us and being let down. We are afraid to love because we are afraid they won't love us back and don't want our care. But just as the Holy Spirit gave new hope and courage to the frightened Apostles, so He can release each one of us from the prison of fearfulness or hopelessness.

He is at our side now - let us invite Him into our lives.

"Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing and give us we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day".

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
19th June

First Reading:  
Ex 34:4-6,8-9

Psalm: Dan 3:52-56

Second Reading:  
Cor 13: 11-13

Gospel:  
Jn 3:16-18

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## NOTICE BOARD

### Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be distributed to all homes in the parish next weekend.

### Liam Lawton Concert

A Liam Lawton concert will be held in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen on Thursday, 23rd June at 8.00pm in aid of Ballinora Church Restoration Fund. Tickets €20 available at local shops or online at [www.LiamLawton.com](http://www.LiamLawton.com).

### Bishopstown Senior Social Centre

Seniors Mobile Phone Coaching for beginners from 12 noon to 2.30pm every Tues., Wed. and Thurs. and also Exercise and Dance Group every Thurs. from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. For more information contact: Roger Coughlan, Coordinator at 086-3866975.

### Ceili Cois Locha

Open air Ceili at the Lough with traditional music, dance and old time waltzes every Wednesday at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

### Knock Summer Festival

The festival is a three day event. Over the three days there will be music, talks, workshops, prayer and much more. The festival is a chance to step out of the busyness of everyday life and come away to relax, re-charge and re-energise. It also gives you a chance to explore, ignite and celebrate your faith. All events take place in Marquees on the Knock Shrine Grounds. So this June 24th to 26th come to Knock to **experience a weekend like no other!** For further information contact 087-6927850. (Strictly 18-35's).

### National Charismatic Conference 2011

June 24th to 26th (opens Fri. 8.00pm and closes Sun 4.00pm) in John McCormack Hall, Athlone Institute of Technology, Dublin Road, Athlone. Speakers: Fr. Chris Thomas, Rev. David Armstrong & Damian Stayne. For more information contact Johnny (087)2502557.

## Farranlea Area Open-Air Mass



In the picturesque setting of "The Green", the residents gathered for the annual celebration of Mass. Welcoming all present, Fr. Tom spoke of three important factors which shape us as a people and community - friends, family and faith. All three help sustain and strengthen us on our pilgrimage through life, in particular the Eucharist which nourishes us with food for this life and the next. Reflecting on the Gospel, Fr. Tom outlined the beautiful picture of the risen Jesus greeting the apostles at Lake Galilee and inviting them to "come and have breakfast". Such an invitation from Jesus fills us with hope.

The first reading was read by Estela Daskalakis. The prayers of the faithful reflected on the needs of our community, the sick, housebound, all who are sitting exams and those who have passed away during the past year. Well done to Eva Fleming, Eimear McDonagh, Zara and Emeina Kareem, Louise Kubiarka, Aibhain Lucey and Katie Healy. First Holy Communicants, Chloe Lynch and Claire O'Connor brought up the gifts at the Offertory. The singing was led by Mary McDonagh and once again Patsy Curtin and her helpers supervised the serving of refreshments, especially enjoyed by the children. A special word of thanks to John Houlihan who helped to make the evening a great success. Finally, Bernard Murphy, Chairman of the Residents Association, thanked Fr. Clancy for all his help and support.

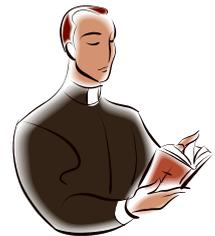
Arthur O'Callaghan.

### PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Dear God I place my trust in you as I prepare for my exams.  
May my mind be calm, my body rested and my spirit inspired.  
Give me peace and assurance that I will do the best I can.  
Keep me serene.  
May I be honest so to give a true account of what I have learned.  
In the end, may any disappointment be borne with grace and dignity and any joy accompanied with humility.  
May I know that I am a child of God and always live according to this truth.  
May Mary, the mother of Jesus and my mother, protect and guide me in all my life choices.

### Ordained Deacon

Congratulations to Colm O'Mahony, Bendemeer Park who was ordained a Deacon in the Augustinian Order on Friday, 27th May last in New Ross.



### Priest ordained for Cork Diocese

Congratulations to Fr. Anthony Buckley who was ordained last Saturday, 4th June in Toames Church, Kilmichael.

May God bless them both for the future.

### WEEKEND PSALM

Pentecost Sunday - Mass during the day - Year A

Patrick Killeen

