

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

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## A LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

Over the last number of years, the Diocese of Cork and Ross has undertaken a number of initiatives that are of support to individual parishes. Foremost amongst these are various initiatives in the area of child protection training for representatives of each parish. However, other pastoral services are also provided; the Diocesan Education Office provides advice and support to the parish primary schools of the diocese which number over one hundred and eighty and, in recent times, much resources in terms of time, personnel and finance have been spent in the area of Pastoral Development and the involvement of laity in their parishes.

Unfortunately, these initiatives, as well as being pastorally necessary, come at a cost. The Diocese is funded by a 10% levy on parish collections. In recent times, with collections falling, this income from this levy has also fallen. The Central Fund of the Diocese is currently operating at an annual deficit of over €300,000.

Like any good housekeeper, the Diocese has examined its outlays and reduced its costs where it can. However, some costs are necessary and over the past few years, the Diocese has operated at a loss. That situation cannot continue. It is essential to plan for the future and, when outlays exceed income, outlays must be reduced or income increased. We cannot reduce outlays any further without compromising the Pastoral role of the Diocese. To that end, we must look at income. From a review of other Dioceses, this Diocese claims the smallest percentage of parish income. Parishes too have expenses and many parishes have undertaken necessary refurbishment and development work. The Diocese, in no way, wishes to encroach on these initiatives and on their funding.

To that end, discussions were held with the Diocesan Finance Committee and with clergy and chairpersons of Parish Finance Committees in July. The general consensus was that a second collection quarterly, to support Diocesan Office and Diocesan initiatives was the best way forward. That situation also obtains in many other Dioceses. I have taken that advice and from October 2011, a quarterly special collection will be introduced.

I know that many families and parishes are feeling the pressure of these times. In introducing this collection, I am very mindful of that context and I assure you that costs are being kept to a minimum. However, best practice and current realities dictate that we must focus on areas of need without losing sight of the pastoral and evangelical mission of the local church. These, unfortunately involve a cost. I would also assure you that compensation for victims of clerical child abuse is not part of this fund and this collection is not and will not be used for that purpose.

**Please note that this collection will take place in this Church at all Masses on  
Sunday, 30th October, 2011.**

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## NOTICE BOARD

### First Friday:

Next Friday, 7th October if the First Friday of the month.  
Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next Friday, 7th October from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by evening Mass.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

Monthly meeting next Thursday, 6th October at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre.

### "Let the Healing Begin":

An Evening of Healing for all who have been wounded by the reality of abuse will be held on Sunday 16th October at 3.00pm in the SMA Hall, Wilton, Cork. Those who have been affected by sexual or other abuse, in all its manifestations, within the family, in institutions, in the church or in any other setting as well as their families, their carers and supporters are welcome to attend.

### Cork Simon Community:

Cork Simon is marking the 40th anniversary of working with men and women who are homeless. This year the Annual Flag Day will take place on the 24th and 25th November. If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to help, please phone Mary at 021-4929410 or email [mary@corksion.ie](mailto:mary@corksion.ie).

### The Coeliac Society of Ireland:

The Coeliac Society of Ireland, Cork Support Group, are holding a meeting on Tuesday 4th October, 2011 at the SMA Centre, Wilton, Cork at 8.00pm. The topics for discussion are: Update and review of the summer months, Dietician Talk and Cooking/Baking tips. Refreshments will be provided. Entrance fee €4. All welcome.

### The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (Cork City Branch):

The next Carer's Support Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th October from 3pm to 4.30pm at the Bessboro Day Care Centre, Bessboro, Blackrock, Cork. All are welcome.

### Service of Remembrance:

A Service of Remembrance for babies who have died will take place on Friday, 14th October at 7.30pm in the SMA Church, Wilton.

### Bishopstown I.C.A.:

Meetings resume Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Wilton Community Centre Hall next to S.M.A. Church. New members most welcome.

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

## Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the following who died recently:

**John Moynihan**, College Road, Cork  
**Sr. Peggy Murphy**, St. Joseph's Convent.  
**John Kenefick**, London (late of Glasheen Road).

May they rest in peace.

### 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 &  
7.30pm

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### God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
9th October.

First Reading:  
Is 25:6-10

Psalms: 22

Second Reading:  
Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20

Gospel:  
Mt 22: 1-14

### Just a Thought

Life is short but there is  
always enough time for  
courtesy!!

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### "REVISED DATE"

#### *Parish History Walk*

#### **Sunday 2nd October at 3.00pm**

To mark the close of our Jubilee Year and the feast of St. Finbarr, the *Faith in Action Group* invites all parishioners and friends to join us in a parish history walk this **Sunday, 2nd October**. Each participant will be provided with a map and accompanying guide to 20 places of interest within the parish boundaries. The walk will start at 3.00pm from the Church grounds, and will take approximately 1h 30 mins. Refreshments will be available in the Crypt afterwards. All welcome!

### Weekend Psalm

