

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

6th November, 2011

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1113

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

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
13th November.

First Reading:
Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20,
30-31

Psalm: 127

Second Reading:
1 Thess 5:1-6

Gospel:
Mt 25: 14-30

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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES:

“WE REMEMBER”



November begins the winter season. It is the month of the Holy Souls. Many find this time the loneliest part of the year. The nights are longer, the weather is cold and rainy, with frost, snow and ice forecast. People stay in rather than go out. During the year God has called our family members, relations, friends and neighbours to himself in our true home in Heaven, but there is the pain of loss and heartbreak we all experience. We remember them with love and affection and think of the memories of happy and sad times on the journey of life. We all love to recall and share our thoughts and life experiences with each other. We need support and strength and good friends and family to get through bereavement. Sadly, for some people, they are the last of their families left. We never get over the loss of those we love. There is a tangible pain or ache in our hearts.

In times past, there were visible signs of bereavement e.g. women wore black for a year, men wore a piece of cloth in the shape of a diamond on the sleeve of their coats or jackets. People in their caring for each other asked “who had died” and listened to the person talking out their feelings of grief and loss. The bereaved knew they could call on neighbours or friends and the doors were always open. They were able to let out their emotions, to laugh and cry, and this eased the pain in their hearts and they got strength from each other. Today bereavement counsellors are doing what the neighbours did before.

During November this year, maybe we might say to someone “my door is open, call over anytime”. As we journey in life together, may we finally gather together in Heaven, our true home. Jesus said two thousand years ago “Whoever believes in me has eternal life”. Thank God for the people who listen to us and may we too be good listeners as we remember all gone before us who have touched our lives in so many ways.

May they all rest in peace.

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

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Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Our traditional Mass for parishioners who died since November 2010 will be celebrated on Friday 11th November at 7.30pm. Families and friends of the bereaved are invited to attend.

During Mass, as each name is called, a family member will be invited to bring a lighted candle to our November shrine.

All parishioners are invited.

After the Mass, there will be a cup of tea in the Crypt for all the families involved.

Cemetery Prayers and Blessings in November

Sunday, November 6th:

St. Joseph's, Tory Top Road - 2.30pm

St. Finbarr's, Glasheen Road - 2.30pm

Douglas - 3.00pm

Rathcooney - 3.00pm

St. James, Chetwynd - 3.00pm

Sunday, November 13th:

St. Michael's, Blackrock - 3.00pm

St. Catherine's, Kilcully - 3.00pm

NOTICE BOARD

Liturgy Group:

Next meeting on Tuesday 8th Nov at 8.00pm in the Parish Office.

Pastoral Council:

Next meeting on Monday 14th Nov at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland:

Meeting of the Saturday club on Saturday, 12th November at Bessboro Day Care Centre from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. We are delighted this month to present a musical afternoon with Mr. John Gibson at the piano. Light refreshments will be provided. Free admission. All welcome. For further information contact 021-4972504.



Parent and Toddler Group at the Crypt:

Our playgroup meets in the Crypt on Thursday mornings from 10.15am to 12.15pm (closed during school holidays). New members welcome. Parents, grandparents and childminders are all very welcome to bring babies, toddlers and pre

-school children. Tea and coffee provided for adults. €3.00 per family group. Contact name: Angela at (087)7927861.

Bible Corner



"BE PREPARED"

Wedding customs vary throughout the world and have varied throughout history. Some customs were and are less than respectful to the bride. In many cultures the key part of the ceremony involves the bridegroom in collecting the bride at her home and in bringing her to his home in the midst of a joyful and somewhat boisterous procession. It seems that in Christ's time in Palestine, this procession took place after dark and it might well be delayed as the families haggled at the last minute over the economic arrangements surrounding the happy occasion.

It is such an event that Jesus uses in Sunday's gospel to teach us about the need for alertness in following His call. The five foolish bridesmaids were caught unprepared without oil for their lamps and missed out on their chance to be part of the celebrations. The invitation to be a practical Christian can come to us unexpectedly and in a way we would not have foreseen. Unless we are alert to our neighbour's need, and prepared to serve at every opportunity, we may be found lacking in the oil of good deeds when the call comes to join the bridegroom forever.

Fr. Tom.

Congratulations to Sr. Colette Marie for her excellent article in the Bulletin. Hopefully more will follow in the future!!

Indeed we are blessed in having the Poor Clare Community in our parish. In the true spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare, the Sisters offer prayerful support and comfort to the many callers who come with petitions and requests seeking their help and prayers.

May God continue to bless and strengthen them in all they do.

Weekend Psalm:

