

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

29th January, 2012

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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9.00, 10.30 &
7.30pm



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Poor Clare Colettine Monastery,
College Road,
Cork.

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST!

This week on February 2nd, we celebrate the day dedicated by Blessed Pope John Paul 11 to mark consecrated religious life in the church. On this day we celebrate the last infancy narrative of St. Luke's Gospel also - the mystery of the Presentation of Our Lord in the temple. Mary and Joseph bring the child "to present Him in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses and at the same time going to meet his faithful people". (Liturgy) Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple and proclaimed Him with joy - "Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel His people". We light candles and have them blessed to take to our homes. It is an ancient custom to light a blessed candle when we are departing from this life to our true home in Heaven.

Each religious Sister has her own Profession Feast depending on what time of the year she entered Religious Life. On that day we renew our vows, having first taken them for three years, after completing time as a novice, and then we Poor Clare Sisters take solemn vows for life. During Evening Prayer we have the little ceremony of renewal of vows and then join Our Lady in joyful thanksgiving while singing the Magnificat. At other times of the year there are occasions when we renew our vows together.

This is my Profession Feast. Unlike marriage our Profession is not a sacrament but it belongs very much to the life and holiness of the church. God's call is given for the Church and through the Church. It is a gift rooted in our Baptismal calling. Let us be like Samuel and be attentive to God's promptings: "Speak Lord your servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:10).

Love and God Bless
Sr. M. Clare.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 5th
February.

First Reading:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalm: 146

Second Reading:

1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23

Gospel:

Mark 1:29-39

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NOTICE BOARD

First Friday:

Next Friday, 3rd February, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Next Friday, 3rd February, from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

Monthly meeting next Thursday, 2nd February, at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre.

St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend 4th/5th February.

"Come Dine with Me"

The Cork Seniors Together network is forming a group who would like to meet on a regular basis for dinner, trips to the theatre etc. This could be a great way of meeting new people and making new friends. We are going to meet for a cuppa and a chat in the Imperial Hotel, South Mall at 11.30am on Tuesday, 7th February. If you cannot make this meeting, don't worry, just contact me, Linda McKernan at (021)4302310 and I'll keep you informed about dates for further meetings.

Annual Coffee Morning:

At Monkstown Golf club in aid of St. Patrick's Marymount Hospice on Thurs. 2nd February, at 10.00am. Everybody welcome. Lots and lots of prizes.



Learn 2 surf On-Line "Free"



6 hours free training on Internet/ Email usage at the National Learning Network, Model Farm Road on weekdays from 4pm to 6pm, weeknights 7pm to 9pm or on Saturday mornings 10am to 12 noon. You decide what time suits

you best! Training commences 4th February. For more information contact Alice or Maria at (021)4341028.

"Young Adult Gatherings" (18-35's)

Meetings on the last Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 8.30pm in Turner's Cross Parish Centre. Come and join our group from parishes around the diocese for discussion, reflection and prayer.

Alliance of the Two Hearts - All Night Vigil:

First Friday, 3rd February in the South Presentation Chapel, Douglas Street .

10.00pm Rosary,

10.30pm First Friday Mass,

6.00am First Saturday Mass.

All are welcome. For further details contact: 086-0505727.

BIBLE CORNER

"LIFE GIVING WORDS"



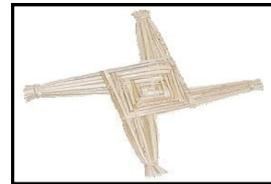
In his Gospel, St. Mark presents Jesus not only as a miracle worker, but more importantly, as the promised great prophet. For the Hebrew people, the true prophet is the one who speaks God's message with the authority of God behind him. There was a long succession of such prophets throughout Hebrew history, each one foreshadowing the coming of the Messiah, the promised Saviour. As Jesus was to be the final prophet, Moses was the real original.

As a prelude to this weekend's Gospel with its account of the authoritative teaching of Jesus, Moses is presented as God's mouthpiece in the First Reading. He is to speak the truth from God, a truth that gives life, inspires love, courage and service.

Confused by the self-serving opinions of the Scribes and Pharisees, the contemporaries of Jesus longed for life giving guidance from a prophet. They were not disappointed in Jesus even when he spoke a truth that they were not prepared to follow. In our time, His words still speak to the heart with authority. Are we listening?

Fr. Tom.

ST. BRIGID'S CROSSES (FEAST DAY - 1ST FEBRUARY)



During one of her travels, St. Brigid went to visit a dying pagan chieftain. As she sat near his bed, she picked up some rushes on the floor and began weaving a Cross. He asked her what she was doing and, in explaining, she told him about Christ and the meaning of the Cross. He came to faith and was baptised.

It is customary on St. Brigid's Day to make a Cross - known as a "St. Brigid's Cross" - out of rushes or reeds. Once the Cross is woven, it is blessed with holy water and with the words:

"May the blessing of God, Father, son and Holy Spirit be on this Cross and on the place where it hangs and on everyone who looks on it".

It is then hung on the front doors of homes and left in place all year, to be burned and replaced with a newly woven Cross on the next St. Brigid's Day.

WEEKEND PSALM:

Lent 3 - Year A



Patrick Killeen