

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

5th February, 2012

Fifth 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

### Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &

7.30pm

## *"INTO AFRICA"*



## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
12th February.

First Reading:

Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46

Psalms: 31

Second Reading:

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Gospel:

Mark 1:40-45

Founded in 1856 by Bishop Melchor De Bresillac, the Society of African Missions is an international Society of Catholic Missionaries, its purpose was to work for the salvation of the people of Africa, at that time one of the most abandoned places on earth. Sadly within weeks of his arrival in Africa, Bishop De Bresillac died from Yellow Fever.

Inspired by his example, the Irish Province of the S.M.A. was established on May 15th, 1912 - one hundred years ago. During that time more than 700 Irish Priests and Brothers have journeyed to Africa and beyond. These men were joined by similar numbers from missionary congregations including the O.L.A. Sisters, plus numerous Lay Missionaries, each responding to the invitation from Jesus "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1-7).

While serving Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Wilton, I encountered many Missionaries - some had served a lifetime on the Missions. A number were in poor health, but without exception men of integrity who kept the flame of faith alive.

Former Cork hurler, Fr. Michael Waters, now in his 43rd year in Nigeria, speaks of the value of education. A good example is of a young boy who was extremely bright, but from a very poor family, with Michael's help and funding from the Mission, the lad graduated from college, has been called to the Nigerian Bar, written a book, highlighting how his own tribal people have been deprived of their rights for centuries by the Muslim majority in Northern Nigeria. Now he has become a Human Rights Activist.

Arthur O'Callaghan.

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## NOTICE BOARD

### Liturgy Group

Next meeting on Tuesday, 7th February, 2012 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### Pastoral Council:

Next meeting on Monday 13th February at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre

### Lourdes Invalid Pilgrimage Fund:

The annual collection will take place at all Masses next weekend (11th/12th Feb), to help enable invalids to visit Lourdes.

### Why Not Study Theology ?

The Dominican Order is offering a distance learning theology programme, leading to a range of possible qualifications from certificate level up to full honours degree level. People are enabled to study theology from home, while also attending occasional study days and benefiting from the on-line support of academic tutors. Hundreds of people have completed some or all of the programme. Perhaps you would like to know more?

Contact : The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24.  
Telephone: (01) 4048124 enquiries@prioryinstitute.com - www.prioryinstitute.com.

### Alzheimer Society of Ireland:

Cork Branch meeting of the Saturday Club on Sat. 11th February at Bessboro Day Care Centre from 2pm to 4pm with a talk by Mr. Pat Cox of the Carers Association. Light refreshments provided. Free admission. All welcome. For further information contact (021)4972504.

### Bishopstown Senior Social Centre:

Mobile phone coaching/help for senior citizens every Monday 11am to 1pm. Also, exercise/dance group with Margo on Thursdays 2.30 to 4pm. Contact Roger at 086-3866975 for further details.

## Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes



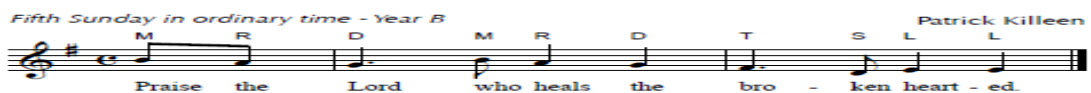
(WORLD DAY OF THE SICK)

On Saturday 11th February

Mass @ 12 Noon  
Confessions  
Anointing with Holy Oils

*Let us gather as a community and pray for each other and for our sick,*

Weekend  
Psalm:



## In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

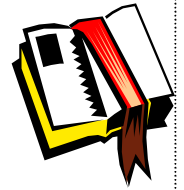
**Mary Murphy**, Kenley Drive on the death of her sister, Margaret Mulvey, who died recently in England.

**Breda Scully**, Laburnum Drive on the death of her brother, Tony Duggan, Dublin.

May they rest in peace.

## BIBLE CORNER

### “JOB OR JESUS”



Surges of despair surface in many hearts at different stages of life. It may happen at times of illness, bereavement, unemployment, guilt, betrayal, failure or even, at times of no obvious concern. At such crisis times, a spouse, a sibling, a neighbour, a colleague, a friend or an anam cara can be a key support strategically sustaining us through to healthier emotions.

Certainly, the little snippet from the Book of Job which forms the First Reading this weekend will not be of much help to the downhearted. The entire Book of Job is a little more encouraging with its account of how the dispirited and long suffering Job is able to sustain himself by realising that everything under the sun including life itself, is a pure gift from God.

Accurate though such words may be, they lack the personal touch. That vital ingredient in hope comes to us in the person of Jesus and through all who bring His love to all in need of support.

This week do not be deflected by Job but rather be encouraged by the person of Jesus, brought to us in the Sunday Gospels, courtesy of Mark.

Fr. Tom

P.S. Note the invitation below to talk on St. Mark's Gospel by Fr. C. Conroy, MSC at the Sacred Heart Centre.

## Scripture Series:

Sacred Heart Centre, Western Road, Cork  
“THE GOSPEL OF MARK: AN INTRODUCTION”  
by Fr. Charles Conroy, MSC

at

7.30pm on Tues, Feb 14th, 21st, 28th & March 6th.

Please bring your Bible.

Suggested donation for Series  
€20 (€10 Seniors/Students). All welcome.