

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

19th February, 2012

Seventh 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

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: 27TH FEB TO 11TH MARCH.**



The Fairtrade focus this year is on cotton, cotton products and cotton producers.

**Cotton** is crucial to some of the least developed countries (LDCs) in the world (UN), and cotton is central to the textile industry; which should allow poverty stricken cotton farmers in these countries to trade themselves out of poverty. However cotton producers in the LDCs are unjustly blocked by the unfair competition with cotton farmers in US, China, India and our own European Union, who are massively subsidised. (In Europe, cotton farmers in Greece and Spain receive subsidies under the Common Agricultural Policy).

By selling to the **Fairtrade Market**, cotton farmers have the security that they will receive a Minimum Price, which aims to cover their average costs of sustainable production, plus an additional US\$5 cents per kilo of Fairtrade-certified cotton, which goes to the producer organisations for education and health services, processing equipment and loans to members. The use of genetically modified seed is prohibited.

Cotton is not certified by Fairtrade unless it has been produced justly. Anti-humanitarian and corrupt practices are used in some cotton producing countries, e.g. in Uzbekistan cotton producers are subject to blatant human rights abuses, including child labour, yet Europe buys approximately US\$350 million of Uzbeki cotton every year.

*Lent is beginning this week. Why not decide to re-focus on Fairtrade products this Lent in support of justice. In addition to buying your Fairtrade tea, coffee, fruit, chocolate, roses etc. (and your Fairtrade lemons and sugar for Pancake night!), buy Fairtrade-certified cotton t-shirts, socks, shoelaces and other products.*

*Ask where your cotton product comes from.  
Is it Fairtrade-certified?  
Look for the Fairtrade Logo.*



— And watch out for the Fairtrade quiz in next week's Bulletin.

FAITH IN ACTION GROUP

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
26th February.

First Reading:  
Gen 9: 8-15

Psalm: 24

Second Reading:  
Pet 3: 18-22

Gospel:  
Mk 1: 12-15

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## NOTICE BOARD

### Pancake Morning:

In aid of the CUH Sick Children's Holiday Fund hosted by the Bishopstown Community Gardai at the SMA Hall, Wilton on the 21st February, 2012 between 9.30am and 2pm. Raffle for Irish Rugby Signed Jersey. Pancakes, tea/coffee available. Any support or donations welcome.

### Parent and Toddler Group at the Crypt:

Our playgroup meets at 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/coffee and biscuits provided for adults. €3.00 per family group. For further details contact Angela at (087) 7927861.

### (St. Catherine's Parents' Association) -

#### Traffic & Dog Owners - please note.

A reminder to school parents, CUH Staff, Highfield users and residents that a voluntary one-way system is in operation to access and egress St. Catherine's National School and Highfield RFC. From Bishopstown Avenue, please proceed anti-clockwise through Convent Lane, Highfield Lawn, Bishopstown Ave West and back to Bishopstown Avenue. Please observe particularly at peak traffic times, prior to 9.10am in the mornings and from 13.30 to 15.30 in the afternoons.

#### Dog Owners:

Please do not let your dog outside your home unattended. Dog fouling is a particular problem in the residential areas surrounding St. Catherine's School. Dog dirt is a health hazard and some day your child or grandchild might be affected by someone else's failure to "do the right thing". Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated by residents, students and their parents. Failure to clean up your dog's waste can lead to a €150 "on the spot" fine (or worse!!).

### Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle:

The monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next, 22nd February at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. Kevin Giltinan will give the recital and everybody is most welcome to attend.

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and relatives of the Late **Maura Long**, Newmarket, Co. Cork who died recently.

May she rest in peace.

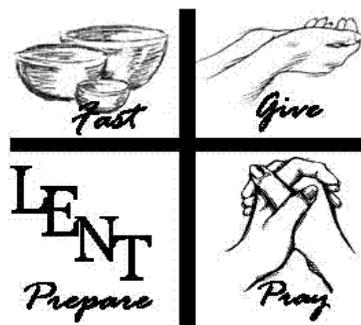
### Weekend Psalm:

Seventh Sunday in ordinary time - Year B

Patrick Killeen



## LENT



Next Wednesday 22nd is **Ash Wednesday** and a day of fast and abstinence. **Masses** at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30pm. **Ashes** will be distributed at each Mass.

Trócaire collection boxes are available in the Church.

*"Lent is meant to be enjoyed,  
Not to be endured,  
For it invites us to begin again  
To grow spiritually stronger through  
-discipline".* self

## Bible Corner



### "GOD AS A GUARANTOR"

In today's world of long distance air travel, places like Amsterdam, Atlanta, Heathrow, Dubai and Singapore have assumed new importance as key airline hubs. They are focal points where varied nationalities interact and from where a variety of routes radiate.

In St. Paul's time, Corinth was a similar hub for seafarers in the confined European and Near Eastern world of those days. It was there traders met, goods transhipped, news exchanged, new religious ideas analysed. Paul saw a key opportunity to spread the Good News by building up a vibrant community of committed believers in the Risen Lord.

But Paul did not find it easy to get a hearing. His standing as a preacher was often challenged. His reputation had come before him as one who persecuted the followers of Jesus. Could such a person be trusted to genuinely preach the Gospel?

As we read this weekend, Paul had a robust answer. "It is God who assures you of our standing. He has appointed us and marked us with his seal".

What better reassurance could anybody want?

Fr. Tom