

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Third Sunday of Lent

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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

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
18th March.

First Reading:  
2 Chron 36:14-16,19-23

Psalm: 136

Second Reading:  
Eph 2:4-10

Gospel:  
John 3: 14-21

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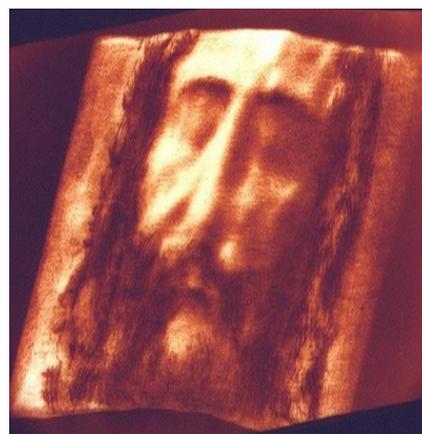
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## "THE MAN IN THE SHROUD"

The Shroud of Turin is the most venerated relic in the Catholic Church and believed by many to be an authentic silent witness to the resurrection of Jesus.



Religious belief about the burial cloth of Jesus have existed for many centuries. The Gospels of Matthew (27-59-60), Mark (14-46) and Luke (23-53) state that Joseph of Arimathea wrapped the body of Jesus in a shroud and placed it in a new tomb.

Ivory in colour, the linen cloth bears the faint image of a man with a beard and long hair. When photographed, however, the negative print will clearly show the severe wounds and injuries inflicted on the man who died from crucifixion.

Some years ago, a team of twenty scientists, led by Americans from the U.S. Space Programme studied the shroud for five days. Their results were astonishing and make harrowing reading.

The victim's body from shoulders to the legs is covered with whip lashes, estimated at one hundred and twenty. An instrument used by the Roman Army called a "flagrum" inflicted these injuries. With leather thongs studded with pieces of metal, the flesh was torn instantly. So severe was this flogging that many of its victims died. The man's head is punctured with wounds and the face shows severe swelling caused by the victim being beaten about the head with a heavy stick. A deep friction mark across the shoulders shows clearly that a heavy beam was carried and badly swollen knees indicate that the man had fallen. Nailed to the cross, not through the palms of His hands, this would not support his weight, the nails were driven into the lower area of the wrists. His feet were nailed with a single spike, causing excruciating pain. A deep wound on the right side of the body is interpreted as being caused by a lance.

The scientists found no evidence of paint, dye, ink or scorching. Blood stains of type AB were identified. No evidence of forgery could be found. Finally they described how the image was formed "as a mystery".

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### ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND MASSES

**Vigil Mass:** Friday 16th at 7.30pm  
**Saturday 17th March:** - Masses at 9.00, 10.30 (as Gaeilge) and 12.15pm.  
**Saturday Vigil Mass** at 6.15pm.  
**Sunday Masses:** 9.00, 10.30 and 12.15

### NOTICE BOARD

#### Bulletins to Homes:

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

#### “Thank You”

The Community Gardai in Bishopstown would like to thank all those who supported the Pancake Day in the SMA Wilton on the 21/2/12. Funds raised (€2,474) will go to the Cork University Hospitals Children’s Club.

#### “Different Strokes”

An Exhibition of Art Work by Artists of the Curraheen Family Centre will run until the end of March at the Bishopstown Library. Everyone welcome.

#### EWTN Live:

Fr. Kevin Doran, Secretary General of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress will feature in a St. Patrick’s Day one-hour interview with Fr. Mitch Pacwa host of the weekly show. He will be outlining plans for the Congress in June so be sure to tune in at 9.00pm to hear what is being arranged.

#### Pastoral Council:

Next meeting will be held on Monday, 12th March at 8.15pm in the Parochial House.

#### Bishopstown/Ballincollig Cardiac Support Group:

The next meeting will be held on Monday March 12th in the Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre from 11am to 1pm. Topic - “Reading Food Labels”. For further information contact (021) 4872626.

#### “Food for the Soul”

Three evenings of Prayer with Fr. John Fitzgerald MSC including Exposition, Adoration, Taize Contemplation and short reflection on week’s Readings at the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road from 8pm to 9pm Thurs. March 15th, 22nd & 29th. All welcome.

### CONSECRATION ACCLAMATION:

**Priest:** The Mystery of Faith

**People:** We proclaim your death, O Lord and profess your resurrection until you come again.

#### Weekend Psalm:

Lent 3 - Year B Patrick Killeen

S L D R M R D D S L S S

You, Lord, have the mess-age of e - ter-nal life.

### IN SYMPATHY

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

**Stephen O’Donoghue**, Lynbrook, Glasheen Road.  
**Vera Morris**, Woodleigh Park.  
**Maureen Forde**, Kilcrea Park.  
**Peter Kennedy**, St. Francis Ave.

“May they rest in peace”.

### Bible Corner



### A LIVING TEMPLE

For the Jews, the Temple was the focus of God’s presence for his people. Solomon had built the Temple in Jerusalem as a holy place. It was to be kept sacred for the presence and the worship of God. By the time of Jesus, even its inner sanctum had been permeated by commercialism. While the “selling of cattle and sheep” was a normal practice in the outer precincts to facilitate the pilgrims for their sacrificial offering and the money changers were needed as the Roman coinage was not acceptable for votive offerings, these practices had run riot. Hence, the anger of Jesus.

John is our Evangelist for these three weekends. John gives more attention to the spiritual significance of the event than to the details of what actually happened. His message was clear-cut. The glory days of the Temple were over. He is the new focus of God’s presence. He is foretelling that after they had killed him, he would rise again in three days.

The leaders did not get it. They argue about rebuilding the stone structure.

His followers did not get it either, but after the resurrection, they remembered what He had said and it helped them to believe.

Faith is not about a proposition but is a commitment to a person. “Many believed in His name”.

Remember there is more symbolism in John’s Gospel than in any other. It is not symbolism for its own sake.

The underlying spiritual significance is the important thing for John as we will see again next week with Nicodemus and Baptism.

**Fr. Tom.**

### STATION OF THE CROSS NO. V

Although Simon was forced to carry Jesus’ cross, we in turn are invited to that generosity of Spirit which grows through its service of others. This week let us be Simon for those too weak to help themselves, and for those unemployed who cry out for work but cannot find it. May we speak words of kindness and listen with attentiveness to those who claim our time.