

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

18th March, 2012

Fourth Sunday of Lent

No: 1132

## 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

## MONEY MATTERS .....!!

Our Parish Financial Report for 2011 is published overleaf. We are happy to report that we have been able to cover our costs for the year without running into debt. This is entirely due to your continued generous support which was greatly valued in these difficult economic times.

As you will see from the detailed accounts,  $\frac{2}{3}$  of our parish income comes from the offertory collections at the weekend Masses. This income is greatly enhanced by the tax refund which we receive in respect of those using the weekly envelopes. If you are not already using these, please consider joining the scheme. If you are a PAYE taxpayer and your combined dues and weekly contributions amount to €250 or more per annum, our parish can claim a tax refund from Revenue on your donations **without any extra cost to you**. This is a very valuable bonus to the parish. If you would like to find out how to join, please contact the Parish Office any weekday morning (4344452).

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
25th March.

First Reading:  
Jer 31:31-34

Psalm: 50

Second Reading:  
Heb 5: 7-9

Gospel:  
Jn 12: 20-30

While the pay and display car parking system was originally introduced to protect spaces for parishioners attending weekly morning Masses, it has also provided a welcome boost to our income. We wish to remind you to be sure to advise your family and friends that car parking is free for all those attending any of our Church services.

As many of you will know, the priests do not receive any of the income outlined above. Their income comes from the Christmas and Easter dues. They have asked us to take this opportunity to let you know that your generosity in this regard is very much appreciated.

Parish Finance Committee - March 2012

## PASTORAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Nominations are being sought for the election of the new Parish Council for 2012 - 2015 to continue the excellent work of the previous Parish Councils.

Accompanying this week's Bulletin is an explanatory leaflet and Nomination Form.

Your ideas, support and involvement is needed !!!

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## Weekend Psalm:

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B



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## Provisional Financial Report 2011

Expenditure	€	Income:	€	Special Collections 2011	€
Heating & Light	27,789	Offertory Collections	126,071	Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund	998
Church Requisites	3,597	Shrines	11,863	Episcopal Commissions	468
Wages & PRSI	44,977	Booklets	411	Holy Places	588
Repairs & Maintenance	10,165	Rents - Crypt & Parish Centre	5,760	Pastoral Services	346
Insurance	6,869	Tax Refund collection system	18,752	Peter's Pence	1,030
City Council Service Charges	905	Bank Interest	771	Priesthood Education	1,659
Pastoral Formation	729	Sundry	1,435	Mission Sunday	1,110
Booklets/Missalettes	1,219	Car Park	13,472	C.M.C.C.	531
Office supplies/telephone/ Bulletin/calendars	8,080	Account Transfer	9,000	Trócaire	12,744
Eucharistic Procession Fund	750	Turkwel	800	Peru Collection Boxes	1,782
10% Diocesan Levy	13,580	Donation	665	Eucharistic Congress	520
8% Diocesan Benevolent Levy	10,864	<b>Total</b>	<b>€189,000</b>	Quarterly Diocesan	500
Cleaning & Gardening	8,925				
Bank Charges & Gov. Duty	1,186	<b>Summary</b>	<b>€</b>		
Parish House renovations	64,372	Balance 1/1/2011	25,418		
Turkwel	800	Income 2011	<u>189,000</u>		
Sundry	4,886	Total	214,418		
Plus uncashed cheque 2010	1,200	Expenditure 2011	<u>210,893</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>€210,893</b>	<b>Bank Balance 1/1/2012</b>	<b>3,525</b>		

### BIBLE CORNER

#### "A COWARDLY CONVERT"



"Conqueror for the people" seems a very inappropriate name for one who would only come to Jesus secretly by night out of fear of his peers and yet, that is what the name Nicodemus means. However, these secret meetings between them must have changed him, because when the religious zealots in the council were clamouring for the death sentence on Jesus, Nicodemus was the one who bravely stood up for him and protested that the accused had a right to be heard before being condemned. This plea went unheard, but Nicodemus was there again at the burial of Jesus courageously and generously bringing costly spices to anoint the Master's body.

In this weekend's Gospel, John the Evangelist, contrasting darkness and light, uses the secret night rendezvous of Jesus and Nicodemus to highlight the Master's teaching about the link between the death and resurrection of Jesus and Faith as our entry into new life.

"The one who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God".

"The Son of Man must be lifted up so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him".

Fr. Tom

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY - MARCH 19TH**  
**MASS - 10.00AM ONLY.**

### NOTICE BOARD:

#### Liturgy Group:

Next meeting on Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

#### Ballinora Faith Development Group:

Invitation to a shared journey with Bishop Willie Walsh on the topic "The Church I Believe In" on Wed. 21st March at 8.00pm in the Church of St. James, Ballinora.

#### Poor Clare Sisters: - 800th Anniversary on 18th March.

You are invited to join the Poor Clare Sisters, College Road, to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the founding of the Poor Clare Order. Rosary, Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5.00pm. May God bless the Poor Clare Sisters throughout the world.

#### Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle:

Our monthly recital which will be given by Peter O'Regan, Macroon Gramophone Society, takes place on Wed. 21st March at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

#### STATION OF THE CROSS NO. VII

Lord of the journey, you know how deeply we fall and how often we become discouraged by our failures. Be with us on our pilgrimage of life, reach out to us and raise us up in the warmth of your loving arms. We pray for those who have been diagnosed with terminal illness, those in pain and those who are the victims of violence.

**May St. Patrick bless and protect us all this weekend.**

