

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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SPRINGTIME HAPPINESS

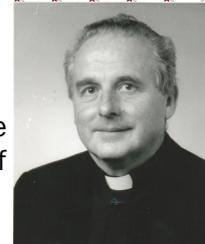
New life is in the air. Love, commitment, engagement, marriage awaken creative love in many hearts. But this blessing is not just for the starry-eyed. It is the call of the Lenten and Easter season for each one of us.

Friendship blossoming into love is God's great gift to us. To be accepted and treasured as a friend is the cornerstone of lasting happiness. As well as offering such friendship to us individually and as a community God also enables us to enrich our human relationships with such love. Such is the invitation, the privilege, the challenge and the gift.

It is a multifaceted gift, powerful yet fragile. So fragile, loving is pockmarked with failure. So powerful, that failure can be the occasion of deepening growth in love, when it evokes forgiveness, offered and accepted.

Forgiveness is pure gift. It can never be earned. Forgiveness can only occur between friends and loved ones. It is an opportunity to celebrate once again the goodness of the forgiver. It is not really about the failure of the offender. It is about a recommitment to the friendship offered by a loved one or by God. God always loves unconditionally. As a child said recently, "God loves me always, even though he does not always love some of the things I do."

- Fr. Tom Clancy



ACKNOWLEDGING THE FAULT

To be healed by the intrinsic power of God's forgiveness, one must open one's heart to its power by acknowledging the fault. A self-righteousness that blocks us seeing our selfishness is like a cataract that can cloud over the eyes of the heart as time goes by. Confession of specific wrongdoing can free us from that burden.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity to be healed by the awesome power of God's love.



A sacrament is a focussing of God's presence and his powerful love at particular times in our lives. Often the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration with just the individual and the priest and that is some people's preference. But it has an added dimension when it is celebrated in the context of a praying community. God's plan for us is that we walk the road of life together in times of joy and sorrow especially when celebrating reconciliation.

Bi linn next Sunday and bring a friend.

WALKING THE ROAD TOGETHER

"Come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion."

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: NEXT SUNDAY (1st APRIL) 5.00 P.M.

NOTICE BOARD

St. Vincent de Paul:

The usual monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend - Sat. 31st March & Sun. 1st April (**Easter collection**). The Holy Spirit Conference wishes to thank all those who contributed so generously to our March collection.

Poor Clare Sisters: - 800th Anniversary.

The Poor Clare Sisters acknowledge the presence of so many parishioners at their celebration last Sunday (18th March). They thank the Parish for their gift marking the founding of their Order and assure us of their daily prayers.

Vocations to the Priesthood:

The Annual Vocations Day will be held on **Saturday, March 31st** in Ennismore between 10.30am & 4pm (lunch will be provided on the day). To speak to someone in strictest confidence telephone: **Fr. Tom Deenihan** (021) 4301717 or **Fr. Bertie O'Mahony** (021) 4371684 or e-mail:

secretary@corkandross.org.

"Back to Education for Adults"

The Bishopstown/Glasheen Network are running an Information Day on "Back to Education for Adults" on Saturday 31st March from 11.00am to 3.30pm in Bishopstown Community School. You may want to learn new, or improve upon existing skills. Perhaps you are considering your next step in education. Whatever your circumstances, this event is for you.

CIT Bistro:

Cork's CIT Bistro located in the CIT Student Centre is now offering a Senior Citizens Special of Afternoon Tea on Thursdays and Fridays from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. The Bistro offers an Afternoon Tea Medley for just €3.00 or €11.00 for a group of four. For information contact Jean Kearney on (087) 2527495 or Ivor Melia on (087) 2234194.

Arthritis Ireland - "Exercise Made Easy":

Exercise is proven to be one of the best ways to manage arthritis pain. A seminar will be held in the Rochestown Park Hotel on Tues. 27th March at 7.00pm. Admission free.

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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:

Is 50: 4-7, Psalm:21. Phil 2: 6-11. Mk14:1-15: 47

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IN SYMPATHY

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

Stella Barry, Woodlawn.

Mary O'Mullane, Wilton Road.

May they rest in peace.

BIBLE CORNER



"A COSMOPOLITAN TOWN"

Bethsaida was originally a fishing village on the Sea of Galilee but when the Romans conquered the territory they established a local headquarters there. This led to a great many non-Jews or Greeks as they were called, moving in. Still a core Jewish community remained, to whom Jesus came preaching and from among whom he chose Peter, John, Andrew and Philip.

The word on the street was that Jesus was preaching powerfully in the synagogue on the Sabbath. The Greeks were not free to go there. Anyway, they would have needed an interpreter. Philip was their man. He was on the inside track with Jesus and he knew their language as well. They told him they wanted to see Jesus. Could he fix it? He did.

"Together they went to tell Jesus". This almost accidental meeting becomes the occasion for some very serious teaching by Jesus. He points out that, just as in nature the seed must die if it is to be fruitful, He himself must die to achieve what he came on earth to do. He dreaded the prospect but was eagerly willing to do the Father's will.

We can imitate Him.

Fr. Tom.

STATION OF THE CROSS NO. X

God of every good thing, naked we come into the world and naked we return to you. Help us to rid ourselves of what displeases you.

Keep us firm in your love, and give us a heart that is open to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

We pray for justice, peace and reconciliation throughout the world, especially in lands where people are displaced because of conflict, terrorism and violence.

Weekend Psalm:

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B

Patrick Killeen

