

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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 6th
May, 2012

First Reading:
Acts 9: 26-31

Psalms: 21

Second Reading:
1 Jn 3: 18-24

Gospel:
Jn 15: 1-8

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"ANSWERING THE CALL"



Vocation Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday as it is also known is a particular time when the Church asks all the faithful to pray for vocations in a special way. Praying for vocations in the current climate in Ireland may seem for some to be a rather useless exercise. Who in their right mind would want to join an institution that appears to be in such crisis and seems to have totally lost sight of the Gospel message that is its duty to proclaim and nourish. The media have filled our heads with figures about plummeting attendances in many areas of Ireland, the youth have turned their backs on the traditional faith of their parents and grandparents and the bishops seem to have lost the respect of the people.

Yet, it is exactly into this situation that we as a people of faith are being asked to pray for vocations and to consider the possibility of whether or not we have a specific calling to priesthood or religious life. Now more than ever we need to call on our faith, hope and trust in the resurrected Christ who told the disciples often "Be not afraid". One of our central beliefs is that God through the action of the Holy Spirit moves in our lives guiding, nourishing and sustaining us. This is also true for the life of the Church. A vocation can be a genuinely life giving experience that can nourish and sustain one's commitment to the challenges that we all face in life.

I know this from personal experience, as on Thursday, 26th April, I was ordained a priest for the Irish Augustinians. My faith journey has been one of constant development and enrichment as well as certain trials and challenges. As St. Augustine famously says in the *Confessions* "Lord, you pierced my heart with your word, and I fell in love with you". But I know that I would not have made it without the support of my family and friends but also without the support of all those who continue on a daily basis to pray for vocations. Prayer is central to vocations, it is our most direct and intimate form of communication with God; God who promised through his Son never to abandon us.

So, on this Vocations Sunday let us all make a renewed effort to foster, encourage and pray for vocations.

Colm O'Mahony, osa

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NOTICE BOARD

First Friday:

Next Friday 4th May is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Next Friday, 4th May, from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

The Annual Mass will take place on Thursday, 3rd May at 8.00pm in the Crypt.

St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, 5th/6th May.

Easter Crossword:

Results of the crossword in next weekend's bulletin.

Bishopstown I.C.A.

Bishopstown I.C.A. have resumed their meetings which are held in the S.M.A. Community Hall, Wilton on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm. All new members most welcome.

Alzheimer's Tea Morning:

This will be held on Thursday, 3rd May at our Parish Centre from 10.30am to 12 noon, hosted by the Friendship Club - everybody welcome. Please come and help this very worthy cause.

Congratulations to Colm O'Mahony, osa Bendemeer Park, Magazine Road, who was ordained a Priest in St. Augustine's on Thursday, 26th April, 2012. May he have a long and happy life in the service of the Lord, the Good Shepherd, and his people.

We will always remember him in our prayers.

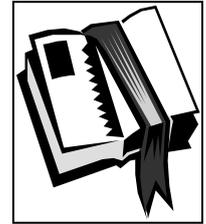
May - Month of Our Lady

Come and join us in reciting the Rosary every morning at 8.40am before the 9.00am Mass. We will pray for all young people receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion during the month of May.



BIBLE CORNER

LIFEGIVING LEADERSHIP



This weekend's Gospel follows on from the story of the man born blind in which Jesus points out the guilt of "blind" leaders. Now Jesus highlights the stark difference between good and bad leadership. It applies in our homes, in our communities, in our Church and in our country. Jesus uses images that were woven into the lifestyle of His listeners. In Hebrew lore, one of the most powerful images for God is that of the shepherd. For them, the shepherd was the protector and guide. He knew the best route to travel to find grass and water. He knew his sheep individually.

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes the title to himself in regard to the whole human family entrusted to him by the Father. He contrasts himself with the hireling, one who is in it only for the money. Jesus is willing to lay down his life. The mere hireling can never be a genuine leader or a good shepherd.

Fr. Tom

A REFLECTION ON THE EUCHARIST (facilitated by Anne Francis & Fr. Christy Fitzgerald).

Following last years successful 4 week reflection "Living Eucharist Today", Anne and Fr. Christy lead a final reflection before the Eucharistic Congress. The evening will be from 8pm to 10pm on **Tuesday, 1st May**, in Blackrock Parish Centre and **Tuesday, 8th May** in Clonakilty Parish Centre. All are welcome.

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Weekend Psalm:

