

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Ascension of the Lord

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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

St. Joseph's,
Mount Desert,
Lee Road,
Cork

My dear friends,

*Bring flowers of the rarest,
Bring blossoms the fairest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling,
The praise of the loveliest rose of the vale.*



God's Word

Readings for Sunday
27th May.

First Reading:
Acts 2: 1-11

Psalms: 103

Second Reading:
1 Cor 12 3-7, 12-13

Gospel:
Jn 20: 19-23

Many of us were privileged to learn and sing this lovely haunting little hymn as small children at school around the May altar. In fairness to Gay Byrne, he kept up the practice and played it every May morning while he was on the morning show - sung by that famous Scottish tenor, Father Sydney MacEwan.

Last May morning I happened to be a patient at the Bon Secours Hospital, College Road, for a few days (and nights). Now, as everybody knows the hours between 3.30 and 5.30am are long, without interruption from a busy nursing staff. I found myself in this quiet position last May Day. So I took the copy of the Bible which I found in my bedside locker and opening it at random I found the account of the Wedding Feast of Cana and the transformation of water into wine. Of course I had read this many times before, but somehow this time was different. Two points stuck in my mind:

- (1) The Lord mingled freely with his contemporaries – in this case attending the wedding of a neighbour's child.
- (2) Secondly, it's worth noticing the influence of his mother on the Lord, as a mature adult about to launch his public life on the people of his country and time. He told her the time wasn't ripe for wonderful signs – her reaction was to tell the waiters: "Do whatever he tells you." How right she was and these few direct words have stayed with me still and will remain until I die. It was grand to sing of the "Flowers of May" at an earlier time, but this was an adult speaking of her adult son.

"Do whatever he tells you."

*"O, Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the angels and Queen of the May".*

Dean Denis O'Connor .

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Annual Pentecost Service



The Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, is the Church of Pentecost. To celebrate this special occasion our Annual Service will be held in the **Crypt** on **Thursday 24th May at 8.00pm**. Those of you who attended last year found it uplifting, thought provoking and memorable. This year the service will be lead by the Rev. Geraldine Gracie, Methodist Minister. A cup of tea will be provided afterwards.

All are welcome to attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:



"Welcome Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to me".

Pupils of St. Catherine's Primary School will be receiving First Holy Communion here in our Parish on Saturday, 26th May, at 11.30am.

We pray for them and their families.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The first meeting of the new Pastoral Council took place on Monday night, 14th May, 2012. The agenda for the meeting was continuing the induction process of the new council. At a joint meeting of the old and new councils in April, the induction process commenced with a review of the last three years. For the second part it was decided to invite in some parishioners to speak about the role of the Pastoral Council and the needs of the Parish today. The Pastoral Council wishes to thank Anne Cleary, Clare McCutcheon, Arthur O'Callaghan and Michael Sexton who volunteered to assist us in our endeavours.

NO THURSDAY PLAYGROUP ON 24TH AND 31ST MAY.

Weekend Psalm

Ascension - Years A,B,C

Patrick Killeen



God goes up with shouts of joy; The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Carmel O'Donovan**, Lixnaw, Co. Kerry (late of Leesale, Model Farm Road, Cork) who died recently.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis.

BIBLE CORNER



"Parting Words"

Parting words have their own impact. Many an emigrant vividly remembers the final words of love and blessing of a heart broken parent. Relationship breakdown can leave a painful memory of hurtful things said. Final words have the power to challenge or to crush, to inspire or to inhibit, to energise or to deflate.

Christ's words to his disciples on Ascension Day are no different. His command is clear-cut. "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation". Important though our individual salvation is, the focus of Christ's parting is the worldwide proclamation of the gospel. Of course it is through living gospel values that we best bring Christ's message to others, but we must speak God's word too.

Ascension Day is a reminder of what we are called to do. St. Paul puts it well this weekend. "I, a prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation".

Fr. Tom

EASTER DUES

Our sincere thanks to the many parishioners who have sent in their generous Dues.

A word of appreciation to our courteous distributors/collectors who facilitated the good work.

- *The priests of the parish*

NOTICE BOARD

Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle:

Final Recital of the season on next Wednesday afternoon (23rd May) at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre when Philip Brennan of Hospital Radio will give the Recital. Everyone most welcome to attend.

Cork Seniors Together - "Come Dine with Me"

The next meeting is on the **6th June** at 11am at Cork School of Music Café on Union Quay. For further information contact: Linda McKernan at (021) 4302310/087 1962025.

The Lough Flower & Garden Club:

Demonstration on "Wedding Flowers" by florist, Fiona Donnelly, BA,H Dip.Art on **Tues. 22nd May** at 8.00pm at the SMA Centre, Wilton. Admission €7.00.

Midsummer Concert:

On **Friday 6th July, 2012** at the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit - the Kellogg Community College Choir, Michigan with the Jubilee Bells and supporting artistes.