

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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The Most Holy Trinity

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Church Of the Descent of the Holy Spirit

Church of Pentecost

This Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit is the Church of Pentecost. The mosaics in the sanctuary depict Pentecost and all feature an image of a Dove descending. The Pastoral Council commissioned a Batik from artist Bernadette Madden which would reproduce the mosaic on the High Altar. This Batik will be used in the Church and in the Crypt for special ceremonies



Canon Tadgh Ó Mathúna wrote the following description of this Mosaic.

In the centre of the mosaic is a Dove descending, a depiction of the Holy Spirit who guides the Church and each one of us. Underneath this there is the symbol known as the Chi-Rho sign formed by superimposing the first two letters of the name Christ in Greek letters (XP) = {CHRIST} to indicate the centrality of Christ to our faith and to the Mass.

On both sides of this mosaic are two Greek letters, Alpha (A α) and Omega (O Ω), the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, signifying the Beginning and the End. This symbol was suggested by their use in the Book of Revelation, the last book of the New Testament.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, he who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" Book of Revelation 1:8

Inter Faith Service Celebrating Pentecost 2012

The Inter Faith Service on Thursday the 24th of May was a resounding success, as all who attended will testify. Pentecost is one of the areas in Christian faith where there is unanimity of belief amongst the various Christian traditions. On this occasion, along with Fr. Kieran Twomey, there were Rev. Valerie Fletcher, Presbyterian, Rev. Daniel Nuzum, Church of Ireland and Rev. Geraldine Gracie, Methodist who presided on this occasion. Was this the first time a woman preached at our Church?

The theme for the night was change. Rev. Geraldine spoke firstly about the significance of Pentecost for all Christian Churches. She described the day of Pentecost as the day of awe and wonder. A day that changed the Apostles from a group uncertain of the future to one sure of their calling, from lurking in a room to full of faith and from being behind locked doors to going boldly among the crowds.

Rev. Geraldine made the point that change is a constant, be it through bereavement, unemployment or any other area of living. However, it is her experience that change is slowest when it comes to adjusting our attitudes to other Christians.

Taking from the Gospel Reading "...those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one." She went on to explain that what Jesus prayed for was, that we would be one, not a uniform group, but a united group. There had always been divisions in the Church from the earliest times with e.g. Peter seeing the new faith as exclusively for Jews and Paul including the Gentiles. It was not a question of one being right and the other wrong, but rather both believing in Jesus Christ and the spreading of his message.

Occasions such as this do not just happen. Thanks to all the Ministers who participated, to Mary O'Herlihy and the Liturgy Group who prepared the Crypt, to Paddy Killeen for his wonderful accompaniment to the singing and to the members of the outgoing Pastoral Council for preparing and serving the tea. Especial thanks to all of you who gave up a fine summer's evening; to attend the service, you made the occasion.

David Clifford.
Chairman, Pastoral Council.

NOTICE BOARD

Alzheimer Society of Ireland:

The Saturday Club meeting on Saturday 9th June, 2012 at Bessboro Day Centre, Blackrock, Cork from 2pm to 4pm. The Speaker is Linda McCurran, Community Development Worker, Cork Partnership. All welcome. For further information phone (021) 4972504.

Cheese & Wine Night:

Fundraising Cheese & Wine night on Friday 8th June from 7.30pm to 10.00pm at Ber Healy, Bishopstown Park (Near Dennehy's Cross) in aid of The Hope Foundation and Seeway Tanzania Children's Home and Esso Community Clinic for the disabled. Proceeds will go directly to children. Organised by Helena (Hope Foundation) and Saorlaith (Seeway Childrens Home). Hope you'll come along, enjoy yourself and donate what you can!



CLM Lourdes Pilgrimages 2012:

Availability in August & September - all inclusive fare of €450- which includes full board, flights. Helpers also needed during this time. Full details & booking from Maire Smye at CLM HQ on (023) 8833273.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

Stephen Byrne, Glasheen Road on the death of his father, Bobby Byrne, Limerick.

The Dennehy Family on the death of their mother Lena Dennehy, Dennehy's Cross.

The Bermingham Family on the death of their mother Hannah Bermingham, Highfield Lawn who died recently.

May they rest in peace.

Annual Eucharistic Procession

TAKES PLACE ON TODAY, SUNDAY 3RD JUNE, AT DAUNT SQUARE, CORK. PLEASE ASSEMBLE AT **PROBY'S QUAY AT 3.30PM** TO WALK IN PROCESSION TO DAUNT SQUARE IN HONOUR OF JESUS PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

THE GUEST PREACHER THIS YEAR IS **DR. TOM DEENIHAN**, DIOCESAN SECRETARY.

Weekend Psalm:

The Most Holy Trinity - Year B

Patrick Killeen



*The church is always open
To worship and to pray.
God's strength will never
fail you
As you stop awhile to pray.*

We remember all students who will be starting the Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations this week. We wish them well and pray that they will be inspired by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for Examinations

*Loving God
be with me now,
as I prepare for my exams.*

*Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have
given me and for the opportunity of education.*

*Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me
to remember all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the questions
the very best that I can.*

*Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exam
- and always.*

In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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GOD'S WORD (Sunday 10th June):

1st Reading: Ex 24:3-8. Psalm: 115. 2nd Reading:
Heb 9: 11-15. Gospel: Mk 14: 12-16, 22:26

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