

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

27th January, 2013

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1164

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil:

6.15pm

Sunday:

9.00, 10.30 &

12.15pm

Weekdays

9.00, 10.00

Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &

7.30pm

“LITTLE NELLIE OF HOLY GOD”

Nellie Organ who was to become universally known as “Little Nellie of Holy God” was born in Waterford on the 24th August, 1903. Her father, a member of the British Army, was transferred to Spike Island. It was here that Mary, her mother, died from tuberculosis, so prevalent in those days.



Her father William, though sincere and religious, was utterly unable to care for his four children and they were sent to various orphanages. Nellie and her sister Mary were put into the care of the Good Shepherd Sisters at Sunday's Well, the brothers, Thomas and David ended up in a boys orphanage.

Now in the care of the Good Shepherd Sisters, the nuns soon realised that a remarkable child was in their midst. Although very affectionate, she was frequently in tears and obviously in pain. Medical tests revealed that not only was she suffering from the same disease that killed her mother, she also suffered from a painful curvature of the spine as well as 'caries' which is the decay of bone. Nellie spent several months in the Convent infirmary, but despite every care and treatment, there was no improvement. Never once did she complain during her illness.

As her frail little body wasted away, her heart and soul opened to the love of God to an extraordinary degree. She would spend long hours talking to “Holy God”. Living continuously in His presence in total abandonment to His loving care, her hunger to receive “Holy God” in Communion was so intense that Bishop O'Callaghan O.P. was deeply moved on speaking to Nellie and sought permission from the Pope to allow her receive the Eucharist. Holy Communion for a child of four was absolutely unthinkable - ten was nearer the average age at that time. Pope Pius X who was venerated for his sanctity and later canonised a Saint (1954) granted permission. On a day full of great joy for Nellie, she received her First Holy Communion in the Convent Chapel on December 6th, 1907 sitting happily in her invalid chair.

It is believed that Nellie received Communion about thirty times before she died on February, 2nd, 1908. She had prayed that she would go to heaven on “Holy God's” day. Her request was granted - she died on a Sunday. Nellie's short life spanned only four years, five months and eight days. Pope Pius X wrote “May God enrich with every blessing those who recommend frequent Communion to little boys and girls, proposing Nellie as their model, here is the sign for which I have been waiting”.

Arthur O'Callaghan.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 3rd
February, 2013

First Reading:

Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19.

Psalms: 70

Second Reading:

1 Cor 12: 31-13:13

Gospel:

Luke 4: 21-30

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NEW MASS TIMES IN POOR CLARES - Starting Monday 28th January, 2013

Monday to Friday - 7.30am

Saturday and Sunday - 10.00am

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday:

Next Friday, 1st February, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Next Friday, 1st February, from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend 2nd/3rd February, 2013.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland - Carers Meeting

The Carers Support meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th Feb. from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in the Day Care Centre in Bessboro, Blackrock.

C.I.T and Students Union:

C.I.T and Students Union are hosting a coffee morning on Tuesday, January 29th between 10.00am and 12 noon in the dining room of the Tourism Building at C.I.T. A collection will be made on the day for ARC House. All welcome.

Active Retirement Ireland:

Our first Active Retirement Association which started in Wilton Library last year, has proved so popular that it is now oversubscribed, so we are in the process of forming a second branch. Active Retirement Ireland aims to help men and women to lead a full, happy and healthy life by offering organised opportunities for a wide range of activities enabling people in local communities to get involved in something that they like. Our philosophy is based "People Doing Things for Themselves". So if you are over 50 with time on your hands come along to the Wilton Library on the **25th February at 2.30pm** which is the next meeting and fortnightly thereafter and find out more. Alternatively contact Eileen on (087)6304290.

Mobile Phones:

I would like to thank most sincerely all those who helped me get my iPad by donating mobile phones. I needed 185 old phones but thanks to everyone's generosity, I managed to collect over 220. The ones I did not need I gave to a friend of mine who is also collecting phones. Thanks again, *Jenny Garde.*

Please Note:

1st February - Feast of St. Brigid:

As this is also the First Friday of the month, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day after the 10.00am Mass until the 7.30pm Mass.

2nd February: - Candlemas Day :

There will be blessing of candles at the 9.00am and 10.00am Masses.

3rd February - Feast of St. Blaise:

There will be the blessing of throats before and after the Sunday Masses.

Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Jerry Twomey** formerly of Orchard Road and Tampa, Florida who died recently.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

Thought for the day - and for life:

Eat less meat and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It takes more land and water, and 10 times more energy to produce animal rather than vegetable protein. An Oxfam Report (2012) reckoned that if households in the US, UK, Spain and Brazil were to eat a meat-free meal once a week for a year, the greenhouse gas emissions saved would be equivalent to taking 3,700,000 cars off the road!!

(Eating less meat is good not only for the climate and environment, it is also good for your health. A recent study of 500,000 volunteers by the National Institutes of Health, U.S.A. showed that lowering meat intake to less than 18 ounces a week reduces the risk of cancers, particularly to colon cancer).

Faith in Action Group

ST. BRIGID: (1ST FEBRUARY)

St. Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c.454. When she was young, her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her, but she insisted in consecrating her life to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St. Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. Brigid died in 524 and her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland but in several European lands.

ST. BLAISE: (3RD FEBRUARY)

St. Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, is believed to have been martyred in the early fourth century. Very little is known about him. Tradition states that he was a Physician before becoming a Bishop. Since the 8th century he has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. He is said to have healed a boy who was choking. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

Weekend
Psalm:

Third Sunday in ordinary time - Year C

Patrick Killeen

