

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

3rd February, 2013

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1165

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil:

6.15pm

Sunday:

9.00, 10.30 &

12.15pm

Weekdays

9.00, 10.00 am

Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &

7.30pm



J.M.J. + F.C.C.

Poor Clare Colettine Monastery,
College Road,
Cork.

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST!

The 2nd February is World Day of Consecrated Life in the Church. A day when all consecrated persons give thanks for the gift of their vocations and an apt time to rededicate their lives to God. It is always good to look back and take notice of how God worked in our lives and to take time to ponder in our hearts special moments of times past.

On the 2nd February in 2002, a small group of people gathered in our chapel to witness my Simple Profession. It is a day that I have embedded in my heart and often call to mind. The ceremony took place three years after I entered this monastery. After entering, I spent the first year living with the sisters doing exactly the same things that they were doing. I got the Poor Clare habit at the end of that year and was given a new name to indicate that this was the beginning of a new way of life for me. Our habit is brown with a white cord and black veil but at this stage I had a white veil as I was a Novice. I lived the next two years free of any commitment and could have walked out the door at any time. This is a very precious time in the life of a religious as it is spent in getting to know God but also to know ourselves in a deeper way. Those who know their inner being and are in touch with their deepest thoughts and feelings can learn to love themselves and others in the way that God had in mind for us. "You must love your neighbour as yourself", so we have to work on ourselves first! At the end of these two years, the Novice has to choose whether she wants to go forward for Simple Profession or take more time to think about it. I felt in my heart that God was asking me to take this step so after asking the community to go forward and having been accepted by them, the ceremony was arranged. Our good friend and Spiritual Assistant, Fr. John Bosco O.F.M., came to celebrate the Mass and it was just after the homily that I was questioned on my readiness to dedicate myself to God, to which I answered, "I am so resolved". There were special prayers said and then I read the formula of profession in which I said, "*I promise and vow to Almighty God, in your hands, Mother, for three years, to live in chastity, without anything of my own, in obedience and in enclosure, ... In the service of God and the Church, I entrust myself with my whole heart to this religious family, so that by the grace of the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, our holy father St. Francis, our holy mother St. Clare and all the Saints and with the help of my sisters, I may fulfil my consecration*". Once I pronounced these words a deep peace flooded my soul, which I desired to share with the whole world! So I prayed for everyone that ever touched my life in the past, present and future. So each one of you was included in that prayer even without us ever meeting! I could never have answered that call without the grace of God and the help and support of my family and many good people that I met along the way. I am so grateful to all of them. Let us pray for one another and be like candles burning brightly for Jesus so that like Simeon and Anna we may take Jesus from the arms of His most holy mother and filled with joy for the gift of our own particular vocations (priesthood, married life, single life or religious life) bring Him to everyone.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
10th February.

First Reading:

Is 6: 1-8

Psalms: 137

Second Reading:

1 Cor 15: 1-11

Gospel:

Luke 5: 1-11

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God bless you all.

Sr. Faustina

NOTICE BOARD

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

Monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, 7th February at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Lourdes Invalid Pilgrimage Fund:

The annual collection will take place at all Masses next weekend 9th/10th February to help enable invalids to visit Lourdes.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland - Cork Branch:

Next meeting of the Saturday Club will take place on Saturday, 9th February, 2013 at Bessboro Day Care Centre from 2.00pm to 4.00pm with music and dance by Mr. Chris O'Shea. Light refreshments provided. Free admission. All welcome. Further information contact (021) 4972504.

Cork Family Carers Forum:

Next meeting will take place on Thursday, 7th February at 8.00pm in the Imperial Hotel, Cork. All family carers are welcome to attend. For further information contact Linda McKernan at (021) 4302310/087 1962025.

Cork Scout Organisation:

The annual Mass for the deceased members of the Scout Organisation in Cork will be held on Friday next, 8th February at 8.00pm in the African Missions Church, Blackrock Road, Cork. All present and past members as well as their relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

Munster Survivors Support Services Ltd.

The "Munster Survivors Support Services Ltd. Cork," Outreach Centre hold a weekly clinic in the Meeting Rooms of Holy Cross Church, Mahon every Thursday from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. All are welcome to attend (Tea and Coffee available). For further information please contact Ollie at (087) 0516070 or Pat at (086) 3473583.

Coffee Morning:

Annual Coffee Morning in aid of St. Patrick's Marymount Hospice at the Monkstown Golf Club on Thurs. 7th Feb. from 10.00am. Everybody welcome. Lots and Lots of prizes!!!



Feast of our Lady of Lourdes

Blessing of the Sick at the **10.30am Mass only on Sunday, 10th February** instead of Monday, Feast of our Lady of Lourdes.

Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of the late **Kitty Cronin**, Sheares Park and **Michael Moloney**, Wilton Ave. who died recently.

May they rest in peace.



Spring is a time of change and openness to change. As life stirs in the garden, as a gardener gets to work, so our inner stirrings awaken us to our own potential for change and for growth.

Our horizons are broadened, we can believe in the future, knowing that our lives will bring us all sorts of surprises as long as we leave space for new things to emerge, as long as we are open to the signs of the times.

Sr. Stan.

Thought for the Day- and for Life

Where possible, buy locally produced foods. Not only will you support local producers, you will also help the environment.

Examine the origin of your purchases. The average item of food in a supermarket has travelled more than 1,600 km! One kilo of New Zealand apples accounts for its own weight of CO₂ emission by the time it has been transported to Ireland.

- Faith in Action Group

Weekend

Psalm:

