

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

10th February, 2013

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1166

## 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

## *I am Special*

I am special.

No matter where I go in the world, there is no one exactly like me.

Since the beginning of time, there has never been another person with my eyes, my nose, my hair, my voice and my smile.

I am special.

No one can be found who has my distinctive handwriting.

Nobody anywhere has my tastes – for food or music or art.

No one sees or feels the world the way I do.

In all of time, there has never been a person who laughs or cries in the exact way that I laugh and cry.

And what makes me laugh or cry will never provoke an identical reaction from anyone else.

I am special.

I am the only one in all creation who has my skills, gifts and abilities. Oh, there will always be somebody who is better in each of the areas where I am talented, but no one in the universe has my combination of skills, gifts and abilities.

I am one of a kind.

Through all of eternity, no one will ever look, walk, talk, think, dream or do just as I do.

I am unique. I am rare.

And in rarity there is value.

Because of my rare value, I need not attempt to imitate others.

I will accept, yes, celebrate my differences.

Because I am special.

And I am beginning to realize that it is no accident that I am special.

I am beginning to see that God made me special for a very special purpose.

He must have a job that is designed just for me.

Out of all the people on earth, only one has the combination of what it will take to succeed at this job.

That one is me.

Because – I am special.

*Inspired by Virginia Satir's poem called "I am Special"*

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday

17th February.

### First Reading:

Deut 26:4-10

Psalm: 90

### Second Reading:

Romans 10: 8-13

### Gospel:

Luke 4: 1-13

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**NOTICE BOARD:**

**Bulletins to the Homes:**

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

**Pastoral Council:**

Next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday, 11th February at 8.15pm.

**Thursday Meditation Group:**

Please note that there will be **no 7.30pm meeting on Thursday, 14th February**. Meetings will resume again on Thursday 21st February at 7.30pm.

**Medjugorje Visionary:**

Medjugorje visionary, Marija Lunetti is making a three day tour of Ireland including the Holy Trinity, Fr. Matthew Quay, Cork on Saturday, 23rd February with Holy Rosary at 4.00pm, and concluding with Concelebrated Mass. For further information please contact Finbar O'Leary at (087) 2231234 or (021) 4360000.

**Matt Talbot Novena:**

The Matt Talbot Novena continues in Togher Church at 7.30pm each Friday throughout Lent. The Preacher on Friday 15th February is Fr. Cormac Breathnach and on Friday 22nd February we will welcome Fr. Brian Lawless from Dublin who will bring the relics of Matt Talbot with him.

**Heart Throbs:**

Bishopstown & Ballincollig Cardiac Support Group next meeting on Monday, 11th February, 2013 in the Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Further information contact (021) 4872626.

**Why Not Study Theology?**

The Dominicans are offering affordable distance learning programmes in theology which can be followed either for academic credit or for personal enrichment. People study from home with occasional study days at weekends and with the support of on-line academic tutors. Perhaps you would like to know more? Contact The Priory Institute, Tallaght village, Dublin 24 (01) 4048124. www.prioryinstitute.com

**LENT**

Next Wednesday, 13th February is **Ash Wednesday** and a day of fast and abstinence. **Masses** at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30pm. **Ashes** will be distributed at each Mass.

Trócaire collection boxes are available in the Church.

*“Lent invites us to begin again  
To grow spiritually stronger through self-discipline”.*

**Pancake Tuesday - The Bishopstown Community Gardai**



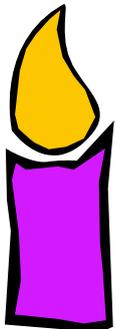
On the 12/2/2013 (Pancake Tuesday) the Community Gardai in Bishopstown are having a pancake morning at the S.M.A. Wilton. This will involve the sale of pancakes with tea and coffee from 9.00am to 2.00pm. There will also be a raffle that morning for various prizes including an Irish Jersey. All proceeds will go towards the **Cork City Hospitals Children's Club**. John Long, Community Garda.

**Thought for the Day – and for Life**

- || Why not think before you take out the car?
- || Can you walk, cycle or take public transport?
- || If you do, you can – save money;
- || reduce energy use and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions;
- || improve your cardiovascular health; and
- || reduce your risk of obesity.

*Faith in Action Group*

**LENTEN CORNER**



**Sacred Space**

Are you looking around for a Lenten project?

Why not use this Lent as an opportunity to renew your commitment to prayer in the home.

When we pray together it makes us aware of ourselves as participating members of the Church community.

A sacred place in the home will help us to become aware of the presence of God. It will encourage us to talk to Him and listen to Him speak to us in the silence of our own hearts. This sacred place can be a corner with a candle. God is the source of life and the candle symbolises light and life. The candle will act as a symbol within the home of the God who is everywhere, who is always there for us and who is inviting us into communication with Him.

A further aid to the formation of a good prayer habit would be to set aside a time for prayer. Pick a time that suits you. Maybe when the Angelus bell rings, before a meal, or before bedtime could become your daily prayer time.

**Weekend Psalm:**

*Fifth Sunday in ordinary time - Year C* Patrick Killeen

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Be - fore the an - gels I will bless you, O Lord.