

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

17th February, 2013

First Sunday of Lent

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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

OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES:

“LENT”

Last Monday morning, Pope Benedict XVI announced his resignation due to ill health. He is the first Pope to do so in over 600 years. He knew he would not be able to fulfil his duties and responsibilities including the Holy Week Ceremonies and made his decision. No one expected him to resign. On the 28th February at 8.00pm our time, he will no longer be Pope. Already speculation is growing about his successor. We need to pray to the Holy Spirit to guide the Cardinals so that we will get the best leader and shepherd of God's people. Things just don't happen. Jesus said 2000 years ago “I am with you always until the end of the world”. May the next Pope have the mind, attitude, outlook, thinking of the Lord, be open to the influence of the Holy Spirit and be filled with the fatherly love of the Father. What kind of Pope do we need in this 21st century?



By the end of Lent, we hopefully will have a new Pope. This is the Year of Faith from the 11th October, 2012 to the 24th November, 2013 the Feast of Christ the King. What will we do this Lent? St. James, one of the Apostles, said, “Faith without good works is useless” (James Letter Chapter 2 verse 16). These are a few suggestions.

1. The money we save in our sacrifices give to some group or organisation at home or abroad.
2. Put the Golden Rule into practice - “Treat others as you would like them to treat you”.
3. Pray as a family.
4. Be a good listener.
5. Read the accounts of the passion of Jesus in the Gospels.
6. Come to Mass during Lent - even one week day.
7. Maybe you might contact someone you haven't spoken to for a while.
8. Pray that we will get the Christ-like Pope we need.

Finally at the end of Lent, may we be more aware of the presence, power and strength of Jesus in us so that we can make Him alive to others by what we say and do.

God bless us all this Lent.

Fr. Kieran

God's Word

Readings for Sunday

24th February.

First Reading:

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Psalm: 26

Second Reading:

Phil 3: 17-4:1

Gospel:

Luke 9: 28-36

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NOTICE BOARD:

Liturgy Group:

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 19th February at 7.30pm.

Trócaire Boxes:

Trócaire Boxes are now available in the Church. Please help to make a difference this Lent. The money you donate, however small, will support some of the poorest communities in the world. Your euro goes a long way to help!

Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle:

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20th at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. Jim Ahern will present an afternoon of glorious music. Please come along and join us.

Bishopstown Senior Social Centre; (Mens Shed Section):

Mat Bowls for beginners every Tuesday (local venue) at 2.30pm. For details contact Roger (086) 3866975 or Barry (086) 6050279.

Active Retirement Ireland:

The first Active Retirement Ireland Association started in Wilton Library last year and they are now 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. Active Retirement philosophy is based on "doing things for themselves". So, if you are over 50 with time on your hands, come along to the Wilton Library, Wilton Shopping Centre any Friday at 2.30pm and find out more. For further information contact Eileen at (087) 6304290.

Army Massed Bands Concert:

The Army Massed Bands will play in concert in the City Hall on Friday, 22nd February, 2013 at 8.00pm with Guest Artist, Fiona Murphy (Soprano). This is an annual event and the proceeds are in aid of the Defence Forces Benevolent Funds.

Cork Ursuline Past Pupils' Union:

The Annual Mass for the deceased members of the Union, Ursuline Community and Staff on Thursday, 28th February, 2013 at the Ursuline Convent, Blackrock at 5.00pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass. R.S.V.P. by Monday 25th February to Irene (021) 4541583 or Teresa (021) 4504226.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2013

Fairtrade Fortnight is coming up from the 25th February to the 10th March. It is some years since our Parish achieved Fairtrade Parish status - (Ireland's first!) - so it is worthwhile for each of us to remember what Fairtrade is all about and to commit once again to supporting it.

Fairtrade is a system of giving small producers in developing countries a fair chance to compete on world markets. In order to be certified as a Fairtrade product and to carry the Fairtrade logo, a product must meet Fairtrade standards of quality and of production.

The producers are then guaranteed an agreed minimum price; An additional premium is provided which can be invested to enhance social, economic and environmental development; Producers who need it can receive pre-financing; Long-term contracts are agreed; Clear criteria are set which ensure that conditions for the production and trade of a product are socially and economically fair and environmentally responsible.

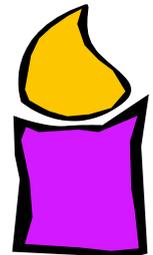
Familiar products carrying the Fairtrade logo (see below) include tea, coffee, chocolate, bananas, sugar etc. The range of products is increasing steadily. The Fairtrade Ireland Website is worth a browse (www.fairtrade.ie).

Look for the Fairtrade logo before you purchase and give producers in the developing countries a chance and watch next week's Bulletin for a Fairtrade competition.



Faith in Action Group.

LENT



Originating in the fourth century of the Church, the season of **Lent** spans 40 weekdays. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, and are referred to as the Sundays in Lent.

The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. Today, Lent is marked by a time of prayer, self examination and repentance in preparation to celebrate Easter.

Weekend
Psalm:

Lent 1 - Year C

Patrick Killeen

