

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

10th March, 2013

Fourth Sunday of Lent

No: 1170

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!

MOTHER'S DAY

What a beautiful tradition we have in honouring all Mothers by having a special day set aside to say thanks for all the loving care, deep patience, constant sacrifices, humble work and for not counting the cost even though sometimes it can really hurt. These are just some of the virtues that are lived out daily by our self-sacrificing Mothers in Ireland and throughout the world. Once a woman conceives, her whole life changes. She is no longer thinking of herself but now has another human being to take into consideration. The sacrifices start immediately and do not end until she is resting in the arms of our Lord. Even then she is busy looking down on her loved ones from that special window that gives her the best view of all, so that she can continue to lovingly care for her children. Motherhood is a wonderful gift to the Church which demands sacrificial love and humble service to the whole family. This important vocation nourishes and protects life and even though it is not given to all women, all people can bring forth life. Jesus said, "Whoever does the will of my Father, he is my brother and sister and Mother". So, when we do the will of God, we are all Mothers and can bring forth Jesus to a world that thirsts for goodness, truth and holiness.

Pope Benedict XVI shocked us all when he announced that he was going to step down as Pope. He shared with the Cardinals that he was "well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deed, but no less with prayer and suffering". *He was thinking of the good of the Church* when with full freedom he renounced the ministry of Bishop of Rome. He told the thousands who had gathered in St. Peter's Square for his final General Audience, that the day he accepted to be leader of the Catholic Church, he no longer had a private life, he "always and totally belongs to everyone, the entire Church, his life is so to speak totally deprived of the private sphere". He continues "I have experienced it and am experiencing it now, that we only experience life when we gift it". He willingly, lovingly and humbly gave all his talents, energy and heart to the Church. It was because of his great love for God and his Church that he accepted such a great responsibility and let go of his own desire to retire. He accepted it as God's will and brought forth life to the whole world. "I am the way, the truth and the life".

Today as we celebrate Mother's Day, let us thank God for the great witness of love that each Mother gives the whole world. After all, it is love that conquers and it is love that will win the world for Christ. Happy Mother's Day to you all because when you do the will of God, you too are the Mother of Christ!.

Sr. Faustina.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
17th March, 2013

First Reading:

Is 43: 16-21

Psalm: 125

Second Reading:

Phil 3: 8-14

Gospel:

John 8: 1-11

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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 March at 8.15pm.

Liturgy Group:

Will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, 12th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Vocations Information Day:

The Annual Cork and Ross Vocations Information Day will be held at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork on **Saturday, March 23rd from 10.30am to 4.00pm**. Many contemplating the possibility of a vocation to priesthood are nervous about taking the first step. This day allows prospective students to explore the possibility of a vocation and make enquiries in an informal setting. Seminarians for the Diocese will also attend. For further information contact: Fr. Tom Deenihan (021) 4301717 or Canon Bertie O'Mahony (021) 4371684.

Mount Mercy College Parents' Association:

Supporting the MMC Sports Complex Building Fund presents Donal Skehan (Celebrity Chef) in a Cookery Demonstration, Book Signing & Food Fair at Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig on **Friday March 22nd** at 8.00pm. Doors open at 7.00pm. Tickets €20 available from Ó Cruaioí Butchers Wilton and Ballincollig, Goldens Shop & Post Office Model Farm Road and Mount Mercy College.

Youth 2000 Retreat Cork:

Youth 2000 will be hosting a Youth Retreat (for 16-35 year old) in Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road, Cork from Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th March, 2013. A big attendance is expected at this event with newcomers very welcome. The weekend will consist of a programme including talks, music, workshops, prayer, dramas and testimonies. It is a great chance to meet new people. Retreat starts with registration on Friday at 8pm. Please feel free to drop into the retreat at anytime over the weekend and bring a sleeping bag if you choose to avail of accommodation. Under 18's to download booking form from website. For more information contact John (086) 3301766 or check out www.youth2000.ie

NAOMI Pre-Marriage Courses:

One full day on Saturday's 10.00am to 5.00pm. Cost €90 per couple. The Pre-Marriage Course 2013 will be held on **Saturday 23rd March, 2013 and Saturday 27th April, 2013**. Contact NAOMI, 119 Patrick Street, Cork at (021) 4272213 (Mon-Fri 9.30am to 1.00pm).

"Sounds of Spring"

UCC Choral Society are proud to announce that our annual *Sounds of Spring* Concert will be held on **Saturday, 16th March** at 7.30pm in the Aula Maxima, UCC. This year's concert will feature works by Anton Bruckner, Eric Whitacre and UCC's very own Aloys Fleischmann. The concert will run for approx. 1½ hrs and will be followed by refreshments. All proceeds from the concert will be given to the L'Arche Community, Cork. Tickets €10 for adults & €8 for students and available from (021) 4901876.

"Heart Throbs"- Bishopstown & Ballincollig Cardiac

Support Group: Next meeting on Monday 11th March in the Bishopstown Library, Wilton. Topic: "Healthy eating for healthy hearts" (Aoife McCarthy, Dietician). New members welcome. Contact: (021) 4872626.

ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND MASSES

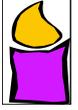
Vigil Mass: Saturday, 16th March at 6.15pm

St. Patrick's Day Sunday 17th March - Masses: 9.00, 10.30 and 12.15pm (as Gaelige)

Monday, 18th March (Bank Holiday) - 10.00am only.

LENTEN CORNER

Sacred Space



Fasting and Abstinence (Sacrifice in Love)

For our grandparents, Lent was a time of sacrifice, a time of fasting and abstaining from the pleasures of the world. Often, it was a world of "dry black bread and the sugarless tea".

The Ireland of 2013 still respects the tradition of Lent, seeing it as a time of change, an opportunity "to do without" the pleasures of the world.

Lent can make a difference. Sacrificial love is the spirit of self-forgetfulness and the willingness to suffer. Pleasure, power or possessions are not all that matter. Lent is a reminder that denying ourselves pleasures and sacrificing in love is a new beginning.

A Tribute to all Mothers

At his mother's request, Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding in Cana. Mary had observed the embarrassment of the newly wed couple when the wine ran short.

What is special about mothers? The great Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty wrote: "The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honour of having built Notre Dame Cathedral; she need not, she has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body... The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle - to bring new saints to heaven.

Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation - what on God's good earth is more glorious than this - to be a mother".

"Happy Mother's Day"

Weekend Psalm:

Nineteenth Sunday in ordinary time - Year B

Patrick Killeen

