

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

24th March, 2013

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

No: 1171

## 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

## PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS:

The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is the beginning of the most important week in human history. This was the only time in the life of Jesus when He was welcomed and hailed as He entered the city. Now, the people greeted Him waving palms triumphantly. Here was the Messiah who would magically take away their problems. Cheers and acclamations can pass as belief - but it is actions that count.



As the week unfolds, storm clouds gather and the mood of the people changed dramatically. The Scribes and Pharisees, who hated Jesus, were desperate to have Him killed. He was considered a major threat, claiming to be the Son of God, and now many people were following Him to hear Him speak.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus gathered with his Apostles for the Passover Meal, ordained them as the first Priests and gave them the gift of himself in Holy Communion.

Judas agrees to betray Jesus and he is arrested. The apostles, confused and frightened, run away. Later they recalled that Jesus, on the way to Jerusalem, had said, "Now we are going up to Jerusalem and the Son of Man is about to be handed over to the Chief Priests and Scribes. They will condemn Him and hand Him over to the pagans to be mocked and scourged and crucified and on the third day He will rise again". (Matt.20:17.18). Jesus entered willingly into His passion.

At His trial, false witnesses testified against Jesus. Pontius Pilate, fearful of the Jews, handed Him over to be crucified. Having acclaimed Jesus in triumph as He entered Jerusalem, now the crowd clamoured for His execution. Jesus' mission, purpose, goal and glory are revealed in His passion. It reflects the pure and perfect witness of God's love. If we are tempted, (and many are), to doubt God's love, look at Christ crucified. By suffering and dying on the cross, He reveals His great love for us. St. Augustine said, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love".

For a number of those involved, Peter, Simon of Cyrene, the Centurion and others, the death of Jesus became a miracle of grace. Their lives changed forever that day. For them and countless others throughout history, it became a faith transforming experience.

Bringing our Lenten journey to a close is the Easter Triduum with the climax on Holy Saturday when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Easter is a good time to make a fresh start with the Lord. Sadly, this year, one dearly loved Priest will be greatly missed, our recently departed Dean Denis O'Connor. A deeply spiritual, humble man, we were privileged to have known him - may his gentle soul rest forever in the loving company of the Lord he served so faithfully during his long and fruitful life.

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
31st March, 2013

### First Reading:

Acts 10:34, 37-43

**Psalms:** 117

### Second Reading:

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor  
5:6-8

### Gospel:

John 20: 1-9

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## NOTICE BOARD:

### Holy Places:

Annual collection will take place at Ceremonies on Good Friday, 29th March, 2013.

### Easter Sunday - Mass at Dawn:

An open air Dawn Mass will be celebrated at 6.30am on Easter Sunday, March 31st, at the Lough. Car parking will be provided in the Church grounds. All are very welcome to come and join us.

**Donations for flowers** for the altar for Easter would be appreciated. A box will be placed on the altar rails for offerings **during Mass times only**. Thanking you in anticipation.

### An Updated Parish Website

The Pastoral Council saw the Golden Jubilee as an opportunity to honour and recognise all those who have made enormous contributions in the past. Updating the Parish Website was regarded as an appropriate way to achieve this objective. This website was uploaded last weekend, [www.dennehycrossparish.ie](http://www.dennehycrossparish.ie), and is still under construction.

The assistance of all parishioners is sought and gladly welcomed in improving the website. Please bring any errors and omissions to our attention. These can be handed into the Parish Office or emailed using the 'Contact Us' facility on the website.

**Pastoral Council**

### LENTEN CORNER

#### Sacred Space

Better late... ..



Beginning this final week of Lent we are invited to journey with Christ in prayer and thanksgiving.

The triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal, passion and death, the sacrifice of his life for us is the very essence of the great love Jesus has for all humankind.

We are all in need of his mercy.

By our participation in the Holy Week ceremonies, our faith is renewed and we receive the grace, courage and confidence to journey on.

If we failed in any of our Lenten resolutions - begin again this week.

### FAIRTRADE COMPETITION:

Congratulations to **Patricia Ahern!**  
Hers was the first correct entry drawn out of the box by Fr. Kieran.  
Thank you to all who took part.



### Weekend Psalm:



## HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

**Palm Sunday:** Reconciliation Service at 5.00pm.

**Holy Thursday:** 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Please bring *Trócaire Boxes*  
8.30 - 9.30 pm. Keeping Watch in Crypt

**Good Friday:** 11.00am. Stations of the Cross by children for children.  
12 Noon Stations of the Cross for all

3.00 pm. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion.  
7.00pm. Prayer Around The Cross - Reflections and Thoughts of those who travelled the Road to Calvary with Mary the Mother of Jesus and stood by the cross as her Son was dying.

**Holy Saturday:** 9.00 pm. The Easter Vigil.  
**N.B.** No Vigil Mass at 6.15pm.

**Easter Sunday:** 9.00, 10.30 and 12.15pm.

**Easter Monday:** 10.00am only.

**Weekday Masses:** 9.00 and 10.00am.

### RECONCILIATION

#### Penitential Services:

Dennehy's Cross:	Sunday:	24th Mar at 5.00pm
Sacred Heart:	Monday:	25th Mar at 7.30pm
Wilton:	Tuesday:	26th Mar at 7.30pm
Curraheen:	Wed:	27th Mar at 7.30pm

#### Confessions

**Good Friday:** After ceremonies & 7.00pm

**Holy Saturday:** 12.00-1.00; 4.00-5.00, 7.30 - 8.30pm

### Chrism Mass



On Holy Thursday at 10.00am in the North Cathedral, priests and people will gather together with Bishop Buckley for the blessing of the holy oils that will be used in parishes for the coming year - the oil of the sick, the oils of Catechumens and the oil of Chrism. The Chrism Mass also provides an opportunity for the priests of the Diocese to renew the vows they first made at their ordination.

**All are welcome to attend.**