

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

28th April, 2013

Fifth Sunday of Easter

No: 1176

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

ST. JOSEPH - THE WORKER (FEAST DAY - 1ST MAY)

On May 1st, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph, the Worker. Very little is known about Joseph and what we do know comes from the synoptic Gospels; Matthew, Mark and Luke. He is referred to only twice in St. John's Gospel. Interestingly not one spoken word of Joseph is recorded in any Gospel. The Church has always venerated St. Joseph, recognising the important role he played in Jesus' early formation and in providing a home for the Holy Family.



St. Bernadine of Siena wrote of him - "He was chosen by the Eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely his Son, Jesus and Mary, Joseph's wife".

Following the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, Joseph was informed in a dream of her miraculous pregnancy and believed what he was told. He accepted his appointed role in salvation history, which was to give the child a name, to make him the heir to his own ancestor David and to protect and nurture him as long as he could.

Joseph's strength of character is revealed in the way he dealt with each crisis he met. When the time came for himself and Mary to travel to Bethlehem, a distance of many miles from Nazareth, difficulties presented themselves. We find Joseph and Mary, without a lodging, wandering through the streets of Bethlehem. Urged on by the fall of night and Mary's time to give birth near, it is not difficult to imagine Joseph's anxiety. Who can describe his earnestness and distress? As for Mary, she went through the winding lanes of Bethlehem without fear or anxiety. She was waiting upon the will of God and knew that all would be well.

We can learn much from St. Joseph, but perhaps in this Year of Faith, we can learn from him how to live by faith and trust. He accepted God's plan of salvation as it unfolded before his very eyes. No doubt he met and spoke to the Magi, the Wise Men, warned like them of King Herod's murderous intention by Angels. He escaped with Mary and the child Jesus into Egypt.

When the late and much loved Dean O'Connor was the Administrator of the North Cathedral, he spoke about devotion to St. Joseph which I have embraced for years, receiving some wonderful blessings as a result. Some years later, the Dean reminded me that after our chat, he prayed to St. Joseph regarding a sizeable debt on the Cathedral. When he was transferred to Farranree Parish sometime later, the debt was cleared - a man of deep faith, he attributed this result to St. Joseph.

Arthur O'Callaghan.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
5th May, 2013

First Reading:

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Psalm: 66

Second Reading:

Apoc 21: 10-14

Gospel:

John 14: 23-29

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NOTICE BOARD

First Friday:

Next Friday, 3rd May, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Next Friday, 3rd May, from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

Annual Mass on Thursday, 2nd May, at 8.00pm in the Crypt. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, 4th/5th May.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (Cork City Branch):

Annual Tea Day Event on Thursday, 9th May, 2013 from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the SMA Parish Hall, Wilton, Cork. All are welcome. For further information contact Bessboro Day Care Centre, (021) 4972504.

Cork Parkinsons Support Group (P.A.I.)

Coffee morning at Ballincollig Community Centre on **Thursday, 2nd May** (10am to 2pm). All welcome. Proceeds to go towards funding a Parkinsons Disease Nurse Specialist for Cork.

Medjugorje Irish Centre May Pilgrimage:

A few places still available on 13th May Pilgrimage €575. for full details phone 00442882241888.

Rosary - month of May:

Rosary for the month of May begins on **Wednesday 1st May** at the Grotto of Our lady Curraheen at 9.00pm continuing nightly. All welcome.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service:

Next Blood Donor Clinic in the Barr's Club, Toger on **Sunday, 28th April** from 12.00pm to 3.30pm.

In conjunction with the **2013 Cork International Choral Festival**, our Parish, including our Church Choir, Cór an Spioraid Naoimh (Director, Patrick Killeen), is delighted to welcome The Academic Choir of Moscow State University, Russia who will sing at the **12.15 Mass on Sunday, May 5th**.



More about Water

There are many ways to conserve water:

- Fix dripping taps.
- Place a brick or a two-litre plastic bottle filled with water in your toilet cistern - this will reduce toilet water use by 20%

Water butts (barrels) are readily available and much less costly than before.

- Fix a water butt to a down pipe to collect rainwater for the garden (and as a useful standby in case of frozen water pipes or loss of supply!)

- Faith in Action Group

EASTER CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:

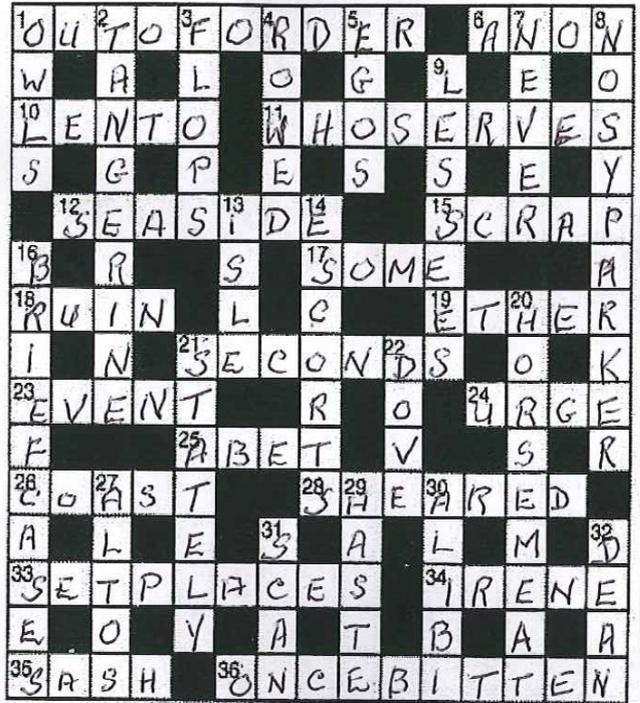
Thanks all who sent in entries for the Easter crossword. We got a great response. Well done!

A special note of appreciation from "Portia" to those who sent messages to say they enjoyed the crossword!

The winners are:

Mary O'Herlihy, Model Farm Road
and

The O'Sullivan Family, Kenley Drive, Model Farm Road



"Rose - Ary Garden"

The parish Liturgy Group wish to initiate a project in memory of our late Dean.

We are inviting Groups or Individuals to contribute a rose bush or donation to up-grade and plant a "Rose Garden" along the pathway leading to the Church.

This, we think, would be a fitting memorial to our beloved Dean who loved roses so much and spent many days caring them.

Your support for this project would be very much appreciated and contributions will be accepted in the Parish Office (mornings Mon-Fri 9.30 to 12 noon) or the Sacristy (Mass times) up to the 17th May, after which we intend having a "planting day".



Weekend Psalm:

Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time - Year A



Patrick Killeen