

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

26th January, 2014

Third Sunday in Ordinary time

No: 1203

## MASS TIMES

### Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15  
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

### Weekdays

9.30am only

### Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

### Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &  
7.30pm

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
2nd February, 2014

First Reading:  
Mal 3:1-4

Psalms: 23

Second Reading:  
Heb 2: 14-18

Gospel:  
Lk 2: 22-40

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## CRISIS AND CALL



Redundancy, illness, separation can cause a devastating crisis. Often, the difficult time creates the need for changed ways of looking at life and for setting in motion innovative responses to the demands and opportunities of the new situation. Something similar happens in this weekend's Gospel. John the Baptist, the preacher of repentance, is arrested. Jesus takes up the mantle in a new and more powerful way. His going public cannot be postponed. ***The fruit of John's preaching must not be allowed to seep away. The goodwill must be harnessed before it evaporates.*** Jesus must gather his helpers urgently. Now is the time for action. No longer is it sufficient to just admire the Nazarene and be happy in his company occasionally. Commitment is called for. A centre of operations is established at Capernaum to show that the mission is not only to their own people, but also to the pagan world. Peter, Andrew, James and John leave the security of the old and well tried ways of living to venture out to create new ways of making God's love known and experienced in the world of their time. There is a realisation that Jesus cannot do it on his own. It needs community, a coming together of believers who are willing to be disciples. Repentance is living a radically changed life-style.

Crisis can kick start the disciple out of the rut of safe paths that have become dead ends, to plough new furrows for the seed of the Gospel. It is not accidental that this Gospel reverberates at this time of crisis for the Church, with tried and tested practices disintegrating and faith foundering for want of vibrant communities of faith-filled disciples. Each of us must risk personal involvement in building such communities. Please do not leave it to somebody else as they may have left it to you.

The arrival of Pope Francis has evoked a worldwide response. ***The fruit of his preaching must not be allowed to seep away. The goodwill must be harnessed before it evaporates.***

Fr. Tom.

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## PLEASE NOTE

The quarterly collection for the Diocesan Office and Initiatives Fund will be taken up at all Masses **this weekend—26th/27th January.**

## NOTICE BOARD

### St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, 1st/2nd February.

### Bishopstown Library Gramophone Circle:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 30th January, 2014 at 3.00pm in the Bishopstown Library. The presenter is Bill Egar. Admission free and refreshments available,. All welcome.

### Pro-Life Mass:

The monthly Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Poor Clare's on Friday, 31st January, 2014 at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

### Parents Rosary Group:

A weekly Parents Rosary Group meets on Friday mornings in the Parish Centre from 10.00am to 11.45am. The group is for parents who would like to meet and pray for their children. Parents are welcome to bring pre-school aged children along—though parents of children of any age are welcome! The focus of the group will be to pray the rosary for our children and to chat and support each other. Both mothers and fathers are most welcome! Any enquiries contact Miriam (087) 6494607.

### Bishopstown Meals-on-Wheels—Urgent Appeal:

Drivers wanted urgently. For further details please contact Pat on (086) 3183950 or Cathy/Noel on 4543757.

### Cork Alzheimer's Café:

A safe space for people with memory problems including Alzheimer's and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet. The meeting takes place on the last Friday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Activity Centre, St. Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road, Cork. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome.

**Friday 31st January**—next meeting.

### Bishopstown Ladies Gaelic Football Club:

Join the fastest growing sport in Ireland for Fun, Fitness and Friendship every Sunday, outdoor or indoor depending on the weather, at the Bishopstown GAA Club. For further information, contact Jim (086)6019189 or Breda at (086) 8909318. All welcome.

## REST IN PEACE

We offer our sincere sympathy to families, relatives and friends of the following parishioners who died recently.

**Phil Madden**, Greenfields, Model Farm Road.  
**Catherine O'Brien**, Leesdale, Model Farm Road.

### In Sympathy:

Our sincere sympathy to **Sean Scriven**, Kenley on the death of his sister, Maura Lucey.

*May they rest in peace.*

## DESERT

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert.

During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand:

*"TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE."*

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one, who had been slapped, got stuck in the mud and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After the friend recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone:

*"TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE."*

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him,

"After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?" The other friend replied: "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

**LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND,  
AND TO CARVE YOUR BENEFITS IN STONE**

**(Crusader** *The Magazine of The Crusade of Mary  
Immaculate)*

Weekend  
Psalm:

*3rd Sunday in ordinary time - A*

Patrick Killeen

