

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

9th February, 2014

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WHY NOT BE A YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER ON THIS YEAR'S DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES



An overheard conversation on the second day of last year's pilgrimage to Lourdes.

"My God, isn't the river very high?"

"When I looked out the window this morning, I saw that it had flooded a bit of the Stations of the Cross in the prairie".

"Hopefully the river will behave itself until we have finished the rosary procession and how are you this afternoon Mary? Are you better?"

"Oh I am. You were very good to me this morning, Deirdre, and I feel much better now. You have become an expert at driving this blue chariot!".

Deirdre was a young woman from Douglas. One of the thirty-three youth volunteers from different parishes throughout the Diocese of Cork and Ross who helped out in the Accueil de Notre Dame and at all the devotional events during the six day pilgrimage. I marvelled at how she was so natural, friendly and helpful to any pilgrim who required her assistance from 6.30am every morning to the torchlight procession at 9.00pm every night. Deirdre was not an exception. All the other young men and women volunteers were equally as good in their own unique way.

It was a privilege to witness how they cared for the hundred or more Cork and Ross pilgrims who were staying in the riverside Accueil. It was obvious they had benefited from the monthly meetings with their group leaders, Sr. Karen Kent and Fr. Charlie Kiely, where they were given expert advice and training. But it was also obvious that they were learning from the adult volunteers and medical staff who travel every year on the Diocesan Pilgrimage and provide the most professional and expert care from the moment the pilgrims assembled at Cork Airport very early on the Tuesday morning until they arrived safely back home on the Sunday night.

I have been to Lourdes many times since my first visit in August 1998 and each time it has been an amazing and spiritually renewing experience. But, travelling with the youth volunteers and being part of the c.530 pilgrims last year, was an exceptional experience. I witnessed faith in action. If there is anybody from the parish between the ages of 18yrs and 35yrs who would like to be a youth volunteer on this year's pilgrimage in June, 2014 (11th to the 16th June, 2014), please contact Sr. Karen Kent at (021) 4537601 or (087) 9161792.

PAT NUGENT

PLEASE NOTE:

Tuesday, 11th February
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
World day of the Sick.

Blessing of the sick will take place **only** at the **10.30am Mass on today Sunday, 9th February.**

NOTICE BOARD

Lourdes Invalid Pilgrimage Fund:

The annual collection will take place at all Masses this weekend, **8th/9th February** to enable invalids visit Lourdes.

Pastoral Council:

Next meeting will be held on **Monday, 10th February,** 2014 at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre.

Liturgy Group:

Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 11th February** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Coffee Morning in aid of Philippines:

On October 15th last (three weeks before typhoon Haiyan), a severe earthquake (7.2 Richter) struck the Philippine island of Bohol. In the town of Loboc the 400 year old San Pedro Catholic Church (from the Spanish era) suffered severe damage. Loboc is the hometown of Virgilia O'Donoghue who has lived in this parish for over 30 years. Virgilia is holding a coffee morning at the Rendezvous on Thursday week, the 20th February, at 10.00am to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund in Loboc. Please come and support this cause. For information Google: Loboc, earthquake, San Pedro Church to see the damage.



"Heart Throbs"

Bishopstown & Ballincollig Cardiac Support Group next meeting on Monday, 10th February at the Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre from 11.00am to 1.00pm. New members always welcome. For further information contact (021) 4872626.

God's Word

Readings for **Sunday**
16th February, 2014

First Reading:
Eccles 15: 15-20

Psalms: 118

Second Reading:
1 Cor 2: 6-10

Gospel:
Mt 5: 17-37

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

REST IN PEACE

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

Eileen Hyland, St. Francis Avenue.
Mary McNamara, Linaro Avenue
Daniel Heaphy, Wilton Road.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Sr. Anthony Mary**, Poor Clare Monastery, College Road on the recent death of her sister, Patricia Kenny, Mallow.
To **Dan Horgan**, Cherrygrove, on the death of his sister, Carrie Moore, Bantry.

May they rest in peace.

BIBLE CORNER

"SUCCESS"



Most of us want to be successful sometime. Success can mean different things at various times in life.

Sometimes success is accumulating wealth and the security it can appear to bring. For some, success is achievement in sporting, academic, artistic or social spheres. Acceptance, popularity, fame can be the criterion of success. Some of these little successes may be very worthwhile, but the real lasting success that is often called life fulfilment or happiness is found elsewhere.

True success is the ability and willingness to focus on others rather than on oneself, in respect and care, nurturing their gifts, meeting their needs, building up networks of loving relationships, giving without counting the cost, receiving kindness graciously.

In this weekend's First Reading, Isaiah highlights some of the essential foundations for such a way of life. Opening the closed heart, the clenched fist in forgiveness as well as sharing with the hungry and homeless are essential. Each of us can add other specific examples from our lives to Isaiah's list.

Success is an attitude of heart and mind that brings peace that evokes joy, that fosters a realisation that we are made to live through love in God's presence in each other.

Anything less is not true success.

Fr. Tom.

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Weekend Psalm:

Fifth Sunday in ordinary time - Year A

Patrick Killeen

