

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

16th February, 2014

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1205

Where were you on 23rd September, 2006?

On that date did you attend the launch of Ballineaspaig Parish as Ireland's **first Fairtrade Parish**? Over seven years later, as Fairtrade Fortnight approaches (24th February – 9th March), it is an appropriate time to renew our commitment to Fairtrade.

What is Fairtrade? Fairtrade is an international certification which ensures fair prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and just terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. Our parish's commitment to Fairtrade is derived from our Christian faith and in particular our desire to help achieve justice for all.

What can you do?



Look for Fairtrade products identifiable by the Fairtrade logo when you shop and encourage shops and restaurants to stock them. All the supermarkets stock Fairtrade goods. Products which you can find in Cork carrying the Fairtrade Mark include coffee, tea, drinking chocolate, chocolate bars, fruit juice, honey, sugar, biscuits, dried fruits, olive oil, flowers, wine, bananas and cotton goods.

Businesses located in the parish which stock or serve some Fairtrade products include the following: Cork University Hospital (A & E Coffee Doc, Atrium Coffee Doc, and Hospital shop); Cork University Maternity Hospital (Coffee Station and CUMH shop); Doreen's Bakery, Westside Industrial Estate; Golden's Food Store, Parkview Drive; Lee Garage, Model Farm Road; Mango Shop, Brookfield Village; McCarthy's Bar and Bistro, Model Farm Road; Rendezvous Bar, Model Farm Road; Tesco Express, Dennehy's Cross, and Texaco [Westside] Service Station, Model Farm Road.

- * Attend the free coffee morning in the Crypt after 10.30 Mass and before 12.15 Mass on Sunday, 9th March. Fairtrade coffee, tea, hot chocolate, fruit juice and other Fairtrade goodies will be served.
- * Enter our great Fairtrade competition. The prize winners will be announced on Sunday, 9th March, at the coffee morning. Find the competition coupon in next week's *Ballineaspaig Bulletin*.
- * Encourage newly-engaged couples to look for rings made from Fairtrade gold and diamonds.
- * Find out more at www.fairtrade.ie and <http://fairtrade.clikpages.co.uk/faircomment/winter2013/>

Faith in Action Group

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NOTICE BOARD

The Joy of the Gospel ... what is it saying to us today?

A talk followed by discussion by Fr. Kevin O'Gorman SMA, Lecturer in Moral Theology in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, when he will explore the contents of this latest document from Pope Francis and offer his insights to us and what it means for us in our parishes in Ireland today.

Date:

Friday, 7th March—7.30pm to 9.30pm Blackrock Parish Centre.

All are welcome—there is no charge. To book places contact (021) 4537474.

Reminder: Coffee Morning in aid of Philippines:

At the Rendezvous, Model Farm Road on Thursday, 20th February at 10.00am to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund in Loboc, Philippines. Please come and support this cause.

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2014:

11th to the 16th June—5 nights—full board. Booking forms available from Pilgrim Section, Joe Walsh Tours, 117, Patrick St., Cork (021) 4277959.

Cork Ursuline Past Pupils:

Annual Mass for the deceased members, community and staff at Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, Cork on Thursday, February 27th at 5.00pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass. RSVP to Irene at (021) 4541583 by Mon. 24th February please.

Cork Scripture Group:

Module 3 of the Diocesan Bible Study Certificate will begin on Monday, 24th Feb in SCALA (opposite Blackrock Castle) and will run for six nights. This module will be an introduction to the Gospels and will be presented by Fr. Ben Hegarty OP, Marian Mortell and Fr. John Newman. There are a limited number of places available on the module. Cost €50. For further information contact (021) 4295144.

BIBLE CORNER



“But I say to you.....”

Sometimes a gospel passage has so many varied aspects that different points strike different individuals as the key message. This weekend's gospel is one such passage. It ranges from anger to adultery, from scandal to swearing, from insincerity to integrity. But despite the variation, the core message is clear. Only the person who continues to grow into the fullness of the law of love of God and of the neighbour, can join in the friendship of God now and forever.

A common danger for us is to bargain with God's law, to play one part off against another. To accept that one should not kill seems equitable enough, but to always refrain from denigrating another's character seems above and beyond what is humanly reasonable. If we abide by the precept of avoiding murder, we can fool ourselves into believing that character assassination is not too bad after all. Such skin deep virtue evokes Christ's unequivocal denunciation.

He says clearly that He is calling us to a better way, to a higher ideal, a more generous response. True, we will fail. He knows that and His forgiveness is always available. But His challenge is to never settle for mediocrity, to daily respond to the seeds of courageous faith He sows in our hearts, to be willing to let Him change us every year of our lives. It is a glorious calling.

Fr. Tom

**No Act of courage,
kindness, understanding
Is ever lost.
It is a pebble thrown into
a lake.
Its ripples spread out
to the very end of time.**

(Pam Brown).

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**
23rd February, 2014

First Reading:
Lev 19: 1-2, 17-18

Psalm: 102

Second Reading:
1 Cor 3: 16-23

Gospel:
Mt 5: 38-48

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Weekend
Psalm:

Sixth Sunday in ordinary time - Year A

Patrick Killeen



They are hap-py who foll-ow God's law!