

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

23rd February, 2014

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1206

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 March, 2014

First Reading:
Is 49: 14-15

Psalm: 61

Second Reading:
1 Cor 4:1-5

Gospel:
Mt 6: 24-34

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MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2014



On the occasion of the World Day of the Sick, I turn in a special way to the sick and all those who provide them with care and assistance. The Church recognises in you, the sick, a special presence of the suffering Christ. He bares its burden with us and reveals its meaning. When the Son of God mounted the cross, he destroyed the solitude of suffering and illuminated its darkness. Thus, we find ourselves before the mystery of God's love for us, which gives us hope and courage: hope, because in the plan of God's love even the night of pain yields to the light of Easter, and courage which enables us to confront every hardship in his company, in union with him.

The incarnate Son of God did not remove illness and suffering from human experience, but by taking them upon himself, he transformed them and gave them new meaning. When we draw near with tender care to those in need, we bring hope and God's smile to the contradictions of the world.

To grow in tender love and a respectful and sensitive charity, we have a sure Christian model to contemplate: Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, who is always attentive to the voice of God and the needs and troubles of her children. Mary selflessly hastened from Galilee to Judea to help her kinswoman Elizabeth. She interceded with her Son at the Wedding Feast at Cana when she saw there was a shortage of wine. Throughout the pilgrimage of her life, she bore in her heart the words of the elderly Simeon who foretold that a sword would pierce her soul, and with persevering strength she stood at the foot of the cross of Jesus. She knows the way and for this reason she is the Mother of all the sick and suffering. To her we turn with confidence and devotion, certain that she will help us, support us and not abandon us. She is the Mother of the crucified and risen Christ: she stands beside our crosses and accompanies us on the journey towards the resurrection and fullness of life.

To all the ill and to all the health-care workers and volunteers who assist them, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Pope Francis



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NOTICE BOARD

St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 1st/2nd March.

Experience "The Joy of the Gospel"

The Neocatechumenal Way invites you to discover the treasure of your Catholic faith on Sundays and Wednesdays at 8.00pm at the Sacred Heart Centre, Western Road, Cork. Everybody welcome. For further details contact Fr. John Fitzgerald at (086) 8626007.

Cork Ursuline Past Pupils:

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

Cork Alzheimer's Café:

A safe space for people with memory problems including Alzheimer's and other dementias, their carers, family & friends along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month, 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Activity Centre, St. Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. *Friday, 28th February—Our next meeting.*

URGENT: Wilton area Residents Meeting:

There will be a meeting of residents of the above area in the Crypt, Dennehy's Cross Church on Thursday, 27th Feb. at 7.30pm to discuss the traffic problems for the area and also possible community energy projects. All welcome.



Circle the correct answer. "The Fairtrade symbol is a stylised representation of a person waving against a background of grass and sky."

TRUE or FALSE?

Name:

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Contact number:

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*Entries to Parish Office, or email your answer, name and contact number by **Thursday, 6th March** to*

Ballineaspairtradeparish@gmail.com

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of the late **Marie O'Sullivan**, Rossbrook, Model Farm Road, Cork who died recently.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dilís

BIBLE CORNER

The Teacher



The earliest disciples saw Jesus as the promised Messiah sent to revive the Jewish religion and way of life. Mark's Gospel recounted the powerful miracles and the challenge presented by the great prophet. It seemed that Judaism might adapt to his call but new followers of Jesus would still have to submit to Jewish laws and customs as a prerequisite of discipleship. Then miraculously, the insight grew that Jesus was more than just the Messiah. He was Son of God, sent to unite the whole human family with God through the Church.

This break with the Synagogue and all it stood for was very traumatic for those early Jewish disciples. However, as the gentile converts flocked into the infant church, it became obvious that a new "manifesto" or a revised "catechism" or a "statement of belief" or a life-giving "membership handbook" was urgently needed. Out of this necessity, the Gospel of Matthew was born about thirty or forty years after Christ's death.

The author had three sources to tap into namely, Mark's Gospel, a written collection of the sayings of Jesus and some oral traditions. While he blended these three masterfully together into a memoir of the life of Jesus and the doctrines of the early Church, Matthew focused especially on the sayings of Jesus, the great teacher by word and example.

The first foundational kernel of this teaching is found in the Beatitudes and the lifestyle guidelines that flow from them. To appreciate the thrust of the current weekends' Gospel passages, read chapters five, six and seven of Matthew's Gospel as a unit and as a programme of Christ like living from Jesus the teacher.

Take and read!

Fr. Tom

Weekend
Psalm:

Seventh Sunday in ordinary time A

Patrick Killeen

