

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Second Sunday of Lent

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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

“FULL, CONSCIOUS AND ACTIVE”

Just over 50 years ago the Second Vatican Council published its first agreed document, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, which was devoted to the liturgy, the public prayer of the Church. This document led to a number of changes in how Mass and the other sacraments were celebrated, including, for us, having Mass in English with the priest facing the congregation. Less well known, perhaps, is the document's statement that in reforming the liturgy the aim to be considered before all else is the full, conscious and active participation by all the people. The laity are no longer to be just “silent spectators” but by virtue of our baptism it is our right and our obligation to take part with devotion and full collaboration. So great is the emphasis on the idea of participation that the word is repeated 16 times in the document. It is even laid down that when new churches are built, that great care should be taken that they be “suitable for the celebration of liturgical services and for the active participation of the faithful.”

How is this participation to be achieved? A number of ways is suggested: “the people should be encouraged to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalms, antiphons, and hymns, as well as by actions, gestures, and bodily attitudes.” Special stress is laid on the involvement of the whole congregation in singing, but because our active participation is both internal and external it is also expressed at appropriate times by “a reverent silence.” Most remarkably we are reminded that we participate in the sacred action by offering the Victim not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him. The American bishops commented, “The entire congregation is an active component. There is no audience, no passive element in the liturgical celebration.”

Lent seems a good time to pause and examine how we are living up to these ideals of full, conscious and active participation in the liturgy, particularly at Mass. We may vary in how we participate but we all surely share the same hope, as outlined in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, that by our participation, through Christ the Mediator, we “should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other, so that finally God may be all in all.”

Rosalie Moloney

(For a 5-minute video by Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick on the 50th anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* see <http://www.catholicbishops.ie/2013/11/07/50th-anniversary-sacrosanctum-concilium/>)

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
23rd March, 2014

First Reading:
Ex 17: 3-7

Psalms: 94

Second Reading:
Rm 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel:
Jn 4: 5-42

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St. Patrick's Weekend Masses

Saturday 15th March - Vigil Mass 6.15pm
Sunday 16th March - 9.00am, 10.30am & 12.15pm
Monday 17th March - 9.00am, 10.30am (As Gaeilge)
(St. Patrick's Day) & 12.15pm

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2014

A meeting will be held in the Crypt on Tuesday, 18th March at 7.30pm for all those travelling in October, 2014.

NOTICE BOARD

Important Notice:

Please note that Bulletins to the homes will be distributed on the weekend of the 12th/13th April due to Holy Week Ceremonies.

Thinking of becoming a Priest?

An information day about becoming a Priest in Cork and Ross will take place on Saturday, 5th April, 2014 at Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork between 10.30am and 4.00pm. Lunch will be provided on the day. To speak to someone in the strictest confidence telephone Fr. Tom Deenihan at (021) 4301717 or Canon Bertie O'Mahony at (021) 4346940 or e-mail to secretary@corkandross.org

The Gospel of Matthew:

Four Scripture Series on the "Gospel of Matthew" at the Sacred Heart Centre, Western Rd. given by Fr. Charles Conroy MSC from 7.30pm to 9.00pm on Tuesdays, 18th March, 25th March, 1st April and 8th April. Please bring your Bible. Time for discussion after the talk. Suggested donation for Series €20 (€10 Seniors/Students). All welcome.

Meals & Wheels—URGENT APPEAL:

Drivers wanted urgently to deliver meals. The commitment is approx. 2hrs a week and 1 month in 4 approx. 8-12 mornings per year. Please contact Cathy (021)4543757 or Pat at (086) 318390.

On the Anniversary of Dean O'Connor's death, a Booklet of some of his writings in past bulletins has been compiled by a Parishioner and is available in the Parish Office.

Fairtrade Competition Results

Many thanks to all who attended the Fairtrade Coffee Morning last Sunday and who entered the competition. It is true that the Fairtrade symbol is a representation of a person waving against a background of green grass and blue sky. The winners are Carmel Murphy and Amy O'Sullivan. Sneha Sunny won the coffee morning competition.

BIBLE CORNER



YOUR CALL

Mobile phones have an ever increasing variety of ringing tones. You can select one that immediately identifies your phone ringing at home, in the noisy night club, on a bus or, even, in church! The call is for you, bringing good news, bad news, a reassurance, a concerned query, an invitation or a challenge. Or it may be just making a contact call. It is for you. You can, of course, turn off your phone or put it on silent. You can ignore the calls.

God's calls are similar. Unique personalised calls are a large part of our salvation story. Some such calls have been key turning points in human history like Mary's call at the Annunciation, or Joseph's dream call to take Mary home, or Peter's call to leave the fishing and follow Jesus full time. Different calls come in different ways.

One of the earliest recorded foundational calls is told in this weekend's first reading. God Calls Abram to leave the security of his place and become the founder of the Hebrew people for whom God had his specific hopes and plans. Abram answered God's call.

Do I? Maybe the ringing tone on my inner receiver is drowned out by fear, anxiety, selfishness, guilt. or, maybe, I do not expect God to have any call for me.

Lent is a time to tune in again, to enter my unique personal pin number with the Lord and await his call in a quiet moment.

Fr. Tom

LENTEN CORNER

Second Station of the Cross: Jesus carries the Cross.



Lord, you took on our troubles and sins and carried them to Calvary. Your sacrifice was not in vain. Each time we participate in the Eucharist, may we become more resolved to help others to carry their cross in life and to ensure that our thoughtlessness and extravagance does not add a further burden to the already troubled lives of our brothers and sisters.

A reflection on "Aid to Others" from the Trócaire Lenten Resource Booklet).

Weekend Psalm:

Lent 2 - Year A

Patrick Killeen

