

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Fourth 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

God's Word

Readings for **Sunday**
6th April, 2014

First Reading:
Ez 37:12-14

Psalms: 129

Second Reading:
Rm 8:8-11

Gospel:
Jn 11: 1-45

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HOPE FILLED VISION



Doubt, uncertainty and anxiety permeate all our lives. There are doubts about how we have lived, uncertainty about how the present should be lived out and anxiety about what the future will bring. Some of the securities of the past seem to many to have been built on sand, the sand of fear, power, secrecy and exploitation of goodwill rather than on the rocks of respect, integrity, faith and love. Institutional trust woven by the dedicated heroism of many has been shattered by the failures of others. The resultant pain may be purifying if it does not crush out trust completely. The pervasive question is about whom and what can be trusted now and in the future.

The need of our time is to see clearly the good in each other and nurture it no matter how else we differ. We must recognise the limitations of human nature, the failures that must be remedied and not repeated as well as the evil tendencies in each of us that must be guarded against if they cannot be completely eradicated. Above all, there is a need to see the power of forgiveness and the futility of vengeance. Mere vengeance is always destructive, especially for the one who wreaks it. It is only love that can heal hurts, restore relationships, evoke new trust and enable good to win out over evil. The spirit of Jesus living within us can cure our blindness and give us this new vision. Without such a renewed vision, the spirit of a people dies. With it, there are always new beginnings.

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus gives sight to the man born blind. Contemporary critics claimed it could not happen. They focused on discrediting the donor. In our time Jesus is giving his followers a renewed vision inspired by hope filled love. We must not allow fear, cynicism or despair to destroy it. His opponents claim Jesus is in the tomb. We know that He is risen and is breathing wisps of new life into his people. Even at Calvary moments, we are an Easter people.

Fr. Tom

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IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Alison Keating**, Bishopstown Park on the death of her mother, Jean Horgan, Woodbrook.

May she rest in peace

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday:

Next Friday, 4th April, 2014, is the first Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Next Friday, 4th April, after the 9.30am Mass to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, 3rd April, 2014 at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre.

St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 5th/6th April.

Altar Flowers Society:

We are looking for volunteers to help with the flowers for the Altar. The commitment is once a month. For further information contact Nora Moloney through Sacristy.

Thinking of becoming a Priest?

An information day about becoming a Priest in the Cork and Ross Diocese 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 secretary@corkandross.org

Irish Guide Dogs Coffee Morning:

On Wednesday 2nd April at the Irish Guide Dogs HQ, Model Farm Road from 10.30am to 12.30pm in aid of the Assistance Dog Programme for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. More information contact lo-call 1850 506300.

Dyslexia Information Evening:

On Tuesday 8th April at 8.00pm in the Montenotte Hotel, Cork. For more information contact Mary Clare Moriarty at (086) 4077819 or Charlie Dolan (087) 9416639.

We wish all mothers in
the parish a very
Happy Mother's Day.



BIBLE CORNER



Live by the Light

The search will be resumed in the morning at first light, the late news announcer reassures his listeners. Searching in the dark is pointless. The experienced rescuers will be alert to the new dawn ready to avail of the light it brings. There is an urgency about using the opportunity it brings. Procrastination is an agent of the darkness.

Anything exposed to the light will be illuminated, says St. Paul. Like the rays of the rainbow, complete goodness, right living and truth form the light that enables us discover what the Lord wants of us. The choice is to live in the futile darkness of selfishness, or to grasp the opportunity of being guided by the light of Christ. The presence of the light on its own achieves nothing unless we allow it to illuminate our lives and to highlight the contrast between our sinfulness and what God wants of us.

To fail to utilise the light is to live like a mole in tunnels of despair. Availing of the light of the gospel is to be secure in the love of the Lord and to live through love in his presence. Alertness to this light is of the essence of living.

Fr. Tom.

LENTEN CORNER



Ninth Station of the Cross: Jesus fall for the third time.

We often fail to pick ourselves up after one fall but Jesus endured three. As Christians, we are called to help those who are down-trodden. We persevere on their behalf and journey beside them until they are strong enough to stand once again. The vulnerable people of the developing world need us to continue in our commitment to doing what we can to improve the environment. The world is a shared resource, yet we are using more than our fair share.

(A reflection on "Asking Jesus for Help" from the Trócaire Lenten Resource Booklet).

Weekend Psalm:

