

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

6th April, 2014

Fifth Sunday of Lent

No: 1212

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**
13th April, 2014

First Reading:
Is 50: 4-7

Psalms: 21

Second Reading:
Phil 2: 6-11

Gospel:
Mt 26: 14-27:66

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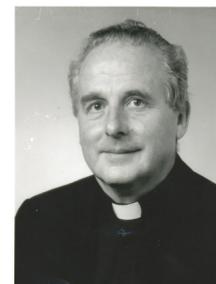
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RISKS OF LOVE



Across the world, organisations and individuals strive to relieve the oppressed, the starving, the sick and to bring them a better life and the hope of eternal life. Every week brings news of some tragedy or danger to an aid worker, a missionary or a peace keeper. It becomes more and more obvious that protecting and enriching life, means risking one's own comfort, security and even at times, life itself. To be a life giver is to be a generous risk taker.

This was true in the time of Jesus. As we read in Sunday's gospel, Jesus risked the wrath of the religious establishment and focussed their plans to kill him, by going to the help of his friends Martha and Mary and restoring their brother Lazarus to life. Jesus knew full well that His life giving action would precipitate His own death but He was not put off by the danger.

Though restored to life, Lazarus was still bound and had to be untied. Today many are bound by fear, despair, addiction and oppression. They can only be released through the genuine bonding of caring friendship. Who will call forth and unbind the Lazarus of our time for whom faith, hope, love and community have died?

The calling to share in the mission of Jesus is very challenging. But He is with us through the spirit every time we risk our own security to defend life and to create a community of believers who sustain each other on life's journey. It is our baptismal calling.

Fr. Tom

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BULLETINS TO THE HOMES

Please note that Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the Parish next weekend, 12th/13th April and will contain details of the Easter Ceremonies.

NOTICE BOARD

Liturgy Group:

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th April, 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parochial House.

Pastoral Council:

Next meeting will be held on Monday, 14th April, 2014 at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (Cork City Branch):

Carer's Support Meeting on Wednesday 9th April from 3pm to 4.30pm at Bessboro Day Care Centre. All welcome.

Non Violent Communication:

The Bishopstown/Glasheen Network are presenting an evening on the topic of Non-Violent Communication (A compassionate approach for dealing with bullying) presented by Thomas Riedmuller on Tuesday 8th April in Bishopstown Community School from 7.15pm to 9pm. Admission free.

Earth Hour

Many thanks to the Faith in Action group who organised the beautiful and thought-provoking celebration of Earth Hour on 29th March. Special thanks to all who participated in music, song, readings and reflections. They powerfully conveyed the importance of the occasion, which was expressed as follows in one of the prayers: "May this simple action of turning out the lights for one hour increase our awareness of our role as stewards of creation."

PERMANENT DIACONATE

In April 2013 Bishop John Buckley decided to introduce the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Cork and Ross. Permanent Deacons have recently been ordained in the Diocese of Elphin and the Archdiocese of Dublin. In our diocese a number of candidates are presently undertaking the Introductory Year (Propaedeutic Period) under the guidance of the Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate for Cork and Ross, Father Bertie O'Mahony.

Further information is available from Fr. O'Mahony or from Cork and Ross Diocesan Office, Redemption Road, Cork. Tel: 4301717 or log on to www.corkandross.org.

The next Introductory Year will commence in September 2014. Those interested should contact their local priest or Fr. Bertie O'Mahony at Parochial House, Model Farm Road, Cork. Tel: 021-4346940/0872519940.

Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of the late **Gerald Lyons**, Orchard Road, Cork who died recently. **May he rest in peace.**

BIBLE CORNER



THE FREEING SPIRIT

The role of managers in team sports is becoming more crucial every year. Star performances by individual players grab the headline on occasion but the Manager is the one most often credited with or blamed for the overall team performance. He is seen as the motivator and custodian of the team spirit. This spirit is an emotional group attitude to the task in hand. It can wax and wane. It is very dependent on instant and ongoing success.

The spirit St. Paul writes about is something entirely different. This spirit of God is a person who lives within our hearts, who has a personal love relationship with each of us and communally. He comes in Baptism and makes his home within us. As we gradually become more aware of his presence, our motivations and attitudes are inspired by his love. This spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lifts our lives on to a different plane, no longer so dependent on popularity, money or success. Rather, he loosens the bonds of selfishness and fear. He possesses us and enables us to live by the light of Resurrection in hope-filled service and joyful fidelity.

Fr. Tom

LENTEN CORNER



Thirteenth Station of the Cross: Jesus is taken down from the Cross.

Joseph of Arimathea took a risk. He bravely faced Pilate and declared himself a follower of Christ by showing compassion in his care for the body of Christ.

In Syria war has forced millions of people from their homes and Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey have opened their borders and offered refuge to their Syrian neighbours.

May the Spirit guide these neighbouring countries along the path of care and sharing and help the Syrian people down from the cross of war.

(A reflection on "Taking a Risk" from the Trócaire Lenten Resource Booklet).

Weekend

Lent 5 - Year A

Psalm:



Patrick Killeen
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