

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

The centre of Christianity is not a rule of law, a code of behaviour, but a Person whose love we receive and whose life we imitate. Jesus is in this manner, "the way, the truth and the life".

## MEDJUGORJE

On the evening of June 24th, 1981, a group of youngsters in the remote Yugoslavian Valley saw a bright light on a nearby hill. When they investigated they saw a beautiful young woman clothed in grey and white, holding in her arms a tiny baby. It was for them the beginning of daily meetings with the "Queen of Peace". She came as God's messenger. The messages she brought were to change countless lives throughout the world.

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
25th May 2014

First Reading:  
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalms: 65

Second Reading:  
1 Pt 3: 15-18

Gospel:  
Jn 14: 15-21

Four years later, journalist Heather Parsons, travelled to Medjugorje to do the first major report on the events for a national Irish Sunday newspaper. As a journalist for seventeen years, this was to be just another assignment. Her job would be to interview these "visionaries", talk to the Priest and people of the Parish.

Heather's upbringing in a staunchly Church of Ireland family, had left her with the belief that she was saved from eternal damnation by the blood of Christ. Like many brought up in the reformed Church, Mary's role, while acknowledged at Christmas, was forgotten for the rest of the year.

The anniversary of the apparitions had brought an estimated 10,000 people to Medjugorje on the day of Heather's arrival. Finding a free space at the side of the Church, she relaxed in the shade. Some minutes later, people started shouting and pointing skyward. There looking for all the world like a child's top was the sun—spinning. For the next 35-40 minutes, she watched without difficulty and without shielding her eyes as the sun spun and danced in the sky. A cloud above the sun moved away to reveal a word—PEACE—written in white and in English. She realised at one shocked moment there were tears streaming down her face and was totally convinced she was standing in the presence of God. A fountain of light came from the spinning sun and a shining white figure instantly recognisable as the Risen Christ appeared. People beside her were asking "did you see the Host coming up out of the sun?", "No" was her reply—for then the Host meant nothing to her, but could they not see the figure?

Later the thought—wasn't this the very heart of the differences between the Roman Catholic and Protestant denominations? Was it a coincidence that they had seen the Host and she had seen the Body?

Some time later, Heather was received into the Catholic Church. She says, "Jesus in the form of His resurrected Body, is the foundation on which I have tried to rebuild my life". Medjugorje was the turning point.

Arthur O'Callaghan.

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## NOTICE BOARD

### What is the Good News of Jesus Christ?

Three voices give their theological understanding of the Christian message: Fr. Tom Clancy, Canon Ian Jonas and Rev. Brian O'Rourke on Wednesday May 21st at 7.30pm in St. Luke's Education Centre, Mahon. Cost €10 followed by a picnic (indoors!), so please bring some food to share! All welcome. No previous experience of theology required. For further details contact: Ann Francis 087-2282134.

### Mass of Healing and Reconciliation:

A Mass of Healing and Reconciliation organised by the Safeguarding Service of Cork & Ross and the Munster Survivors Support Service will be celebrated at **St. Joseph's Church, Wilton on Sunday 25th May at 4pm.**

After the Mass, a new national organisation, **Towards Peace**, will be launched at the Parish Centre, Wilton. **Towards Peace** offers spiritual support to those whose faith has been damaged by abuse and who wish to continue their search for meaning and for God. Refreshments afterwards.

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### "Cheese and Wine"

To acknowledge the work of volunteers in the community, you are invited to a cheese and wine, sweets and treats night at "Kilsinan", Bishopstown Park on Friday 23rd May at 7pm. All monies raised will go to Cork Penny Dinners and the education of young people in the Philippines. Come and enjoy a great night of fun and song. Ber Healy.

### Knock:

All Ireland Rosary Rally on Sat. 7th June—Bus €20 return (from Patrick's Quay). Contact: Denise (086) 0502727.

### Trocaire:

A big thank you to people of Ballineaspig Parish for the most generous donation of €3,993.

### St. Vincent de Paul:

Thank you to the Parishioners of Ballineaspig Parish for their support with the clothes collection held recently. It was one of the biggest collections yet this year !!

## EASTER CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:

Thanks all who sent in entries for the Easter crossword. We got a great response. Well done!

The winners are:

**Mary Cronin, Uam Var Grove, Bishopstown.**

and

**Sister Anna Fitzpatrick, Presentation Convent, Ballyphehane**



### Spring Dues:

The envelopes for the Spring Dues will be delivered to homes in the Parish shortly.

### Annual Pentecost Ecumenical Service



At the Crypt in the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, on **Wednesday, 28th May at 7.30pm.** This year the service will be led by Fr. Bertie O'Mahony P.P. A cup of tea will be provided afterwards.

*All are welcome to attend.*



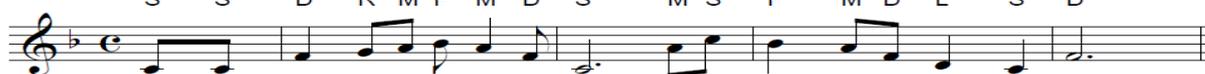
Congratulations to the girls from St. Catherine's School who recently received the **Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion** in our Church. These were joyful and happy occasions for the girls themselves, their families, teachers and priests.

We wish them every blessing for the future.

### **Weekend**

*Easter 5 - Year A*

### **Psalm:**



May your love be up-on us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Patrick Killeen