

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

19th October, 2014

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Carved Wooden Cross from Kenya

The Wooden Cross which was unveiled in the sanctuary of our church today to mark Mission Sunday was carved by a man named Peter Rutto in the Jesuit refugee Centre in Nairobi, Kenya. This cross celebrates the connection between Ballineaspaig Parish (Dennehy's Cross) and Turkwell Parish and it brings the richness of the land of Kenya and the talent of its people to our church. It was carved from the wood of a rosewood tree that fell due to age in a forest in the Kerio valley near Eldoret in northern Kenya.

Peter is an accomplished carver and woodworker. He spends a lot of his time travelling all over Kenya to make the most of the beautiful timber that has fallen due to natural or man-made causes. He had come across this piece of rosewood in 2012 and was saving it for a 'special job'.

Fr. Ollie Noonan was parish priest of our sister parish in Turkwell, Kenya for 9 years so he was asked to source a cross for the sanctuary in Ballineaspaig church. He had heard of Peter's work and visited the Refugee Centre to see some of his carvings. When he saw the quality of Peter's carvings and his amazing talent to make beautiful objects from fallen timber he knew that he had the right man for the job.

Peter was delighted and excited at the idea of carving a cross for use in our parish church here in Ballineaspaig. He knew immediately what piece of wood he would use. Fr. Ollie gave detailed information on the type and size of cross required and Peter set to work. One of the key elements in carving the cross was that it would be carved in pieces that could be easily transported from Kenya to Ireland and reassembled here. The carving took about six weeks and then it was transported to Cork.

On its arrival in Ballineaspaig the beauty of the carved figure of Christ on the simple wooden cross enraptured everybody who saw it. A mahogany stand for the cross was made by Michael Whyte, a local wood-turner and woodwork teacher. Michael copied the style of the fittings already in the church, of the lectern and the wooden candle holder that are in the sanctuary. The end result is a beautiful wooden cross that combines the talents and resources of Kenya and Ireland to adorn our sanctuary here in Ballineaspaig Parish.

We offer our thanks and pray for God's blessings on all the people involved in this commission.



NOTICE BOARD

Mission Sunday:

Today is Mission Sunday. It is the day when we are being asked to dig into our hearts to assist the young local church overseas. We are being called to play our part in helping to bring the Word of God to those who most hunger for it in the form of support for our many young churches. "That they may have life" is the theme for Mission Month and as such our spiritual and financial offerings are crucial for the work of the church overseas. Your generous contribution today will be sent in its entirety to support our many mission projects. Thank you for your help.

Would you like to chat?

Are you elderly or housebound? Would an occasional chat brighten up your day? We are volunteers in St. Anthony of Padua Conference for the Elderly. We love a chat, and if you wish, we are happy to visit you in your home or nursing home for a short friendly call. Contact us at (085) 8365466.

November—Month of the Holy Souls:

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this prayerful act in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise! Take the SHORT-TERM pledge for NOVEMBER. Contact www.pioneerassociation.ie or phone (01) 8749464 (small fee applies for certificate and emblem).

Bishopstown Meals on Wheels:

Volunteers, both drivers and cooks, urgently required for Bishopstown Meals on Wheels. The commitment is small, just 2 to 3 hours one morning every third week for cooks and approx. 2 to 3 hours, 4 mornings every third month for drivers. If you have some time to spare and would like to help, please contact Pat at (086) 3183950.

Cork Association for Autism:

Volunteers are urgently needed to help in Bishopstown, Wilton & Cork City for the annual collection on October, 23rd. If you would like to volunteer you can call (021) 4271808 or e-mail fundraising@corkautism.ie.

Cemetery Prayers:

At St. James's Cemetery, Chetwynd on Sunday, 2nd November at 3.00pm.

Found in church grounds car keys for a Mercedes type car.

Please contact Parish Office at (021) 4344452 for further information.

Weekend Psalm:

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NOVENA OF MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Fr. Bertie and Fr. Tom will offer a Novena of Masses for the deceased relatives and friends of all who send in names for the November List of the Dead.

The daily Mass times during the Novena are 9.30am and 7.30pm.

(weekend Mass times during Novena as per usual)

Envelopes now available in the Church. Please return same to the box on the Altar Rails (which will be available during Mass times only) by the **1st November, 2014** for inclusion in the Masses.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:

Saturday, 1st November, 2014 is the Feast of All Saints. *Vigil Mass on Friday 31st Oct. at 7.30pm. Saturday Masses: 9.00, 10.30 and 6.15pm.*

Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners:

The annual Mass for parishioners who died since November 2013 will be held Friday, 14th November, 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

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God's Word

Readings for **Sunday**
26th October, 2014

First Reading:
Ex 22:20-28

Psalm: 17

Second Reading:
1 Th 1: 5-10

Gospel:
Mt 22: 34-40



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