

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, COLÁISTE!



Wednesday the 8th October was a very significant day in the history of our parish as nearly a thousand young men, teachers, religious, retired teachers, parents, friends and guests gathered in our magnificent church to celebrate the foundation by the Presentation Brothers in September 1964 of the boys' secondary school situated in our parish, Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh.

In the presence of the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Mary Shields, and to the strains of *Laudete Dominum* performed by the school choir, the standard of the school was carried aloft to the altar and so began a celebration that will live long in the memory of all those who were present. The guests were welcomed by senior prefects, Peter Walsh and David Reidy, who also provided the congregation with a brief account of the foundation and development of the school. It was an impressive and, at times, quite moving celebration that involved dozens of musicians, a sixty-strong choir and scores of ushers, presenters and readers – all students of the school. As our Parish Priest, Canon Bertie O'Mahony, was in the Holy Land, the mass was celebrated by our own Fr. Tom Clancy and concelebrated by past pupil of the school, Fr. Colm O'Mahony, while Bishop Buckley presided. In his homily, Fr. Tom struck a chord with the students when he spoke about the joy that comes from friendship – especially those friendships that are established when we are in school.

The connection between the school and the parish is, of course, not limited merely to the sharing of a name. For the first six years of its existence, the school was based in Laburnum House, a thirty second walk from the gates of our church while, for many years, Fr. Tom has acted as an unofficial chaplain to the school. More fundamentally, as was pointed out by the school principal, Michael Sexton, in his address following the mass, the beautiful mosaic above the altar in our church depicting the flames of Pentecost emanating from the Holy Spirit is the same image as that above the entrance to the school. This acts as an exhortation to the teachers and students of Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh, *the College of the Holy Spirit*, to carry on the traditions and values of the school - based, as they are, on the teachings of Christ - to the next generation of students.

In the new Ireland, where the 'secularisation' of education is being advanced at every opportunity, we might consider ourselves lucky that we have within our parish, three schools – St Catherine's, Mount Mercy College and Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh – where the Gospel-based values so cherished by the Mercy Sisters and the Presentation Brothers are being kept alive by a new generation of lay school leaders and teachers. As the numbers of religious directly involved in education decline, events like the Golden Jubilee Mass which took place in our church on Wednesday, 8th October remind us that the lay teachers who do so much to keep our traditions alive deserve, more than ever before, our respect, our encouragement and our prayers.

BANK HOLIDAY - MONDAY 27th OCTOBER, 2014

**PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME AT
9.30AM ONLY**

NOTICE BOARD

St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend 1st/2nd November, 2014.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

Next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 6th November, 2014 at 3.00pm.

Altar Ladies Rota:

The new Altar Ladies Rota for the coming year is now available for collection in the Sacristy.

C.I.T STUDENTS UNION:

C.I.T. Student's Union wish to invite all residents in the Bishopstown and Wilton areas to a Coffee Morning to engage in a friendly open discussion over a nice "cuppa" and nibbles on **Tuesday, 28th October at 10.30am** in the Tourism and Hospitality Building Dining Hall. This is a FREE EVENT. All welcome.

Bishopstown Gramophone Circle:

At the Bishopstown Library on Thursday, 30th October, 2014 at 3.00pm. The presenter is John Hendrick. Admission free and light refreshments available. All welcome.

Cork Scripture Group:

Cork Scripture Group is pleased to announce a public workshop entitled "How to read Matthew's Gospel" with Dr. Diane Corkery on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 2014 from 10.00am to 1.30pm in the Sacred Heart Hall, Western Rd., Cork. Diane is head of Religious Studies at St. Patrick's College, Thurles, where she lectures in Scripture & Systematic Theology. Cost €10. All welcome. Contact: (021)4295144 for information and booking.

Cork Alzheimer's Café:

A safe space for people with memory problems including Alzheimer's & other dementias, their carers, family & friends. Next meeting on *Fri. 31st Oct.* from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Activity Centre, St. Finbar's Hospital, Douglas Rd. Light refreshments free of charge. All welcome.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of the following who died recently.

Pat Coleman, Glasheen Road
Philomena Power, Laburnum Lawn
Evan Kidney, Elmvale, Wilton.

May they rest in peace.

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.*

God's Word

Readings for **Sunday
2nd November, 2014**

First Reading:
Is 25: 6-9

Psalm: 26

Second Reading:
Rm 5: 5-11

Gospel:
Mt 11: 25-30

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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

Cemetery Prayers and Blessings in November.

Sunday, 2nd November, 2014

St. Joseph's Tory Top Rd - 2.30pm
St. James' Chetwynd - 3.00pm
Douglas - 3.00pm
Rathcooney - 3.00pm

Weekend Psalm:

Thirty-First Sunday in ordinary time - Year B

Patrick Killeen

