

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

**25th January, 2015**

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**No: 1241**

## 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**  
**1st February, 2015**

First Reading:  
Deut 18: 15-20

Psalms: 94

Second Reading:  
1 Cor 7: 32-35

Gospel:  
Mk 1: 21-28

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## THE KINGDOM OF GOD

This Sunday's Gospel is enlightening and informative. We read in Mark 1: 14-20 that "After John the Baptist had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There He proclaimed the Good News, preaching in the towns of Galilee. His message to the people was "The Kingdom of God is at hand". Now oceans of ink has been spilled trying to explain what the Kingdom of God means. The best interpretation is that Jesus is the Kingdom in person. He himself is the coming together of divinity and humanity. Jesus himself constitutes "The New Order" and He himself represents "Time of Fulfilment", the moment when all of the expectations and hopes of Israel are realised.

Jesus continues his instruction by proclaiming to the people, "Repent and believe the Good News". The word repentance literally means self-transformation and atonement for sin.

Since God has become one of us, we have to change our attitude, our way of seeing the world through the lenses of greed, selfishness and pride. All of that has to change. We must see the world with the eyes of Christ. Real repentance means we can say with St. Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me".

Later, we read that when Jesus was walking along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew. They were fishermen. Further on he saw James and his brother John. They too were fishermen. Jesus invites the four men to follow him saying, "Follow me and I will make you Fishers of Men". They chose to trust his promise. We have the same option. The invitation is to leave selfishness and sin, revenge and regret. In return he promises to make us into a people of prayer, sharers in his life, carers of each other, believers in the Good News that Jesus loves each one of us personally and unconditionally.

Will we trust his promise? Can we afford not to?

*Arthur O'Callaghan*



## N.B REMINDER—WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

2015 collection envelopes still available for collection from the Parish Office during opening hours 9.30am to 12.30pm weekdays.

## NOTICE BOARD

### St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 31st Jan/1st Feb. 2015.

### Bishopstown Library Gramophone Circle:

Starting on Thursday, 29th January, 2015 at 3.00pm in the Bishopstown Library. The presenter is Margaret O'Leary. Admission free with light refreshments provided. All welcome.

### Remembering with Love:

A multid denominational **Service of Remembrance** for families who have experienced the death of a child on Wednesday, 28th January, 2015 at 6.30pm at the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork. All parents, children and families welcome. Refreshments and children's entertainment will be provided afterwards. For further information please contact: Tyrone Horne CUH/MUH at (086)4124373.

### Cork Alzheimer's Café:

A safe space for people with memory problems including Alzheimer's and other dementias, their carers, families and friends along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Fri. of each month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Activity Centre, St. Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. Next meeting will be held on Fri. 30th January, 2015.

### Community Employment Vacancy:

Secretary/Receptionist vacancy at the Diocese of Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane. Duties include telephone, typing, filing, computers and accounts. As this is a Community Employment position, eligibility applies. CV's to Southside Training & Development Ltd. SMA Centre, Wilton, Cork tel. no. (021) 4345583. Closing date: Friday, 30th January, 2015.

### The Priory Institute:

"Don't just Go to Church—BE the Church: Get ready by studying theology from **home or in class**. The Priory Institute is Ireland's only accredited premier Institution offering theology courses both online and in a traditional classroom setting. For more information log on to [www.prioryinstitute.ie](http://www.prioryinstitute.ie) or phone us on (01) 4048124. Application deadline is the 23rd February, 2015.

### Lough Flower & Garden Club:

The Lough Flower and Garden Club will hold its AGM and presentation of prizes on Tuesday next 27th Jan. at 8pm in the SMA Centre Wilton. The AGM will be followed by an exhibition of the exhibits done by the members who competed at the World Flower Show last June.

### **Weekend Psalm:**

*Third Sunday in ordinary time - Year B* Patrick Killeen

S F M D R D

Lord, make me know your ways.

## REST IN PEACE

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of our parishioner, **Mary Keohane**, Kenley, who died recently.

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Fr. Patrick Walsh** on the death of his father, William Walsh, Bishopstown, who died recently.

*May they rest in peace.*



## JUBILEE BELLS HANDBELL CHOIR



We meet in our Parish Centre on Thursday mornings at 10.00 o'clock.

### New members welcome.

Ability to read music not necessary.

For further details contact (021) 4541583 or (087) 9589766.

## A PRAYER TO GREET EACH DAY.....

Abba, Father, I look to You this day  
With joy in my heart and praise on my lips.

I want to savour every moment,  
To celebrate this gift of life.

May I see Your hand at work in the details of each day and may I always remember what a blessing it is to experience the wonder of Your creation.

*Amen.*

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