

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

1st February, 2015

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1242

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
8th February, 2015

First Reading:
Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Psalms: 146

Second Reading:
1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel:
Mk 1: 29-39

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Give a word a bad name!

Usually it is a person or a place – or even a dog - that gets a bad name, but in this instance it is a word, and the word is “apocryphal”. Wikipedia tells us that anything apocryphal is “of questionable accuracy or truthfulness; anecdotal or in the nature of an urban legend”. We are all familiar with apocryphal stories, stories we find hard to believe. Unfortunately the current meaning of the word may have weakened our appreciation of a valuable part of the Old Testament, the so-called “apocryphal books”.

The term which simply means “hidden” has been applied in the past to certain books of the Old Testament, such as Tobit, Judith, Ecclesiasticus, Wisdom of Solomon, which were sometimes omitted from official lists or “canons” of biblical books primarily because the original Hebrew manuscripts had not survived and the existing texts were in Greek or Aramaic. The first notable person to cast doubt on these books was the 4th century translator of the Bible into Latin, St. Jerome. Subsequently these books were excluded in many Protestant bibles, although Martin Luther did confirm they were “useful and good to read.” But finally in the 16th Century the Council of Trent definitively included them in the official Catholic list and you will hear extracts read at Mass both on Sundays and weekdays.

What treasures do these books include? Accounts, for example, of some spirited women like Susanna and Judith, Tobit's guiding angel, the wisdom of Sirach, the struggle of the Maccabee family to be true to their faith. If you want to see a glorious visual representation of a so-called apocryphal passage, go no farther than the Honan Chapel in UCC. There the mosaic floor portrays in a great river of life some verses from the beautiful song of creation (Daniel, chapter 3):



*O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever...
And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord.
And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord.
And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord.
And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.*

Rosalie Moloney

Candelmas Day: - Monday, 2nd February, 2015

The blessing of candles will take place at the 9.30am Mass and are available to buy at €1.00 each.

Feast of St. Blaise:

Throats will be blessed before and after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday, 3rd February, 2015.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday:

Next Friday, 6th February, 2015, is the first Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Next Friday, 6th February, 2015, after the 9.30am Mass to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, 5th February, 2015 at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Lourdes Invalid Pilgrimage Fund:

The annual collection will take place at all Masses *next weekend, 7th/8th February, 2015*, to enable invalids visit Lourdes.

Pastoral Council:

Next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday, 9th February, 2015 at 8.15pm.

Liturgy Group:

Next meeting on Tuesday, 10th February, 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

The Priory Institute:

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Diocesan Certificates in Biblical Studies:

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? There are a few places available on the four module programme in Bible Study. It will include an Introduction to the Bible, the Old Testament, the Gospels and the Early Church and Paul's Letters. Module 1 will consist of 5 nights and one Saturday workshop and begins on Monday, 9th Feb at 7.30pm in Scala, Blackrock. The presenters will be Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, Diane Corkery, Mons Ned Goold and Fr. Kieran O'Mahony, OSA. Cost €50 per module. For further information contact (021) 4295144.

Bishopstown Senior Social Centre:

There are still some spaces available on our award winning "Computers for the petrified" classes. For further information contact Michael O'Connor at (087) 2734887 or Roger at (086) 3866975.

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.

REST IN PEACE

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and Community of the Sisters of the Infant Jesus, Model Farm Road on the death of **Sr. Enda Beasley**, who died recently.

May she 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.....

Father in heaven,
I thank you for my family and friends.

For those who stand by me in good times and bad.

For those who love me for exactly who I am.

Their care and concern bring joy to my life and remind me that I am truly blessed.

Amen.

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Weekend

Fourth Sunday in ordinary time - Year B

Patrick Killeen

Psalm:

