

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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First Sunday of Lent

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## Creation Matters

### Our World in Our Hands

*"Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and use it for the benefit of all"* (Pope Francis, May 2014).

How are we caring for Creation, and is it being used for the benefit of all?

Are we responding to the Irish Bishops' Pastoral: *The Cry of the Earth*?

We invite you to attend a series of presentations/discussions on four Tuesdays in Lent.

On 24<sup>th</sup> February ***Finding God in the Singing Heart of the World*** by Dr. John Feehan, Geologist, Award Winning Environmental Communicator and Author:

*"The progress of scientific understanding has the most profound implications for creation spirituality and our awareness of how God is at work in the world. Our opening talk will explore some aspects of this, and in particular the place of mystical experience against the background of an ever-deepening scientific understanding."*

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March ***Our Carbon Footprint*** will be led by the Faith in Action Group of the parish. *This will consider the place of carbon in the cycle of life, the dramatic changes which have been occurring due to human activity and the critical impact of these changes.*

On 10<sup>th</sup> March Bishop Patrick Harrington, retired Bishop of Turkana, and Gerard Forde, SMA Justice Office, will focus on ***Climate Justice***:

*"Living our faith implies not only loving God and our neighbour – it also implies caring for the world and the environment that God created and in which we live together. In recent times climate change has become an urgent issue – we see more examples of extreme weather events such as storms and floods. An international Climate Change Summit will take place in Paris at the end of 2015. This is seen by many as an occasion when world leaders must finally face up to this issue in order to prevent irreversible Climate Change.*

*As individuals and believers we too must play our part. This presentation will give an overview of what climate change is, how we in Ireland contribute to it and how it affects the world. What does our faith have to teach us about this issue and what can we do about it?"*

The final session, on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: ***What Can We Do? Spirituality in Action*** will be led by the Faith in Action Group. *It will allow participants, having reflected on what they have heard over the previous sessions, to agree a plan of individual action and collective action in our role as "stewards of Creation".*

**Time and Venue: 8.00 – 9.30pm in the Crypt. All welcome. Admission free.**

*Faith in Action Group*

# NOTICE BOARD

## St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, Sat.28th Feb./ March,1st March.

## Trócaire Boxes:

Trócaire Boxes are now available in the Church. Please help to make a difference this Lent.

## Missionary Sisters of St. Columban (Ireland):

We extend our gratitude to the good people of the parish of Dennehy's Cross for the very warm welcome extended to Sr. Eileen Rabbitte last weekend. The amount of money collected was €1,752.05.

## Workshop on the Book of Revelation:

Cork Scripture Group is pleased to announce a public workshop with Dr. Kieran O'Mahony on The Book of Revelation on Saturday, 7th March, 2015 from 10.00am to 1.30pm in the Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road, Cork. Cost €10.00. All Welcome. For information and booking contact: (021) 4295144 (Marian or Phil).



## Beginning Experience:

This is a worldwide specially designed Support Programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce. The next weekend is on at Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday, 10th April to Sunday 12th April. For further details please contact (087) 9886480.

## Bishopstown Library Gramophone Circle:

Next meeting on Thursday, 26th February, 2015 at 3.00pm in the Bishopstown Library. The presenter is John Hendrick. Admission free with light refreshments provided.

## Coffee Morning:



In aid of Perinatal Hospice Care on Wednesday, 25th February, from 11.00am to 1.00pm at the Good Shepherd Convent, Sundays Well, Cork. Everybody welcome. For further information contact (021) 4679426.

## The Lough Flower & Garden Club:

The Group welcome Pat Duggan to their monthly meeting on Tuesday, 24th February in the SMA Centre, Wilton, Cork at 8.00pm. Pat, who is a well known flower arranger will demonstrate the art of Wedding flowers. Everyone welcome. Admission for visitors €7.00.

## Found!

Pearl drop earring found in Wilton Gardens. Contact: (021) 4544778.

Email: [holyspiritparish@eircom.net](mailto:holyspiritparish@eircom.net)

Website: [www.dennehyscrossparish.ie](http://www.dennehyscrossparish.ie)

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Pádraigín Ui Riordáin**, Principal of Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road on the death of her father, Michael O'Donoghue, Galbally, Co. Limerick.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.*

## LENTEN CORNER

### Sacred Space "Urgent Wilderness"



This Sunday's Gospel sends us out into the "wilderness". It may be a daunting concept with "wild beasts" but we need not worry. This short passage from Mark is clear about who is in charge; it is the spirit who sends. Very often we need some "wilderness" to help us stop and reflect on our lives and where we are going. In this sense, Lent can be a very special season for many people and the Gospel texts offer a particular richness that invite us to transformation and real change. Each Lent we are invited to choose life; to choose the things that are life-giving for us and to clear out the blocks that stand in our way.

*Thinking outside the (Trócaire)Box by Jane Mellett*

## COME AND CELEBRATE

**WHAT?** Fairtrade Fortnight

**HOW?** By attending a **free Fairtrade Coffee Morning**

**WHERE?** The Crypt

**WHEN?** **Next Sunday, 1st March**, after 10.30 a.m. Mass and before 12.15 Mass.

**All Welcome:** Fairtrade refreshments served

**Fairtrade Competition** (Prizewinner announced at Coffee Morning)

Answer the following question:

*What is the most popular fruit in Ireland?* (Visual hint below!)

Answers (with your name and contact number) to Parish Office, or by email

to [Ballineaspaignfairtrade@parish@gmail.com](mailto:Ballineaspaignfairtrade@parish@gmail.com), before

**Friday, 27th February**,

or by hand at the coffee morning.

*- Faith in Action Group*



## Weekend Psalm:

*First Sunday of Lent - Year B*

Patrick Killeen

