

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

1st March, 2015

Second Sunday of Lent

No: 1246

MASS TIMES

Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays

9.30am only

Eve of Holydays

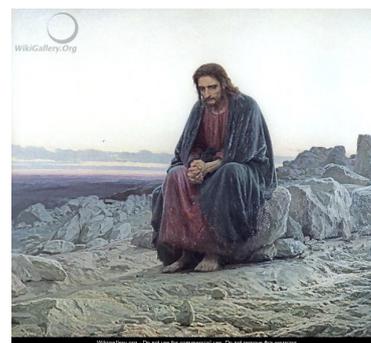
7.30pm

Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &
7.30pm

“JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT”

Did you know that Lent began as something of an afterthought in the Christian tradition? The early Christians celebrated Easter and the following weeks to Pentecost—the coming of the Holy Spirit. Then they realised that such a celebration needed a time of preparation. The original preparation time was just the last three days of Holy Week.



We read in the Gospel of Mark (1:12-15) “The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and He remained there for forty days and was tempted by Satan”. We know that Jesus fasted for those forty days, totally rejecting the temptations of Satan. As followers of Jesus, Lent allows us to put God back into first place in our lives. “Lent helps us leave behind the old habits and the lazy addiction to evil that deceives and ensnares us all.” Pope Francis (5th March, 2014).

If we give alms humbly and meekly, we shall come to know the joy of self-giving. If we pray humbly wanting to praise and thank God, God will hear our prayer and grant us his peace. If we fast humbly, wanting to express sorrow for our sins, we shall come to understand how merciful God has been to us.

Recently on T.V., George Hook really touched many people when he spoke about his return to the Church. The most important and wonderful feeling he experienced was the immense sense of peace he had when he received the Sacrament of Reconciliation from the Priest.

Jesus can and will help us the way he has helped countless others. “Come to me all you who are heavily burdened and I will refresh you”. In time this Lent will pass. We learn from the Book of Job “Swifter than a weavers shuttle my days have passed and vanished”. We are all pilgrims on the streets of time. Why not join us as we prepare during this Lent to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

Arthur O'Callaghan.

God's Word

Readings for **Sunday**
8th March, 2015

First Reading:
Ex 20: 1-17

Psalms: 18

Second Reading:
1 Cor 1:22-25

Gospel:
Jn 2: 13-25

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CONFIRMATION

The 6th Class girls from St. Catherine's School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here on *Friday, 6th March, 2015 at 10.30am.*

We wish them every blessing on this joyous occasion.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday/ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Next Friday, 6th March is the First Friday of the month. **PLEASE NOTE** that Adoration will take place from **1.00pm to 7.30pm followed by Mass.** The change in time is due to the fact that the Confirmation Ceremony is taking place at 10.30am.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:
Next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 5th March, 2015 at 3.00pm.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service:
A blood donor clinic will be held at the Barr's Club, Togher on Wednesday, 4th March, 2015 from 5.00pm to 8.30pm. One donation can save up to 3 lives !!

Honan Chapel:
Divine Mercy Chaplet—Each day at 3pm (Mon. to Fri.) in the Honan Chapel, U.C.C.
Rosary: Each day at 12.40pm (Mon. to Fri.) in the Honan Chapel, U.C.C.
Hour of Healing with confessions:
Each day from noon to 1.00pm (Mon. to Fri.) in the Honan Chapel, U.C.C.

Blessed Edmund Rice:
Pilgrimage in the footsteps of Blessed Edmund Rice to Callan, Co. Kilkenny & Waterford City. Bus from Presentation Brothers, Mardyke House, Mardyke at 8.30am on Sunday 8th March. Cost €25 including lunch. Contact Anthony at (086) 0898120.

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

Today pray and you'll find your day brighter and your way lighter.

REST IN PEACE

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Eileen Corkery**, Highfield who died recently.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dilis.

LENTEN CORNER

“Coming Down the Mountain”



We journey to the mountain top in the Gospel this Sunday as Jesus invites Peter, James and John to join him and be witnesses to his transfiguration; to seeing Jesus for who he really is.

When we read this Sunday's Gospel, we can see Peter who is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. But Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind at the time. The mountain is comfortable, whereas Jesus' way involves coming down from the mountain and walking a very different path.



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PRESENTATION BROTHERS SCHOOLS' TRUST



50th Jubilee Dinner

at
The Clarion Hotel, Cork

on
Saturday, 21st March, 2015.

Tickets: €50—available from School Office.
Phone: (021) 4543790 / www.csncork.ie

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:

You are invited to celebrate **Fairtrade Fortnight** at a free Fairtrade Coffee Morning in the Crypt after the 10.30am Mass and before the 12.15pm Mass on this Sunday, 1st March, 2015. All welcome!



CREATION MATTERS:

Our **Creation Matters** series continues on Tuesday, 3rd March from 8.00pm to 9.30pm in the Crypt with a discussion on **Our Carbon Footprint**. All welcome!

Weekend *Second Sunday in Lent - Year B*

Psalm:

M R M L L L L T L S L T D T S L L

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord in the land of the liv-ing.

Patrick Killeen