

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

15th March, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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## MASS TIMES

### Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15  
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

### Weekdays

9.30am only

### Eve of St. Patrick's Day

7.30pm

### St. Patrick's Day

9.00, 10.30 &  
12.15pm

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
22nd March, 2015

First Reading:  
Jer 31: 31-343

Psalms: 50

Second Reading:  
Heb 5: 7-9

Gospel:  
Jn 12: 20-30

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## PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION



It has been said that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is the best kept secret of the Catholic Church. Miracles of forgiveness happen when we confess our sins. Through the Sacrament, the Lord can truly support us and heal our brokenness as He has promised.

However, today confession is very much under-utilised in our spiritual lives and in our communities. We avail of this sacrament less frequently than we used to and our children even less often. Where once there were rows of penitents on Saturday nights, there is now the tiny clientele for half an hour before the Vigil Mass. Once we worried if we went into the second month without going to confession, now for many the time span could be numbered in years. To some extent Penitential Services have replaced private confession. The crucial question is: What is behind the drop off?

Some say the decline is due to a failure to face up to personal culpability and the loss of a sense of sin and also a growing flabbiness of conscience. The culture of the day proclaims that sin is a concept designed to keep us in control.

A very good friend passed away recently. I knew John O'Keeffe for over fifty years. John joined the Franciscan Order and after being ordained in Rome served in several Friaries in Ireland before being appointed to the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Built in the 4th century, it is the most ancient Church in the world and was the residence of the Popes until the 14th century, when the Pope moved to St. Peter's in the Vatican.

John was appointed to the "Ministry of Penance and Reconciliation" at the Basilica. He was one of a team of full-time confessors, hearing confession in Irish, English and Italian. A Priest for forty five years, he remained at St. John Lateran until a serious illness brought him back to Cork. John was very anxious in promoting a "Listening Ministry" in the Church. In his final days, his last request was to ask Bishop Buckley to grant him "faculties" to hear confession — permission was granted. He passed to eternal life on the 17th February this year and was laid to rest in the Franciscan plot at St. Finbarr's Cemetery. A dedicated and saintly Priest. May he rest in peace.

Arthur O'Callaghan.

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**RECONCILIATION SERVICE  
HERE IN THE CHURCH ON  
SUNDAY, 29TH MARCH, 2015 AT  
5.00PM**

Tuesday, 17th March — St. Patrick's Day.



**Mass Times:**

Mon. 16th—Vigil Mass - 7.30pm  
St. Patrick's Day: - 9.00am, 10.30am & 12.15pm

**PASTORAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Nominations are being sought for the election of the **New Parish Council for 2015 – 2018** to continue the excellent work of the previous Parish Councils.

An explanatory leaflet and Nomination form is attached with this bulletin and is also available in the Church for completion and return by the 29th March, 2015.

Your ideas, support and involvement is needed !!

**NOTICE BOARD**

**FREE Information Talk:**

On Thursday, 26th March in Glasheen Boys & Girls School Hall. The talk is geared towards parents of children in 5th & 6th class (Primary school) and 1st year (Secondary School). The speaker on the night is Harry Kennedy an experienced former Secondary School teacher and qualified Psychotherapist. The aim of the talk is to deliver the information required to alleviate stress and to **empower the parents to feel confident about the changes/transition.**

**Bishopstown ICA:**

Bishopstown ICA meet in the SMA Hall on Thursday nights at 8.00pm. New members welcome. Contact Phil O'Leary at (087) 6344667.

**SERVE Four Peaks Challenge:**

This is a team challenge taking place from 11th to 14th June, 2015. This fundraising challenge invites teams of 5 (4 climbers, 1 driver) to climb Carrauntoohil in Kerry, followed by Mweelrea in Mayo, Lugnaquilla in Wicklow and finally, Slieve Donard in Down in one weekend! By taking part in the SERVE Four Peaks challenge, you are helping to empower young people in Mozambique to live independently through practical and life skills training. For more information visit [www.serve.ie/4-peaks](http://www.serve.ie/4-peaks) or Scala (021) 4358800.

**REST IN PEACE**

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives, and friends of **Eileen Coughlan**, Bishopstown Ave. West, who died recently.

**IN SYMPATHY**

We offer our sincere sympathy to: the **Dennehy Family** on the death of their sister, Marie Noone, Dublin and **Ber Healy**, Bishopstown Park on the death of her father Christopher Roche, Charleville.

*May they rest in peace.*

**LENTEN CORNER**

“Those who do what is true come to the light”



Out of death comes new life. Resurrection is all around us, all the time. As Christians we are called to be Resurrection-focused. There are always ways to turn a situation around to make things right. This is the vision that Jesus gives each of us. We can make a real difference to peoples lives through the small choices we make, the promise to live more simply and more generously.

**Calling all Bakers and Cooks !**

This year Fairtrade Ireland asks us all to encourage retailers to stock a higher percentage of Fairtrade bananas. (See action postcards at the church doors). To mark this initiative the Faith in Action group is compiling a leaflet of recipes which include bananas. If you would like your favourite recipe included, please drop it in, with your name and contact details, to the Parish Office by St. Patrick's Day.

**CREATION MATTERS:**

The final session of Our **Creation Matters** series continues on **Tuesday, 24th** March from 8.00pm to 9.30pm in the Crypt with a discussion on **What Can We Do? Spirituality in Action** which will be led by the Faith in Action Group. All welcome!



Fairtrade Competition Winner:



Thanks to all who supported our Fairtrade Coffee morning and congratulations to **Brendan Flynn**, the lucky winner of our Fairtrade Competition. The answer was BANANAS !! You should be able to source Fairtrade bananas in most of the local shops. You'll easily recognise them by the Fairtrade sticker. **Faith in Action Group**



**Weekend Psalm:**

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B  
L M R M L R D R S T D T D T L L Patrick Killeen  
  
O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I re - member you not!