

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

12th April, 2015

Second Sunday of Easter

No: 1252

MASS TIMES

Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays

9.30am

Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &
7.30pm

God's Word

Readings for **Sunday**
19th April, 2015

First Reading:

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

Psalm: 4:2,4,7,9

Second Reading:

1 Jn 2: 1-5

Gospel:

Lk 24: 35-48

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, known the world over as "The Apostle of the Divine Mercy" is numbered by theologians as among the outstanding mystics of the Church. She was the third of ten children born on the 25th August, 1905 into a poor and pious family in Poland. At Baptism she was given the name Helena. From early childhood she distinguished herself by her piety, love of prayer and a great sensitivity to human misery.

With just three years of schooling, at fourteen she worked as a domestic until she reached the age of twenty. While attending a dance with her sister, a vision of the suffering Christ appeared saying "How long shall I put up with you and how long will you keep putting me off?" (Diary 9). She began to search for a convent to join, knocking on many convent doors, but nowhere was she accepted. Finally, on August 1st, 1925, Helena crossed the threshold of "The Congregation of Sisters of Mercy" in Warsaw. She recalls, "A single prayer was bursting forth from my heart, one of thanksgiving". (Diary 17).

During her life as a sister, with duties which included cooking, gardening and door-keeper, she would also experience periods of spiritual darkness and trials. Yet, this only strengthened her faith in Jesus who spoke to her frequently of His Divine Mercy. Her mission was to proclaim to mankind the urgent need to seek the Divine Mercy of God, to have an image painted with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in you. Many graces will be granted through this image". (Diary 18 & 19). The first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Divine Mercy.

On one occasion she heard these words, "My daughter tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Divine Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners". (Diary 699). Be diligent in writing down every sentence I tell you concerning my mercy, because this is meant for a great number of souls who will profit from it".

Having spent thirteen years in the convent, Sister Faustina, seriously ill, died aged thirty three on the 5th October, 1938, beatified in 1993. She was canonised by Pope John Paul in April, 2000.

"Eternal Father, for the sake of the sorrowful Passion and Resurrection of your Son, have mercy on us and upon the whole world. Amen"

Arthur O'Callaghan

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NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to the homes:

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

Diocesan Initiatives:

The quarterly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, 18th/19th April, 2015.

Divine Mercy Sunday:

At St. Augustine's Church, Cork on Sunday, 12th April, 2015 commencing at 2.00pm and finishing with Mass at 4.00pm. All welcome.

Pastoral Council:

Next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday, 13th April, 2015 at 8.15pm.

Liturgy Group:

Next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 14th April, 2015 at 7.30pm.

Vocations Information Day:

On Sunday, 19th April, 2015, at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. For more information, in confidence, you can telephone Canon Bertie O'Mahony at (021) 4346940 or Fr. Tom Deenihan at (021) 4301717 or e-mail at: secretary@corkandross.org.

Diocese of Cork and Ross:

Year of Consecrated Life—praying for and celebrating vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on Friday 24th April, 2015 at St. Michael's Church, Blackrock, Cork at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

"Thank You"

A "thank you" to the Faith in Action Group who sent Easter Eggs to 52 children in the "Direct Provision" Hostel, Airport Road, Cork. They were delighted and the mums were really pleased that someone remembered them. Some have been 9 years living out of one room. Sr. Frances Cummins.

Heart Throbs:

Bishopstown & Ballincollig Cardiac Support Group next meeting on Monday, 13th April, 2015 at the Bishopstown Library, Wilton, Cork from 11am to 1pm. Contact: (087) 2874106.

Cork Theology Forum: "Mysticism & the Spiritual Quest":

At the Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road, Cork at 9.30am Saturday, 18th April, 2015 with speaker, Dr. Phyllis Zagano. Registration €10. For further details contact: Anne Francis (087) 2282134. Geraldine Gracie (4509574), or John Scanlan (086) 1931437.

Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Rita O'Sullivan**, Magazine Road, Cork who died recently.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Catherine Hennessy**, Wilton Gardens, Cork on the death of her mother, Bridget O'Callaghan, Buttevant.

May they rest in peace.

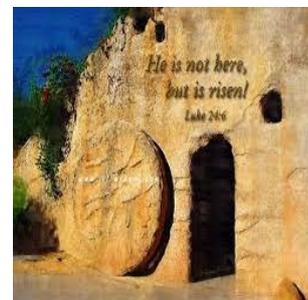


PRAYER FOR EASTER

Lord,
The lilies are blooming in the fields
The hyacinths sway in the breeze
All of nature knows the greatness of this time.

The stone is rolled from the tomb
Death that we once knew
Is gone forever.

May I see in Easter time
The promise of eternal life
In every flowing stream
In every sunlight beam
In every field of green.



Lord
Roll away the stone from broken empty lives
From greed, from hate, from lies
From hearts trapped within the darkest night of nights
For all who live without a life.

Yes,
Christ is truly risen from the dead.

Liam Lawton

Weekend Psalm

Easter 2 - Year B

Patrick Killeen

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Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end
(Or)... Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia.