

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

26th April, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Easter

No: 1253

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
3rd May, 2015

First Reading:
Acts 9: 26-31

Psalm: 21

Second Reading:
1 Jn 3: 18-24

Gospel:
Jn 15: 1-8

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“JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD”

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is attractive and popular. To understand it fully, we need to grasp its context. In the ancient Eastern World, few people would have been unfamiliar with the responsibilities and trials of a shepherd. Many families had at least a few sheep of their own. From the villages, the flock was led out to pasture on the hills and common land, the sheep completely dependent on the shepherd to lead them to good pasture and water. Wild predators roamed free and it was a hazardous task to round up the wandering sheep and keep them in a place of safety through the night.

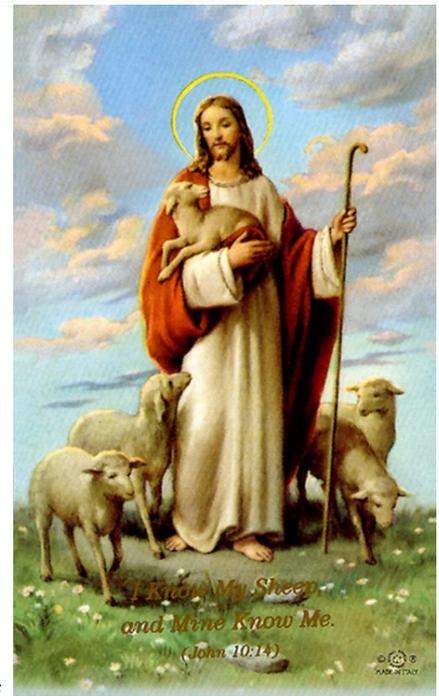
The concept of the Good Shepherd developed in the Old Testament where Israel's corrupt and self-serving leaders are described as “bad shepherds” and the Lord promises to come and care for his sheep himself: **“I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep I will seek the lost and I will bring back the strayed and will bind up the crippled and I will strengthen the weak and the fat and the strong I will watch over”** (Ezek. 34: 15-16).

Jesus loves each human being with great tenderness and compassion. Willingly he laid down his life to save each person from sin and bring them into the Father's fold. Today, we can reflect on what it means that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and thank him for all the ways he cares for us, watching over us with tender concern to keep us safe. **“The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice - I know them and they follow me”**.

When the shepherd of all humanity, the living God himself became a lamb, he stood on the side of the lambs with those who are downtrodden and killed. This is how he reveals himself to be a true shepherd— **“I am the Good Shepherd, I lay down my life for my sheep”**. **“It is not power but love that redeems us”**. (Pope Benedict XVI).

“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want”.

Arthur O'Callaghan.



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NOTICE BOARD

First Friday:

Next Friday, 1st May, 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, 1st May, 2015, after the 9.30am Mass to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will be taken up at all the Masses next weekend, 2nd/3rd May, 2015.

Bishopstown Library Gramophone Circle:

The next meeting will be held at the Bishopstown Library, Wilton on Thursday, 30th April, 2015 at 3.00pm. The presenter is Denis O'Callaghan. Light refreshments provided. Admission free. All welcome.

"Thank You"

A very big "thank you" to all who contributed to the recent Church gate collection for the Cork Association for Autism. Your generous response raised in excess of €535 to support the Association's services and is much appreciated.

Irish Centre Medjugorje:

The Medjugorje Irish Centre pilgrimages on the 6th, 11th and 18th May - 7 nights B&B, flight and transfer for €566. For further details contact: (01) 4434510.

Boccia World Open Championships:

Jenny Garde, a parishioner, has been selected as one of the BC3 Pairs to represent Ireland at the upcoming 2015 Boccia World Open Championships to be held in Poznan, Poland from June 16th to June 22nd. She needs to raise €2,000 for herself and her mother (her Ramp Assistant) for competition costs, kits and other costs in order to go to the event. To help her fundraise she has set up an online fundraiser - the link: <http://www.gofundme.com/po3v1c>. Any donation would be grateful. There is also a Concert taking place on Sunday afternoon May 17th at 2pm in the Curtis Auditorium, School of Music to help raise funds. Tickets available from Pro-Musica and at the door.

The Hope Foundation:

Experience Magical India with The Hope Foundation, it will change a child's future HOPE U CAN PAINT, HOPE WALK HIMALAYAS, YOGA FOR HOPE, OCT/NOV 2015. for more information, please log onto www.hopefoundation.ie or contact Susan at (021) 4292990.

Anam Cara:

Anam Cara Parental and Sibling Bereavement Support Group is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 6th May 2015 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in the Silver Springs Hotel, Tivoli, Cork. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents. For further information please contact the Office at (01) 4045378.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Joan Kenneally**, Parkway Drive, Model Farm Road on the death of her sister, Maura Kearney, Douglas.

May she rest in peace.

AREA MASSES



It's that time of the year again when Area Masses are being organised. During the past few years, Parishioners have been delighted to organise one for their own area. Any area wishing to hold a Mass, please make contact with Fr. Bertie or Fr. Tom as soon as possible.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is recited every morning (Mon. to Sat.) at 9.10am prior to the 9.30am Mass. May, being the month of devotion to Our Lady, we will pray for all those people who are misplaced by war and seeking refuge and asylum. Come and join us in prayer.



SPRING DUES

Our sincere thanks to the many parishioners who have sent in their generous Spring Dues. A word of appreciation to our courteous distributors/collectors who facilitated the good work. If you have not received a dues envelope and would like to contribute, please contact the Parish Office at (021) 4344452 or one of the Priests.

Fr. Bertie and Fr. Tom.

Weekend Psalm

Easter 4 - Year B

Patrick Killeen



The stone which the build-ers re-ject-ed has be-come the com-er stone.