

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

17th May, 2015

The Ascension of the Lord

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## 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

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. For the apostles, it is their final farewell to Jesus as He is slowly taken up to heaven and glorified, having fully accomplished his mission on earth. Christ dwells on earth sacramentally under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Jesus's final request to his apostles was clear cut, **"Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation"**. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, twelve frightened men were transformed into dynamic missionaries.



How successful they and the countless others who followed down the centuries were, is reflected in the fact that today there are 1.8 billion Catholics worldwide. This figure is according to the official Statistical Yearbook of the Church for 2003, the last year for which global figures are available. During Pope John Paul's pontificate of twenty-six years, the number of Catholics increased from 749 million to 1.8 billion – an increase of 44 percent. In the United States, the Catholic population grew from just under 50 million in 1978 to more than 67 million in 2004, a 34 percent increase.

Outlining the challenges for the Church, Cardinal Pell of Australia has declared that the erosion of the faith, particularly in Europe, centres on belief in God and the centrality of Christ. The inroads made by the culture of death, such as abortion and euthanasia, are widespread.

Throughout history, right up to today, Christians have been persecuted and even put to death for their faith. We are blessed to live in a society that does not torture, imprison and execute believers. Nevertheless, as our society becomes increasingly secular, the problem isn't so much persecution as an odd combination of hostility and indifference. It takes courage to stand up for the truth of the Gospel and certainly the recent child abuse scandals do little to stem the flow of ridicule and mockery that is directed towards people of faith.

Pope Francis has said that **"It is not easy to follow Jesus"**.

*Arthur O'Callaghan.*

## God's Word

Readings for **Sunday**  
**24th May, 2015**

First Reading:  
Acts 2: 1-11

Psalms: 103

Second Reading:  
Gal 5: 16-25

Gospel:  
Jn 15: 26-27,

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## NOTICE BOARD

### Parish Pastoral Services Collection:

Fr. Charlie Kiely wishes to sincerely thank you for the collection last weekend for the Pastoral Development Office in the Diocese. We look forward to meeting many of you over the coming year at our events, courses and conferences.

### The Rosary:

The Rosary is recited every morning (Mon. to Sat.) at 9.10am prior to the 9.30am Mass. Why not come and join us in prayer.

### Trocaire:

A big thank you to the people of Ballineaspig Parish for their most generous donation of €5,218.98 to the Trocaire Lenten Campaign.

### Bishopstown Meals on Wheels:

We urgently need both drivers and cooks for the above service. For further information please contact Cathy (021) 4543757 (9am to 11am Mon. to Fri.) or Pat (086) 3183950 (afternoons).

### Cork Theology Forum:

We are planning an Open Forum to tease out questions that are important to you—an opportunity to bring and share a favourite poem or a passage of scripture, a hymn or whatever speaks to you of God or nourishes your spirit. Come and bring food for thought - and something to eat and share as well!. Why not bring a friend along.

*Venue:* Northridge House, St. Luke's Home, Mahon on Wednesday, 27th May, 2015 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Registration: €10.00.

### Parish Library Meeting:

Following discussion with the parish clergy, an exploratory meeting of the parish library groups of the parishes of Curraheen Road, St. Joseph's, Wilton and the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross will take place at the Wilton Library, Wilton Shopping Centre, Cork on Thursday, 21st May next at 6.30pm. Items for discussion will include the need to encourage parishioners to undertake spiritual reading, sharing parish library resources, making suitable books available to children and any other relative business. All welcome.

### Sacred Heart—Pilgrimage to Knock:

An overnight pilgrimage to Knock on May 20th to May, 21st, 2015—price €150 total. For further information contact Jerry (086) 6183332 or Marie (086) 0847523.

### Novena to Our Lady of Knock:

The SMA Novena in honour of Our Lady of Knock will begin on Friday, 15th May to Friday, 22nd May at the African Missions Church, Blackrock Road, Cork and will finish with a pilgrimage to Knock on the 23rd May, 2015. The Novena will be celebrated each evening at 7.30pm (except Sat. 16th May at 7pm). For further information contact SMA Blackrock Road at (021) 4292871 or SMA Wilton at (021) 4541069.

### Cork Association for Autism:

The Cork Association for Autism (CAA) Golf Classic will take place at Mahon Golf Club on Thursday, June 18th. Teams of three cost €150 with a three ball better ball format. All funds raised will go towards the building of the CAA's new Day Service Centre for autistic adults in Mogeely, Co. Cork. To book in a team, phone (021) 4271808.

### Cork Ursuline Past Pupils Union:

Annual Re-Union/AGM at Ursuline Convent Blackrock on Sat. 23rd May, 2015 at 3pm. Afternoon tea will be followed by Mass at 6pm. RSVP to Irene at (021) 4541583.

### A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**ANNUAL ECUMENICAL  
SERVICE  
ON  
WEDNESDAY, 27TH MAY, 2015  
AT  
8.00PM  
AT  
THE CRYPT, DENNEHY'S CROSS CHURCH.  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**



Congratulations to the girls from St. Catherine's School who recently received the **Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion** in our Church. These were joyful and happy occasions for the girls themselves, their families, teachers and priests.

We wish them every blessing for the future.

### **DIOCESAN MISSION IN PERU GOLDEN JUBILEE**



This year we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Diocesan Mission to Peru.

A special concelebrated Mass will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown Road, Cork on Wednesday, 20th May, 2015 at 7.00pm. All priests, parishioners and those associated with the Peru Mission are most welcome to attend. This was a unique and an extraordinary undertaking by the Cork Diocese. Our celebration will be a celebration of thanksgiving for the great work done by all associated with the Mission.

*After the Mass, refreshments will be served at the  
Rochestown Park Hotel.*

### Weekend Psalm

*Ascension - Years A,B,C*

Patrick Killeen

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God goes up with shouts of joy; The Lord goes up with trum-pet blast.