

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

13th September, 2015

Twenty-fourth Sunday Ordinary Time

No: 1263

## 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**  
**20th Sept. 2015**

First Reading:

Is 50: 5-9

Psalms: 114

Second Reading:

Jas 2: 14-18

Gospel:

Mk 8: 27-35

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## MOTHER MARY AIKENHEAD

On March 18th this year, Pope Francis proclaimed Mary Aikenhead, foundress of the Sisters of Charity, Venerable - a significant and important step on the road to Canonisation.

Mary Aikenhead was a truly remarkable woman. Her life spanned the years 1787 to 1858, a crucial period in the history of Ireland. Mary was born on the 19th January, 1787 at Daunts Square in Cork City. Her father, David, was a Doctor, a Protestant of Scottish descent and his wife, Mary Stackpole, was a Catholic. Mary was baptised into the Anglican Communion at St. Anne's, Shandon and soon afterwards, as she was quite frail, it was decided she move to live with a foster nanny and her family at Eason's Hill on the north side of Cork City. Extremely happy, Mary lived with the Rorke family for six years, sitting on daddy John's knee for the Rosary each evening and with her father's permission attended Mass at the nearby North Chapel.

Returning home, Mary was delighted to learn that two girls and a brother had been born during her absence. As she grew older, when allowed, Mary would accompany her father on his rounds. She saw for herself the appalling dreadful conditions of many families, memories that would remain with her. Some years after as he lay seriously ill, her father, of his own accord, requested to see a Priest and was received into the Catholic Church. Six months later, Mary along with her two sisters, Anne and Margaret and her brother St. John, followed their late father's example and became Catholics.

On a visit to Dublin, Mary met Fr. Daniel Murray, an ardent champion of the poor and a future Bishop of Dublin. He explained how he was planning the founding of a Religious Order, who would visit the poor and the sick in their homes. Shortly after, Mary learned to her amazement and dismay that Fr. Murray had chosen her to head the undertaking. In May 1812, Mary left Ireland accompanied by Alicia Walsh to travel to a convent in York, England to begin a three year novitiate.

Returning to Ireland, Fr. Murray requested that they undertake the care of orphans in Dublin. The Governor of Kilmainham Jail asked the Sisters to visit two women convicted of murder, thus began the visitation of Prisons, which continues to this day. In 1826, the Sisters of Charity, which had grown steadily, moved to Cork and began visitation of homes in the north parish. Typhus fever and cholera were raging in slum areas of Ireland and infection was everywhere. Two of the Sisters were stricken with typhus and one, Mary's sister, Anne died. The other recovered in Dublin. In reality several of the Sisters died from infection.

With great vision and courage, Mary embarked on a plan to open a hospital. An empty mansion was for sale on St. Stephen's Green in Dublin - the price was £3,000. Imagine Mary Aikenhead's surprise when a girl, Teresa O'Farrell, who wished to join the Order, handed over £3,000 as a gift from her wealthy family. St. Vincent's hospital opened in 1835 with one ward of twelve beds for women. One year later, it was a sixty bed hospital and so urgent was an extension needed that Daniel O'Connell M.P., a good friend, launched the fundraising. Sadly, due to a serious spinal problem, Mary was to spend the last twenty seven years of her life as an invalid. A prolific writer, she wrote an estimated 1,500 letters seeking contributions for the hospital. She died on the 22nd July, 1858. It was said of her that "Ireland's poor have lost their best friend; no other woman ever did so much for them".

*Arthur O'Callaghan.*



## NOTICE BOARD

### The Crypt Bridge Club:

The Bridge club re-opened on Tuesday, 8th September at 2.00pm. New members always welcome.

### Bishopstown Senior Social Centre:

Re-opened on Monday, 1st September. For further details of classes contact Roger at (086) 3866975.

### Clothes Recycling Drive:

The Parents Association at Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh Girls are holding a Clothes Recycling Drive on Sunday, 13th September. People can drop their bagged donations into Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh Girls from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

### Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh:

You are cordially invited to an Open Evening at the college on Thursday, 17th September from 7.00pm to 9.15pm. From 7.00pm onwards you will be free to take a tour of the school to view its facilities and to meet teachers and pupils. At 8.30pm the Principal, Deputy Principal and 1st Year Head will address the gathering in the School Hall and give a broad outline of the philosophy of the school and its curriculum.

### Novena to St. Therese:

The SMA national Novena in honour of St. Therese will begin on Wednesday, 23rd September, 2015 at the African Mission Church, Blackrock Road, Cork at 7.30pm and will end on the feast of St. Therese on the 1st October, 2015. For further information contact: SMA Blackrock at (021) 4292871.

### "Heart Throbs"

Bishopstown & Ballincollig Cardiac Support Group will hold their next meeting on Monday, 14th Sept., 2015 from 11am to 1pm at the Bishopstown Library. New members always welcome.

**Please note that there will be no distribution of bulletins to the homes for September.**

## ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

AT

**St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Rd.**

On

**Thursday, 17th September**

From

**10.00am to 12.00 noon.**

*Looking forward to welcoming you for a morning "cuppa".*

*Thank you for making time.  
(all proceeds to Marymount)*

## Weekend Psalm

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in ordinary time - Year B*

Patrick Killeen



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

## REST IN PEACE

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families, relatives, neighbours and friends of the following parishioners who died during the summer months.

**William Hennessy**, Wilton Gardens and London  
**Liam Crowley**, France and late of Marina Park  
**Elizabeth O'Donovan**, Roger Casement Park  
**Matthew Brown**, Bishops court Avenue  
**Elizabeth O'Hegarty**, Wilton Avenue  
**Edmond O'Sullivan**, College Road  
**Edward Maume**, College Road  
**Terry Layton**, Bishopstown Avenue  
**Desmond Dunnion**, Wilton Avenue  
**Anne English**, College Road  
**Nicholas Forde**, Rossa Ave., Bishopstown  
**John O'Connell**, Orchard Road  
**Helen O'Donoghue**, Wilton Gardens  
**Donal McKernan**, Woodford, Model Farm Road  
**Mary Ryan**, Laburnum Lawn  
**Eileen O'Keeffe**, Wilton Road.

**Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anamacha dilis.**

## Creation Matters

### Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration and Sharing Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015

#### Please note the date

At the 10.30 Mass on 27<sup>th</sup> September we will celebrate the gifts of Creation.

Also, before and after the 10.30 and 12.15 Masses there will be an outdoor Bring and Buy to raise funds for the feeding programme in our sister parish Turkwel in Kenya.

#### Remember those seeds which were distributed on June 7<sup>th</sup>?

Now is the time to share their harvest. You are invited to **bring** some home grown (by you or your neighbours or friends) or locally grown produce – vegetables, herbs, plants, flowers, fruits, jams, home baked bread, cakes etc, and to **buy** some to bring home.

All the funds raised will go to Turkwel.

*Faith in Action Group*