

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

24th January, 2016

Third Sunday Ordinary Time

No: 1281

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**
31st January, 2016

First Reading:
Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19

Psalms: 70

Second Reading:
1 Cor 12: 31-13:13

Gospel:
Lk 4: 21-30

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Calling all Godparents and Godchildren

I am blessed with three fine godsons, one of whom is also my nephew. Recently I have been examining my conscience about my role as godmother. In the baptism ceremony godparents are asked: "Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?" Of course I answered, "I am," but what have I actually done?

Over the years I have been delighted to be present when they received their First Communion and Confirmation. On their 18th birthday I gave some of them a New Jerusalem Bible. At the wedding of the first godson to be married, to my great joy I was asked to read one of the passages from Scripture. I try, not always often enough, to keep in touch and to remember them at Christmas and on their birthdays. Taken as a whole it does not seem a sufficient answer to the question.

The only thing I do regularly for my godchildren is that I pray for them every Sunday at Mass. At the Prayer of the Faithful when we are invited to remember in our hearts any personal request, it is then I pray for them individually by name. They have been told I do so. Recently my godson's wife has been included. After all, if your son's wife is your daughter-in-law, surely your godson's wife must be your goddaughter-in-law.

At the moment I am pondering the idea of marking the anniversary of their baptism in some way. First of all, the relevant dates will have to be checked: I am ashamed to confess that the dates are not remembered as readily as their birthdays. It is not so easy now that the old custom of baptising babies within a day or two of birth has gone. Then some thought must be given as to an appropriate way to celebrate it. Any ideas would be most gratefully received.

My own godparents were my maternal grandparents. Every year on the anniversary of my baptism, which happily is the lovely feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, I try to remember them specially. The delicate cross and chain they gave me for my First Communion is treasured as a reminder of the rich faith they lived.

If you have lost touch with your godchildren or godparents, 2016 may be the year to make amends. If our godparents or godchildren have died, we can continue to pray for them and look forward to the day when we will all be united in the "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5).

Rosalie Moloney

NOTICE BOARD

Diocesan Needs:

The quarterly collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 23rd/24th January, 2016. This collection supports the administration and centralised activities of the Diocese in the service of the people.

Bishopstown Library Gramophone Circle:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 28th January, 2016 at 3.00pm in the Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre. The presenter will be Sean O'Suilleabhain. Admission is free with light refreshments provided. All welcome.

Sacred Heart Messenger:

Next weekend, 30th/31st January, 2016, a representative from the **Messenger** will be in the parish to promote postal subscriptions to the **Messenger**. It is a very readable magazine, informative, inspiring and well worth getting. A **special offer of €18** for a year's postal subscription will be available with a **free copy** for all attending Mass.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Fair:

At the Clarion Hotel, Lapps Quay, Cork on Saturday 6th February, 2016 from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Guest speakers include Minister Kathleen Lynch TD, Alan Shortt and Grace Mongey (Faces by Grace). Attend free workshops, meet organisations in your area, learn about wellbeing. Register on www.cork2016.eventbrite.ie or just pop in!

1916 Easter Rising:

To mark the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising, the Chaplaincy in University College Cork will be hosting a series of lectures on the subject of "The Catholic Church in Ireland and the revolutionary decade, 1912-1923". The talks, which will be delivered by Gabriel Doherty of the School of History, will take place on Monday 25th Jan. and 1st and 8th February and will be approx. one hour long (starting at 6.00pm) and will take place in the Boole 1 Lecture Theatre. Following each lecture there will be an opportunity to meet and discuss the subject over tea and biscuits in the Chaplaincy.

The Priory Institute:

THEOLOGY MATTERS!! Join our great student community and study theology from home. Application deadline is the 22nd February, 2016. For further information contact (01) 4048124 or e-mail: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com.

Cork Alzheimer's Café:

Next meeting will be held on Friday, 29th January from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Activity Centre, St. Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road, Cork. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome.

Year of Consecrated Life:

The Cork Region Vocations Directors invite you to join with them for Mass to mark the Year of Consecrated Life on Saturday, 30th January, 2016 at the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork at 6.30pm.

Arthritis Ireland:

Weekly walk resuming Tues. 26th Jan at the Lough Cork (meet at the Hawthorn Bar) at 10.30am.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Noelle Murphy**, Bishopstown, who died recently.

May she rest in peace.

Catholic Schools' Week 2016

Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road, has been chosen to host the national launch of Catholic Schools Week which invites schools across the island to give expression to the ethos of Catholic education through a variety of events. It is a celebration which acknowledges the tremendous contribution that our Catholic primary and post-primary schools make, not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church.

The theme for Catholic Schools' Week this year is:

"Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy"

and it complements the Year of Mercy which was launched by Pope Francis in 2015.

The event will run from Monday, 31st January to the 6th February, 2016 and the launch will take place at Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road, Cork.

REMINDER !!! WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The **2016 weekly collection envelopes** for those who have already signed on, and those who wish to do so for 2016, are available for collection from the **Parish Office on weekdays after the 9.30am Mass. Please come** and collect your box as soon as possible. Thank you.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

A big thank you to the **129 Donors** who made a special effort to attend the Clinic at the Barr's Club on Sunday, 17th January last.

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Weekend
Psalm:

Third Sunday in ordinary time - Year C

Patrick Killeen

