

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

28th February, 2016

Third Sunday of Lent

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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

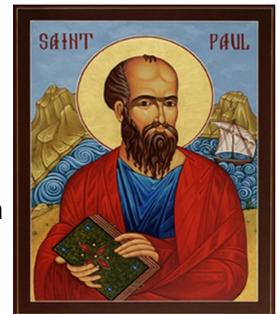
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In the Footsteps of St. Paul

(Part 2: continued from Bulletin 21/2/2016)

The conversion of Paul not only affected the man himself deeply, but it also had the profoundest effect on the Church ever since. He preached in the Synagogues with great passion and with huge success, attracting many new believers to the faith. The Jews conspired to kill him, but Paul became aware of their plan. Day and night they maintained watch at the city gate in order to kill him. However, his disciples took him one night to the high wall which circled the city and lowered him to the ground in a basket (Gal: 1-21).



When Paul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were afraid of him, because they could not believe he was a disciple. Barnabas, however, brought him to the apostles, telling them how Paul had preached in the name of Jesus. Shortly afterwards, Paul began his first missionary journey preaching in Syria and Asia Minor. He would spend ten years doing so (A.D.38-48). The following eight years he established Christian communities around the eastern Mediterranean. Ephesus in Asia Minor was the centre for this third missionary journey. Paul made extensive use of letters to maintain contact with and direct the communities he had established. In his letters, he responds in different ways to situations and communities, but with passion and concern, appreciating conflict, struggle and diversity as a means of clarifying the Christian response.

Paul earned his living by his trade—leather working and tent making. In Corinthians 11: 22-30, Paul speaks of his labours, the risks he has taken, the persecutions he has known. He wants to show others and remind himself that all are called to follow Jesus and carry His cross and all are called to evangelise. "The beatings I received are beyond comparison. How many times have I found myself in danger of death. Five times the Jews sentenced me to thirty-nine lashes, three times I was beaten with a rod, once I was stoned. Three times I was ship-wrecked and once I spent a night and day adrift on the high seas. I have been continually in hazards of travelling because of rivers, because of bandits, because of my fellow Jews or because of the pagans. I have been in danger in the city, in the open country, at sea and in danger from false brothers. I have worked and often laboured without sleep and I have been hungry and thirsty and starving, cold and without shelter".

Finally, on his way to Rome as a prisoner to appear before Caesar, the ship they were travelling on was shipwrecked off Malta. He and Luke would spend three months in Malta with amazing results for the Church. Today, Malta is one of the most Catholic countries in the world. In Rome, Paul would spend two years under house arrest. He was executed in Rome by the Roman authorities. Paul was the greatest missionary in the history of the Church.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
6th March, 2016

First Reading:

Jos 5: 9-12

Psalm: 33

Second Reading:

2 Cor 5: 17-21

Gospel:

Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

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NOTICE BOARD

First Friday:

Next Friday, 4th March, 2016 is the first Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and the housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Next Friday, 4th March, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9.30am Mass to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 3rd March, 2016 at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, 5th and 6th March, 2016.

Jubilee Year of Mercy:

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Holy Father has asked that continuous confession be made available in a Church in the diocese throughout the world on the 4th/5th March, 2016. In this Diocese, the designated Church is St. Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork. Confessions will begin at 10am on Friday the 4th March and continue until 10am on Saturday the 5th March.

Matt Talbot—Novena 2016:

The Matt Talbot Mass and Novena will continue on Friday, 4th March, 2016 at 7.30p-m in Togher Church. The Celebrant and preacher will be Fr. Charlie Davy, S..J. of the Jesuit Community, Galway.

Retreat:

A one day retreat with Fr. Ben Hegarty and Bishopstown Lay Dominicans will be held in Ennismore Retreat Centre, Montenotte on Saturday, 12th March, 2016 from 10am to 5.30pm. For further information contact (021) 4874595.

Lenten Retreat Day:

On Saturday, 12th March from 11am to 4pm in the Sisters of the Bon Secours Convent. Booking essential. Lunch provided. Contact: Anne-Marie (087) 2209994.

Beginning Experience:

Beginning Experience is a specially designed Support Programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process. The next weekend is being held in the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork on Friday 8th April to Sunday, 10th April, 2016. Contact (087) 9886480.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Medugorje Centre:

Our next Mass is on Thurs. 3rd March, 2016 at the chapel in the Bon Secours Hospital, College Road, Cork at 8pm. All welcome—please spread the word.

Reading Club:

The Curraheen Road Church Library Reading Club will hold its next meeting on Thurs. 3rd March at 6.30pm at the Bishopstown Library. All welcome.

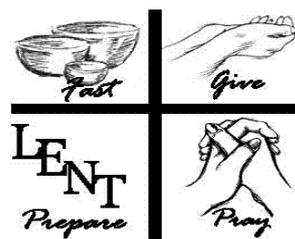
Vigil in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

On Friday, 4th March, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church, Wilton. Main Celebrant: Fr. Des Farren MSC. Mass at 7pm with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm.

LENTEN CORNER

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (5TH STATION)

Although Simon was forced to carry Jesus' cross, we in turn are invited to that generosity of spirit which grows through the services of others. This week let us be Simon for those too weak to help themselves. May we speak words of kindness and listen attentively to those who claim our time.



CREATION MATTERS

*“In response to Laudato Si -
What has environment to do with justice?”*

This, the third in our series of Tuesday night Lenten talks, will be presented by Fr. Sean Healy, Director of Social Justice Ireland. He is a Catholic Priest and a member of the Society of African Missions. For more than 25 years he has researched, and been active, on issues of socio-economic policy in Ireland. Before that he worked for more than 10 years in Africa.



Sean is originally from Cork and has a PhD in Sociology. He was Cork Person of the Year in 2003.

Date and time:

Tuesday, 1st March @ 8.00pm.

Venue: The Crypt.

All Welcome.

Faith in Action Group.

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Weekend
Psalm:

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Patrick Killeen

