

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

6th March, 2016

Fourth 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

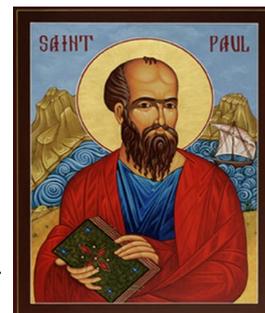
### Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &  
7.30pm

## In the Footsteps of St. Paul

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

The conversion of Paul not only affected 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.

### 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. All welcome.

### Rediscovering Mercy:

Four sessions to explore Mercy in a personal, local, global and prayerful context on Mondays 29th February and Monday 7th & 14th March beginning with coffee at 10.30am and session from 10.45am to 12.15pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane, Cork. Contact Sr. Karen (021)4537601 for further information

### 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. Contribution €25 with lunch and refreshments during the day. 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.

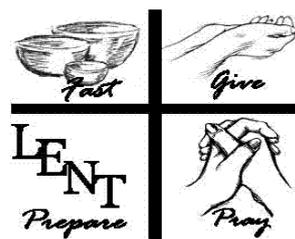
### Make-A-Wish Ireland Annual Wish Day:

Volunteers needed for the annual fundraising day on Friday, 8th April, 2016. If you can commit to a full day or even a few hours selling badges, please visit [www.makeawish.ie](http://www.makeawish.ie) to register online or contact (01) 2052012.

## 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:

*Lent 3 - Year C*

Patrick Killeen

