

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

13th March, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Lent

No: 1288

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 March, 2016

First Reading:

Is 50:4-7

Psalm: 21

Second Reading:

2 Phil 2: 6-11

Gospel:

Lk 22: 14-23:56

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MERCY JUBILEE HOLY DOOR RECONCILIATION

The T.V. pictures of a father washing tear gas from the eyes of his four year old daughter was chilling to see. It happened on the Greek Macedonian border. Desperate Syrian, Iraqi and Afghan fathers had torn a gap in a border fence to give them a way through to enable them to bring their families to a better place, to a new way of life. They wanted a door opened to the opportunity of work, a home, stability, peace, to a share in the world's resources, God's gifts to all his children. It was to be a doorway of hope.

The pictures certainly put the symbol of the Holy Door of this Jubilee Year of Mercy into focus. Jubilee years have a long history and were celebrated only once every fifty years. They were a recognition that our human lives and social interaction can be tarnished by injustice, selfishness, hurt and failures. So, a pause time was needed to appreciate our blessings and to make amends for our failures. Originally, it was a time to let slaves go free, to return borrowed or stolen items to their owners, to allow the excluded back into their social scene and also to give and receive forgiveness. Passing through an open doorway became a symbol of this new beginning.

Followers of Jesus inherited the Jubilee Year tradition, catching on to one aspect especially, God's forgiveness and mercy, given to us individually and in community. To express and experience this mercy, the symbol of an open doorway so grew in popularity that the custom developed of the Pope inaugurating each Jubilee Year by breaking a door through a wall in one of Rome's major Basilicas. This open Holy Door highlighted an unimpeded passage into God's presence, into his unconditional love.

For this Jubilee Year of Mercy, a Church in every diocese has been designated to be a Holy Door Church. In this diocese, St. Francis Church has been chosen. As pilgrimage to holy places has long been a fruitful expression of our shared faith, the parishes of the Sacred Heart, Curraheen, S.M.A. Wilton and Dennehy's Cross will join in pilgrimage on **Sunday, 20th March** to St. Francis Church beginning at the Sacred Heart Church at 4.00pm for a Reconciliation Service and Benediction in St. Francis Church. All welcome. Invite a friend to share in this celebration of God's mercy and love. (More here next weekend).

See over/ ...

Fr. Tom Clancy.

St. Patrick's Day - Thursday 17th March.



Mass times:

Wed. 16th - Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Thurs. 17th - 9.00am, 10.30am (as Gaeilge) and 12.15pm.

Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage

Date: Sunday next March 20th
Time: 4.00pm
Starting: Sacred Heart Church, Western Road.
Destination: St. Francis Church for Reconciliation Service at Holy Door (5.00pm)
Finish: Benediction

NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to the homes:

Bulletins will be distributed to homes in the parish next weekend. Distributors please collect your bulletins which will be available at the usual time on Friday.

Pastoral Council:

Next meeting will be held on Monday 14th March at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre.

Irish Bishops Commission:

The annual collection will be taken up at all Masses **this weekend**, 12th/13th March, 2016.

Matt Talbot—Novena 2016:

The Matt Talbot Mass and Novena will conclude on Friday, 18th March, 2016 at 7.30pm in Togher Church. The Celebrant and preacher will be **Very Rev. William Crean, Bishop of Cloyne**. All welcome.

Heart Throbs:

Bishopstown & Ballincollig Cardiac support Group will hold next meeting on Monday, 14th March from 11am to 1pm at Bishopstown Library. All welcome.

Bishopstown Senior Social Centre:

Some places are currently available on our award winning weekly computer programme. Computers for the Petrified, I pads and Tablets also catered for. Learn at your own pace in a group of only five people. Contact: Michael at (087) 2734887.

Cork Association for Autism:

Cork Tag Rugby will hold a Charity Tag Rugby Blitz on Friday, 25th March to launch their Spring/Summer league at Highfield RFC on the Model Farm Road. The blitz will begin at 6pm, cost €150 to enter and funds raised on the night will go to the Cork Association for Autism. Please come along and support. For further information email: corktagrugby@gmail.com or visit website: www.corkastrorugby.com

IN SYMPATHY

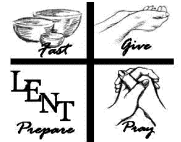
We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives, friends and neighbours of parishioners who died recently.

Maura Kenny, St. Clares Avenue.
Noelle Murphy, Leesdale, Model Farm Road
Micheál O'Súilleabháin, Bishopstown.
Paddy McCarthy, Laburnum Park.

May they rest in peace.

LENTEN CORNER

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(10TH STATION)**



God of every good thing, naked we come into the world and naked we return to you. Help us to rid ourselves of what displeases you. Through your mercy keep us firm in your love and open to the needs of our brothers and sisters. We pray for justice, peace and reconciliation where people are displaced because of conflict and violence.

**Earth Hour 8.30 – 9.30pm
Saturday, 19th March**



Earth Hour is an annual worldwide environmental campaign that brings attention to the effects of climate change by asking people to switch off lights at homes and businesses for an hour at 8.30pm local time on a Saturday in late March.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate **Earth Hour** on Saturday, 19th March from 8.30 to 9.30pm in the Crypt. Electric lights will be switched off and we will have an hour of readings, music, poetry and prayers by candlelight.

Feel free to bring along a reading to share.

Faith in Action Group

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Weekend *Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time - Year B*

Psalm:

S M R M S M R D S L D T D_____

What mar-vels the Lord worked for us! In - deed we were glad._____

Patrick Killeen