

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

2nd October, 2016

Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

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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

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
9th October, 2016

### First Reading:

2 Kg 5:14-17

Psalm: 97

### Second Reading:

2 Tm 2: 8-13

### Gospel:

Lk 17: 11-19

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## MERE SERVANTS



Anecdotally, it is recounted that the Kerry man when asked at Sleah Head for travel directions to Dublin, replied that if he were going, he would not begin from here at all. To tune into this Sunday's Gospel, it is better to begin four verses before the given beginning. The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith because of the intimidating challenge he had put to them. His instruction to forgive the repentant one seven times a day left them bewildered. Their request for more faith was very apposite. Forgiveness and faith are intertwining relationships.

Faith is friendship with God. Sown in a receptive heart, it is nurtured through contact, experience, expression and tenderness. Sometimes damaged by failure, faith is restored and often enriched through genuine forgiveness. Forgiveness is the welcoming acceptance of the offending one back into a vibrant heart. It is a pure gift and can never be earned. To trade it, is to destroy it. It happens only between those who love.

No wonder the disciples were gasping for an increase in such forgiving friendship and challenged by Jesus to protect it by fidelity. Described as mere servants, perhaps, but we are called to be the faithful custodians of a vibrant treasure.

Fr. Tom Clancy.

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## AUTUMN DUES

It is that time of the year again to invite you to contribute your Autumn dues.

If you have not received a Dues envelope by post and would like to contribute, Dues envelopes are now available at all the Church doors or Parish Office.

Contributions can be dropped in to the Parish Office, the Sacristy, either of the Priest's houses or with the Sunday collection.

## NOTICE BOARD

### Quarterly collection for Diocesan Needs:

This collection which supports the administration and centralised activities of the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 8th/9th October, 2016.

### First Friday:

Next Friday, 7th October, is the first Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration will take place after the 9.30am Mass to 7.30pm followed by Mass on next Friday, 7th October, 2016.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

The next meeting will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 6th October, 2016 at 3.00pm. All welcome.

### Parish Council:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 10th October, 2016 at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre.

### Liturgy Group:

Next meeting on Tuesday, 11th October, 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### Faith in Action:

The next meeting of the Faith in Action Group will be held on Tuesday, 4th October, 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. New members most welcome.

### Bishopstown Community Council Meeting:

Bishopstown Community Association will host a Community Council Meeting on Tuesday, 4th October, 2016 at 8.00pm in Wilton park House. are all open for discussion. All interested groups are invited to attend and partake. A good attendance would be appreciated.

### Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration & Sharing:

We had a great turn out for our annual parish Harvest Thanksgiving and Sharing celebration last Sunday. Parishioners gave generously of their produce to the outdoor Bring & Buy, from baby tomatoes to giant marrows, bags of apples, plants, jams and home baking. People bought generously too, donating a total of €1,430 which will be sent to Turkwel parish for their feeding programme. A huge thank you to all!!  
(Faith in Action Group)

## IN SYMPATHY

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

**Bertie O'Hanlon**, late of Model Farm Road  
and  
**Ella O'Leary**, late of Kenley, Model Farm Road.

*May they rest in peace.*

## Holy Land Pilgrimage

This coming week some of our parishioners under the leadership of Fr. Bertie will be travelling to the Pilgrimage.



We wish them a safe journey and may they experience a holy and meaningful pilgrimage.

## SEASON OF CREATION



**God of the universe,**

**we thank you for your many good gifts:**

- **for the beauty of creation and its rich and varied fruits**
- **for clean water and fresh air for food and shelter, animal and plants.**

**Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted. Transform our hearts and minds so that we would learn to care and share, to touch the earth with gentleness and with love, respecting all living things.**

**We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference.**

**Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species.**

**Help us to willingly share our gifts today and always. AMEN.**

## Weekend Psalm:

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in ordinary time - Year C

Patrick Killeen

