

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

13th November, 2016

Thirty third Sunday Ordinary Time

No: 1312

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 November, 2016

First Reading:

2 Sm 5:1-3

Psalm: 121

Second Reading:

2 Col 1: 12-20

Gospel:

Lk 23: 35-43

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OUR PARISH MISSION

A stirring rendition of the hymn "How Great Thou Art" from the Church choir and congregation brought our Parish Mission to a successful conclusion. Organised by St. Patrick's Community, it was for most of those in attendance a new experience to witness lay people as the principal speakers. All three were excellent and spoke with sincerity.



John Pridmore who founded St. Patrick's Community over sixteen years ago, was at one time a notorious gangster in London. He was very involved in the use and supply of drugs for years. Principally due to the prayers of his mother and stepfather over many years, John found God and turned his back on crime forever. On receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, John realised that a merciful and compassionate God had pardoned him all his sins. This had a life transforming affect on his future. His testimony of his former life was truly remarkable to hear. Sometime later he became involved in Church affairs and was asked to visit and speak to pupils in schools in the United Kingdom. By now he was joined by Neil, who became one of his co-workers. In his book he states, "In my time giving talks and leading retreats, I've tried to see my work as that of a sower, scattering seeds of hope and faith along the way".

Following John Pridmore's address, the focus was on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Helped by a group of Priests, the congregation began queuing in large numbers to receive the Sacrament. For many it would be the highlight of the Mission.

On night three, we experienced God's healing in a beautiful and unforgettable ceremony. Each one present, while kneeling at the altar, was individually blessed with the Blessed Sacrament and invited to touch the Priest's garment. This was in memory of the faith of the poor woman in the Gospel story who, suffering from a life threatening condition, believed she would be cured if she could touch Jesus' garment - she was instantly cured and praised by Jesus for her great faith.

"God's Gift of Mary" focused very much on the importance of prayer in our lives. A sincere devotion to Mary will help, protect and guide us on life's journey. When we pray the "Hail Mary" we touch on two important times in our lives - "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us **now** and at the hour of our **death**, Amen".

"The Mass of the Holy Spirit" was a fitting climax to our Mission. Mass is considered the most powerful prayer of the Catholic Church. Many thanks to the many people who helped promote the Mission and a special word of gratitude to Fr. Bertie who worked so hard to make it a success.

Arthur O'Callaghan.

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CHURCH MINISTRIES: Word & Eucharist.

Would you like to become a Minister of the Word or Minister of the Eucharist here in our Parish Church?
If so, kindly give your name and contact number to the Sacristy or Parish Office.

NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to the homes:

Bulletins will be distributed to homes in the parish next weekend. Distributors can collect them on Friday.

Rotas:

Rotas for the Ministers of the Eucharist and Altar Ladies are now available at the Altar rails or in the Sacristy. Please collect your rota for 2016/2017.

Cork Marriage Counselling Centre:

The annual collection for CMCC will take place next weekend, 19th/20th November, 2016. The CMCC provides a range of services including Pre-Marriage courses, parenting teenagers, parents in marital breakdown, marriage in early years. The annual collection helps to fund these services.

Pastoral Council:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 14th November, 2016 at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre.

Advent Preparation:

With Dr. Anne Francis and Fr. Christy Fitzgerald at 8.00pm in the Marian Hall, Ballinhassig, Co., Cork on Tuesday, 22nd November (The Season of Advent) and Tuesday, 29th November (Advent Prayer & Reflection). Book your place on (021) 4885104.

Cork Penny Dinners:

Christmas Wellness and Craft Fair in aid of Cork Penny dinners at the Gresham Metropole Hotel, McCurtain Street, Cork on Sunday, 20th November, 2016 from 12 noon to 6.00pm. On the day you can pamper yourself with different kinds of treatments. Admission €5. All proceeds on the day go to Cork Penny Dinners.

Heart Throbs:

Bishopstown & Ballincollig Cardiac Support group next meeting on Monday, 14th November, 2016 in the Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre from 11am to 1pm. New members always welcome.

Opus Dei—Centre for Women in Cork:

Opus Dei opens its first centre for women in Cork. You are invited to a presentation to learn about this exciting new development on Sunday 13th November, 2016 at 3.00pm in "Auburn", 56, Wilton Road, Cork. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. For further information contact Noelle Sheehan (087)9718068.

REST IN PEACE

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

**Eleanor Coughlan, Kenley Circle
Margaret Keane, Wilton Road.**

May they rest in peace.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: !!!

COMMUNICATING WITH OUR GOD OF LOVE:

Four short practical sessions to deepen and strengthen prayer:

Facilitator: Fr. Declan Mansfield.

Where? Scout Den, Ballinora (behind Church)

When? Wednesday nights at 8pm, November 23rd, November 30th, December 7th & December 14th.

1. Me & God (Prayer as Relationship)
2. Letting God Speak to Me (Prayer with favourite Scripture texts).
3. Me speaking to God (Asking, bringing needs and intentions, being real)
4. Letting God be God (Prayer of Praise, silence, Thanksgiving, Adoration).

All welcome.

**TUNE INTO CORK'S 103 FM
ON
THIS SUNDAY,
13th NOVEMBER, 2016 at
7.00pm
WHY?**



Our own Fr. Bertie will be chatting with John Green on the history of our Church, Descent of the Holy Spirit. John will also be talking to John Pridmore, who spoke at our recent Mission, on his life as a gangster and how he found God.

TUNE IN !!!! TUNE IN !!!!

Weekend Psalm: *Thirty-Third Sunday in ordinary time - Year C*

Patrick Killeen

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The Lord comes to rule the peo - ple with fair - ness.