

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

5th February, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 1323

## 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  
12th February, 2017

### First Reading:

Eccles 15: 15-20

Psalm: 118

### Second Reading:

1 Cor 2:6-10

### Gospel:

Mt 5: 17-37

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## THE SALT OF THE EARTH

Jesus preached the greatest wisdom filled messages the world has ever heard. He spoke of people, events and things of earth to teach about divine truths. His favourite teaching technique was to use parables. They are short fictional stories that illustrate a spiritual lesson.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men". The Apostles are preachers of heavenly matters and sowers of eternity, planting seeds of immortality on all on which their word has been sprinkled and perfected.

"You are the light of the world, a city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden" (Mt. 5: 13-16). Saint Jerome proclaims "Jesus is teaching about courage in preaching. He wants to keep the apostles from hiding out of fear, like lamps placed under a basket". Jesus continues: "Your light must shine in the sight of men, so that seeing your good works they may give praise to your Father in heaven".



In today's world, followers of Jesus in countries around the globe are suffering greatly because of their faith. More Christians have died at the hands of Isis terrorists and others than in past centuries. Catholic Churches have been totally destroyed and burned, desecrating the consecrated Body of Christ. One convent courtyard recently liberated by Iraqi Christian soldiers, was used by Isis as an execution arena where many Catholics were killed.

These poor people are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray with Pope Francis "that persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

"Be not afraid".

*Arthur O'Callaghan.*

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# NOTICE BOARD

## Faith in Action:

The next meeting of the Faith in Action group will be held on Tuesday, 7th February, 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. New members would be most welcome.

## Pastoral Council:

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday, 13th February, 2017 at 8.15pm.

## Liturgy Group:

Next meeting will take place in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 14th February, 2017 at 7.30pm.

## Lourdes Invalid Fund:

The annual collection for same will take place at all Masses next weekend, 11th/12th February, 2017.

## Cork C.I.T.

C.I.T.'s Students Union cordially invites local residents to attend a Charity Coffee Morning in aid of Cork City Hospitals Children's club on Monday, 6th February, 2017 at 11.00am in the C.I.T. Hospitality and Tourism Dining Hall. The event is a part of C.I.T.'s Annual Raise & Give Campaign. We would be delighted to see you and hope you can join us.

## Bishopstown Community School:

Now taking final enrolments on courses including painting, ballroom, choir, Spanish, sign language, pilates, yoga and more. If interested please contact us on (021) 4869310 or (087) 1719801.

## The Alzheimer Society of Ireland:

Next Carer's Support Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 8th February, 2017 from 3.00pm to 4.30pm at the Bessboro Day Care Centre, Bessboro, Blackrock, Cork. All are welcome. For further details contact: (021) 4972504.

## The Saturday Club:

Next meeting on Saturday, 11th February, 2017 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the Bessboro Day Care Centre. There will be light refreshments provided and free admission. All welcome. Contact: (021) 4972504.

## BIBLE CORNER

It is the message that matters

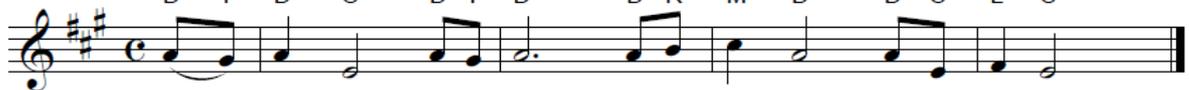
The handwritten letter is fast becoming endangered. Electronic transmission is replacing the postal service for the young and not so young. How St. Paul would have revelled in i-phones, e-mails, texts, twitter, facebook and google searching. How delivery has changed since Paul went out on to the quays searching for a reliable traveller going to Corinth, Ephesus or Thessalonika, who could be trusted with a letter for an infant Christian community that

## WEEKEND PSALM:

*Fifth Sunday in ordinary time - Year A*

Patrick Killeen

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The good man is a light in the dark-ness for the up-right.