

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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CALLING ALL OUR CONFIRMATION CHILDREN

All the Children of our Parish of the Holy Spirit who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are specially invited to the 10.30 Mass on next Sunday 21st May. Please bring a Baptismal Candle.

As a parish, we are proud of them. We want to thank God for them. The majority attend school outside the Parish. Invitations have been sent to the children from St. Catherine's, St. Joseph's Glasheen Boys' and Girls', and to Gaelscoil Uí Riada. Those who attend other schools, or who attend Mass here are invited to come.

After the Gospel, they will be invited on to the Altar to light their Baptismal Candles, renew their promises and sing the Veni Creator. They will also participate in readings and prayers.

Let's make this Mass a joyful celebration of our belief in the Holy Spirit!

LET'S DIG DEEP FOR TURKWEL!



Suppose that, instead of belonging to Holy Spirit Parish, Dennehy's Cross, you live in Turkwel parish, northern Kenya, what is life like for you?

You live in semi-desert, where there is no rain for 9 months of the year; the earth is scorched. You try to provide for your family probably by herding goats, or, if you could get access to water, by growing corn or sweet potato. You live in fear of raiding parties from across the Sudanese border. With recurrent and prolonged drought, water and food supply is very uncertain. You and your children are chronically malnourished and often ill – with malaria, typhoid, TB, AIDS... Your children find it difficult to learn, even with access to education. Your parish priest is Fr. Ollie Noonan, a Corkonian, assisted by his curate, Fr. Edward Muge, a Nigerian, both SMA Fathers.

As a relatively well-off parish in Ireland, we can share some of what we have with the people of Turkwel parish, as part of our ongoing "Faith in Action" activities, and to celebrate the 150 years of the SMA Order. There will be a Special Church Door Collection on the weekend of the 27/28th May which will go directly and entirely to the Turkwel Irrigation Scheme Association: a local cooperative of 300 farmers, in which Fr. Ollie is fully involved. Our target (their need) is €8,035, which, together with the work contributed by the farmers themselves, will enable a system of wells and irrigation channels to be built, providing clean water for home use as well as for farming. For them water means life.

So make a note: 27/28th May – and come prepared to share!

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Magazine Road recently said farewell to one of its oldest residents, **Tim Bowdren**. Tim was the father of a large family, and spent his life in the building trade. He was greatly affected by the death of his wife, Anne, in November 2002. Until recently, he enjoyed reasonable health, and continued to drive. He passed away in St. Finbarr's Hospital a few weeks after suffering a stroke. We extend our sympathies as a parish community to his sons, Pat, Hugh, Frank, Tadhg, John, Barry, Gerard and Kieran, his daughters Marion, Christine and Janet, his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family. *Suaimhneas síoraí dá anam.*

Girlie Holly, Shanakiel, Wilton Road, died peacefully at home on Wednesday 26th April. Girlie, nee O'Donovan, was born and reared at Sheare's Villa, School Avenue, Glasheen Road, and met her husband Joe through membership of the choir at St. Joseph's Church, Wilton.. They married in 1945 and the couple lived at the Holly family home on Wilton Road all of their married life. So for the ninety plus years of her life, Girlie lived within the bounds of this parish. Fr. Jerry Hickey, OSA, a family friend was chief celebrant of her Requiem Mass. He was assisted by Frs. Tom Clancy, Pat Stevenson, Cormac Breathnach S.M.A, and Michael Leahy, O.S.A. Girlie is survived by her husband Joe, daughters Mary O'Leary, Anne, Margaret and Michele O'Dwyer, eight grandchildren and five great-grandsons. May she rest in peace.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Eilis Skelton**, Convent Lane, on the death of her father, Ben Traynor.

To **Cathal McCarthy**, Convent Lane, on the death of his brother, Fr. Jerry McCarthy, Dublin.

HELP OUR NEIGHBOURS CELEBRATE!

We are invited to join the national SMA 150 Year Jubilee Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, 27th May. A coach will depart Wilton Shopping Centre at 6.15 a.m. and return there at 11.00 p.m. The cost including coach, morning tea/coffee and evening meal is €40.00. Please book immediately, with the full fare, at the SMA Centre, Wilton.

Thank You

A special note of thanks to the Principal, Mount Mercy College, to Vivienne, to 1st and 2nd year students, and to the parents who organised the coffee morning – for all your help in fundraising for the Froebel/Kenya Education Development Programme. I really appreciate the support.

- Ciara McNally

Congratulations

Last Friday, 5th May, parishioners Christopher Garde, Orchard Road, and Sean Harrington Wilton Gardens, representing Glasheen Boys National School, won the Cork Regional Knex Final. They go on to represent Cork now in the National Finals in Dublin on 20th June.

God's Word: Readings for Sunday 21st May

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10; Gospel: John 15:9-17

Bible Corner



A TURNCOAT CONVERT

In Irish politics there has always been a time of distrust about the activist who switches parties. There is an implication that it must be for self gain. Real conversion is rarely seen to be a possibility. When Saul, later called Paul, switched from hounding the early Christians and having them imprisoned, to preaching boldly that Jesus was indeed risen from the dead, it was inevitable that he would run into stiff opposition. In fact, it was the Hellenists – the early Christians who had not been traditional Jews – who tried to silence him by killing him. It was an extreme solution.

Saul was lucky in his friends. One of them, Barnabas, an able and respected disciple, had Saul spirited away to Tarsus until things cooled down. In fact, he set Paul up to do his great work for the church overseas later. This weekend's first reading tells the story more fully.

- Fr. Tom Clancy

Notices

Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

Padre Pio Pilgrimage to Holy Cross Abbey

The Annual Pilgrimage to Holy Cross Abbey, Thurles, will take place on Sunday 28th May. Tickets €10 available from Jackie, tel. 4541144 (after 6.00 p.m.)

Make-A-Wish Coffee Morning

At the Rendezvous on Wednesday 17th May from 10.30 to 12 noon organised by 4th year students from Mount Mercy College. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

The annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Friday, 9th June at 7.30 p.m. At this Mass new members will be enrolled, and any pioneers of 25 or 50 years who would like to have silver or gold pins presented to them, please contact Judith Coffey at 4345281 or Liam O'Driscoll at 4544682 before 24th May, as pins have to be ordered. Silver Pin or Brooch and Certificate €25; Gold Pin or Brooch (silver gilded) and Certificate €28; Gold Pin or Brooch (9ct. gold) and Certificate €116.

Gospel Living

Voluntary Work

Voluntary workers must surely be the unsung heroes and heroines in our community. In this materialistic age it is reassuring to know that there are people who are prepared to give their time and effort in helping others – without pay. In our own area there are many opportunities for such service – St. Vincent de Paul, Meals-on-Wheels, the Lions Club, to name just a few. These would always welcome new members. Some of our Meals-on-Wheels workers have been heard to say that they are starting to get older than the recipients of the meals!

Whether heading off to the Third World as a volunteer, or the equally important job of keeping an eye on someone who lives down the road, there is an opportunity for each one of us to "love our neighbour" in some way.