

NOTICE BOARD

Celebrate Advent!

REMEMBER LENT, 1986 ? Remember the Sunday Evening Prayer and benediction we celebrated each Sunday evening this Lent ?

We hope you can come to a Prayer Service on the same pattern, which will be held on the Sundays of Advent. We begin today at 5.00 (Ending 5.30) Make it your Advent resolution!

Christian Family Movement

THE C.F.M. hold a Cake-sale in the Crypt this weekend. Christmas cards in aid of Clogheen Parish funds will also be on sale, priced £1 for 5.

Justice in Central America

TO COMMEMORATE the sixth anniversary of the martyrdom of four U.S. Missionaries in El Salvador, there will be a Public Meeting at the Metropole next Thursday at 8.00 P.M.

Night Out

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS Dinner for Senior Citizens is on Sunday 14th December in the GAA Club at 6 P.M. For further info, please ring 46167.

Bons Fund

THE BONS Christmas Fair is on today, 30th November from 11.30 to 6.00 P.M. Everything from Christmas Puddings to cosmetics will be on offer.

Bishopstown Council Meeting

The B.C.A. meet this Tuesday night at 8 in Wilton Park House.

To Whom It May Concern...

A DISCUSSION on Drink and Drugs abuse will be held in Bishopstn. Community School this Sunday night at 7.30 P.M. sharp.

Admission is free.

Monthly Meeting

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG Priests' Soc. meet this Thursday in the C.P. Centre at 8.00 P.M.

Next Sunday's Readings

IF YOU ARE interested in preparing next Sunday's readings beforehand, you can find out the Bible References by asking at the C.P. Centre.

You will also find Bibles and Missals on sale there - an ideal Christmas gift!

► Bibles that are falling apart are usually read by people that aren't. ◀

At Your Service

AT EACH DOOR to the Church, you have probably already observed the newly erected Notice Boards. We hope to keep these free for 'short-term' notices i.e. to announce events soon to take place.

The older, 'glassed-in' noticeboards will be reserved for news of Parish and Diocesan Services available to you. We trust you will find this helpful.

If you have a notice for display on either Notice-board, please hand it in to the Christian Pursuit Centre.

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NO. 57

Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross.

SUNDAY MASSES:

7.30 (SAT.), 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 & 12.15.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

9.00 A.M., 10.00 A.M. & 7.30 P.M.

PASTORAL TEAM:

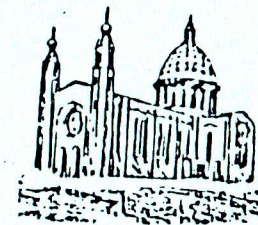
CANON DENIS O'CONNOR P.P. (Tel. 42972)

FATHER TADIG Ó MATHÚNA S.C. (Tel. 41572)

FATHER BERNARD COTTER C.C. - Bulletin Editor (Tel. 41814)

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URGENT CALLS: RING 362906 ANYTIME.



First Sunday of Advent

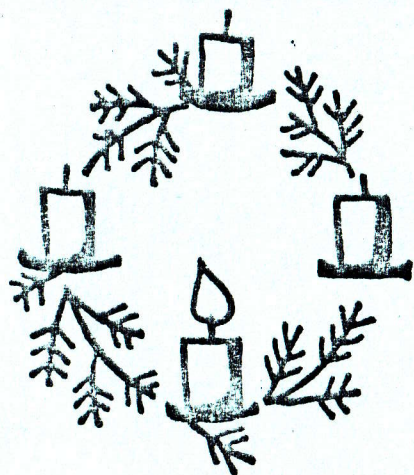


TODAY we start a new year, in the Church's liturgy. DURING it, the whole of Christ's life and teaching will pass before us. WE'VE made the journey before, but, even so, we must try to embark on it as if for the very first time.

ADVENT gives us a chance to make a fresh start. ADVENT urges us to 'wake up', to turn away from the darkness of evil, and to walk in the light of Christ. An opportunity - for YOU, today!

All notices to the Editor before Thursday, please!

THINGS TO DO FOR ADVENT



THE ADVENT WREATH

To make an Advent wreath, all you need to do is:- cut out a circle of cardboard about 8" in diameter, make a 2" hole in the centre and cover with silver cooking-foil. Attach plenty evergreens - palm, holly, ivy, through the cardboard with wire. Add colour with a few purple bows, and with four large blobs of Blu-Tac or Plasticine, stick four candles to the cardboard, placed equal distances apart.

Having the wreath as a centre-piece table decoration, and lighting a candle at Sunday Dinnertime, when the whole family is present, would seem to be the best way to use it. Everyone gets a turn, and says a prayer as the candle is lit - Eg. "Come, Lord Jesus, be our Light."

THE ADVENT CALENDAR

Available in many shops, this is a way of counting the days to the Day of the birth of Jesus. The mass-produced calendars often link Christmas with getting rather than with giving.

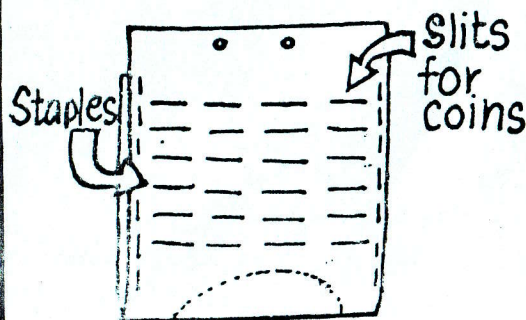
It's easy to make your own (see below). In this Advent calendar, each day has a slit, down which a coin can be dropped. After Christmas, the money can be given to a charity.

Front:

1	8	15	22
2	9	16	23
3	10	17	24
4	11	18	25
5	12	19	26
6	13	20	27
7	14	21	28

Come Lord Jesus Come

Back:



Christmas is Coming!

ONE OF THE first signs of the approach of Christmas is the lovely Advent wreath in our Church. I'm sure you'll agree that it's a fine piece of work.

Great credit is due to the Altar Society, for decorating it so tastefully. And to Father Tadhg Ó Mathúna too, for it was he who put it together in 1984. Another St. Joseph, surely!

Did You Know?

THE ADVENT WREATH is rich in symbolism:- THE CIRCLE is a symbol of time without end. Like the circle, our God has no beginning or end. EVERGREENS stand for eternal life. God is always fresh and new; his love for us never fades. We're born to live with Him.

The FOUR CANDLES represent the thousands of years during which humankind awaited a Redeemer. VIOLET candles and ribbons are a sign of longing expectation. The ROSE CANDLE symbolizes hope.

On each Sunday of Advent, one extra candle will be lit, until at midnight Mass the white Christmas candle is lit.

Your Last Chance

SISTER FRANCES reports a slow response to the Parish Talent Competition. So the Closing Date is extended to Wednesday. Extra Forms at the C.P. Centre.

Seven days without prayer makes one weak.

Allen E. Bartlett

Ballineaspig News

Settling In

THE WARMEST OF WELCOMES is extended to the Sisters of the Infant Jesus, who are busy setting up home at St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road.

The 'Drishane Sisters' have four representatives in our midst at the moment, Sisters Helen, John, Eileen and Brendan. Between them, they have spent 224 years in religious life!

They have served the Lord in places as far away as Japan, Singapore, Malaysia and Australia. Now they are looking forward to being a praying community in our Parish. We are delighted to have them with us!

Note These Names...

HERE ARE A FEW more areas of our Parish, with the 'Contact People' who look after them:-

Bishopstown Road

North Side:

Mrs. Nora O'Sullivan 45750

Merlyn Lawn

Miss Maura O'Kane (1-10) 42774

Mrs. Hancie Gilleece (11-20) 42144

Bishopscourt Lawn

(South) Mrs. Norma Casey 341527

(North) Mrs. Anne Riordan 41971

Bishopscourt Hill

Mrs. Maura Geary 42167

Bishopscourt Avenue

Mrs. Patricia O'Sullivan 41209

Bishopscourt Road

(1-12) Mrs. Joan Horgan 41089

(13-24) Mrs. Monica Shinnick 44822

Wilton Avenue

(West) Mrs. Camella O'Keeffe 41250

(East) Mrs. Catherine McCarthy 42916