



**\*\* CHRISTMAS WEEK \*\***

**YOUR DIARY OF EVENTS**  
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SUNDAY 21st Dec... ● Fourth Sunday of Advent.  
Sunday Masses as usual.

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EVENING PRAYER - 5.00 P.M.  
Prayers and hymns, ending with  
Benediction, at 5.30 P.M.

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MONDAY 22nd Dec... ● Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent  
Morning Masses at 9.00 and 10.00

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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE - 7.30 P.M.  
Readings/Prayers/Examination of  
Conscience/Several Priests for  
Confession. (Instead of Evening Mass)

TUESDAY 23rd Dec... ● Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent  
Masses at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 P.M.

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CONFESSIONS 12.00 - 1.00, 7.00 - 9.00.

WEDNESDAY 24th.... ● Christmas Eve  
Morning Masses at 9.00 and 10.00



CONFESSIONS:  
11.00 - 1.00, 3.00 - 5.00, 7.00 - 9.00

NO 7.30 VIGIL MASS.

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CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS  
Preceded by the singing of  
Christmas Carols, beginning 11.30 PM.  
At 12.00 Midnight, the Crib will be  
blessed, and the Christmas candle lit.  
Mass will then be concelebrated by  
the priests of the Parish.  
Music by the SENIOR CHOIR.



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THURSDAY 25th.... ● CHRISTMAS DAY  
Dawn Mass - 8.00 A.M.  
9.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 12.15

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# BALLINEASPAIG No. 60 PARISH BULLETIN

*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:

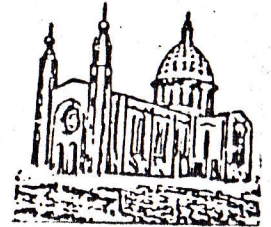
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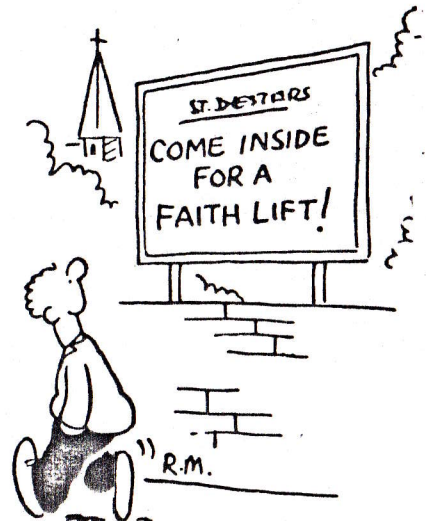
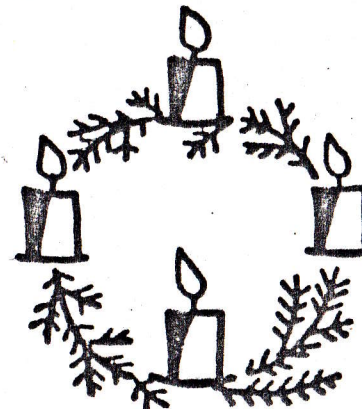
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URGENT CALLS: RING 362906 ANYTIME.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent





## OUR PASTOR WRITES

My dear people  
of Ballineaspai,

Christmas time is here again. Another year has passed. Like each year, it brought its changes.

One change was the welcome arrival of the Drishane Sisters in our Parish. I know that they celebrate their special feast on Christmas Day. I hope that their first Christmas at St. Joseph's will be a happy one.

Another development the year has brought was the setting up of a network of Contact People in every road and park in the Parish. Their names have been published in the Bulletin. I hope that in the New Year they will be helpful contacts for the elderly, and others, in their areas.

1986 has also brought us a new Sacristan; I am glad to welcome Mr. Pat Organ to our team. He is happy - and indeed we all are - that Mr. Waldron has kindly agreed to remain on in a part-time capacity.

The New Year approaching us will bring changes, too. In January the priests of the Parish will be undertaking an intensive Renewal Course, and will be absent for nearly two weeks. Priests from neighbouring parishes will look after the parish in our absence.

And in March our old friends the Redemptorists will be returning to conduct a Parish Mission from the 1st to the 15th. Please God, we will all be closer to the Lord and to each other because of the Mission.

We - the Priests, and Pastoral Sisters - are sincerely grateful for your continued support, and the welcome you extend to us when we visit your homes.

On behalf of the Parish team, I wish you every blessing, joy, and peace for Christmas.

*Denis O'Connor P.P.*

## A Reflection

### CHRISTMAS PRAYER FROM KOREA

Give us hope  
to look forward to a happy tomorrow.  
Give us courage  
to face the hardships without losing hope.  
Give us faith  
so that the joy of receiving Christ will lead us to serve others.  
Give us appreciation  
for the gifts we have received that we might use them responsibly  
daring to give  
friendship, service, and love.  
Give us Christmas  
throughout the year.

## Ballineaspai News

### At Home With God Forever

LIAM O'NEILL, of "Dunloy", Farranlea Road, died suddenly at his home on Wednesday last. A keen sportsman, his funeral was attended by many representatives of the soccer world in Cork. Deep sympathy was extended to his wife, Rita, and to his family. May he rest in peace. DENIS MURPHY, of 4 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, died after a long illness at the Regional Hospital on Friday morning. A young man, he leaves a wife and young family. We hope and pray that God will comfort them in their sorrow this Christmas.

### Buy Irish

A NOTE RECEIVED from the Mount Mercy "Young Ireland" Group encourages us all to buy Irish this Christmas. They point out that if every family spent just £1 more on Irish goods, it would create 2,000 jobs. The girls ask "Are we being educated for export?". Good question.

### Pin It Up!

YOU WILL FIND a handy timetable of the week's events at the back of this week's Bulletin. Be sure to keep it for reference during this week.

You will notice that we have a Penance Service on Monday night. I saw a very apt quotation recently - my invitation to you... "If you don't have any sins, bring a friend who does!!!" (Copyright Fr. O'Mathuna!)

### Network of Contact People

HERE IS THE FINAL LIST of those who will be responsible for pastoral care in their areas: Leesdale

7-25 Mr. Dan Higgins

Mrs. Sheila Higgins

26-50 Mrs. Margaret Foley

Mrs. Peggy Trindle

51-75 Mrs. Angela O'Mahony

Mrs. Phil Corcoran

76-100 Mr. John Browne 341578

Mrs. Kathleen Browne

101-125 Mrs. Marianne O'Sullivan

Mrs. Nancy Clarke

126-140 Mrs. Patsy Teahan

Mrs. Carol Murray 46825.

### A Warm 'Thank You'

MEMBERS OF THE local St. Vincent dePaul Conference were overwhelmed with your response to the Christmas collection. They collected £1661 at the Church of the Holy Spirit, and £245 at the Poor Clares. They consider this a great feat in these difficult times. And on behalf of those the money will help, they thank you warmly.

### An Invitation

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND people are invited to receive Holy Communion on Christmas morning. Any of our Ministers of the Eucharist would be glad to be of service in this way. To arrange, contact a priest or sister, or your local Eucharistic Minister.

### Christmas Collection

AS USUAL, the Christmas Day collection goes to the Priests of the Parish.

### TO ALL READERS OF THE BULLETIN:



### FROM THE EDITOR.

Don't miss next Sunday's special Christmas Bulletin, with plenty fun and prizes for everyone!

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