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## THE INGREDIENTS OF CHRISTMAS



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ENEROSITY

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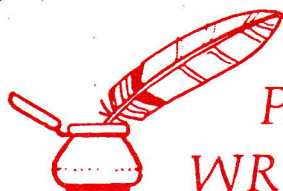
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## OUR PASTOR WRITES....

My dear Friends,

We all suffer the  
slings and arrows of pain and  
sorrow from time to time. Somehow  
Christmas brings new hope - it has  
done so ever since the birth of  
the Infant at Bethlehem. He wants  
to bring us his love and his peace  
this Christmas.

We, the pastoral  
team of Ballineaspig Parish, wish  
you every blessing at this time.  
We appreciate your loyalty and  
generosity. We welcome especially  
our own people who have emigrated.  
You are continually in our prayers.

May the peace of  
Christ ever dwell in your homes;  
may the angels of God protect you,  
and may the Holy Family of Nazareth  
be your model and inspiration.

Very sincerely,

*Denis O'Donnor P.P.*

## \*MEDIA COMMENT\*

ANGELIC! That was how the Media  
described the look on the face of  
An Taoiseach when he made his his-  
toric speech in Dáil Eireann before  
the Christmas recess.

The Chamber was packed. Sensing  
that this was no ordinary Dáil  
session, there was an air of ex-  
pectancy among the deputies. With  
none of the usual panache associated  
with the man, An Taoiseach began  
to speak.

HE EXPLAINED that recently he had  
had more time than usual to think.  
Away from the cut and thrust of  
the political scene, he experienced  
a calm where reflection was possible.

HE HAD a Dream, reported the Media.  
In this dream the one and a quarter  
million of our people living in  
serious poverty were no longer  
statistics. They took on forms;  
worried fathers, anxious mothers,  
cold and hungry children.

Where have we gone wrong, he  
thought. Have we been so pre-  
occupied with fiscal rectitude and  
with encouraging the entrepreneur  
that we have condemned these, our  
people, to grinding poverty?

THE VOICE of ISAIAH thundered in  
his dream, we read. "THIS IS THE  
WAY, FOLLOW IT". An Taoiseach went  
on to explain how his Government  
would, in future cherish all citi-  
zens equally, the underprivileged  
and the successful.

AN EXTRAORDINARY thing happened  
next. The leaders of the three  
Opposition parties, as if on cue,  
rose and gravely crossed the floor  
of the House. The Media reports  
spoke of tears running down their  
cheeks as they embraced one another  
while the Chamber filled with the  
strains of "Silent Night, Holy  
Night".

IT DIDN'T happen, of course. Could  
it ever happen? It might. But  
only if it happens in our own  
hearts first, in yours and in mine.



# Christmas

# bible Quiz



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

"The people that walked  
in darkness has seen a  
great light; on those  
who live in a land of  
deep shadow a light has  
shone."

Isaiah 9:1



The land of Judaea into which  
Jesus was born lay on the edges  
of the far-flung Roman Empire  
ruled over by Caesar Augustus.  
The burden of that rule was  
felt by the Jewish people in the  
taxes they had to pay. -Saint  
Matthew was a tax collector.  
The Jews learned Greek as well  
as their native Hebrew and many  
of them lived outside the home-  
land closer to Greece and Rome  
than to Judaea.

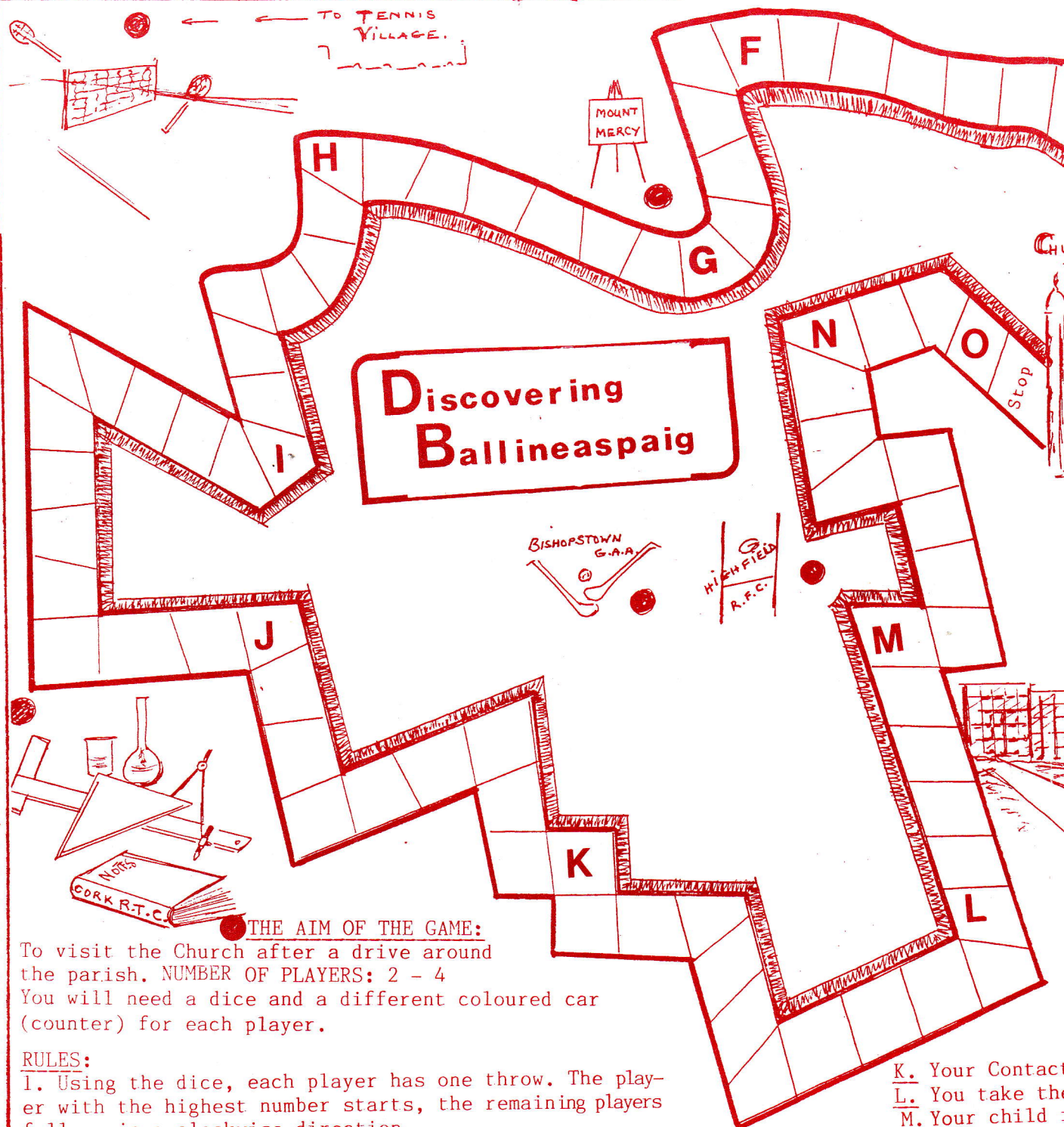
The gospels of Saint Matthew  
and Saint Luke provide, between  
them, all the familiar details  
of the Christmas Story. Saint  
Matthew presents Jesus as the  
long-awaited Messiah of the  
Prophets, the fulfilment of the  
God's covenant with the people  
of Israel. Saint Luke presents  
Him both as the Saviour of  
Israel and more universally, as  
the Saviour of all Humanity;  
writing as he was, for the early  
Christian Gentiles.

With the help of the Bible and some  
recent editions of the parish bull-  
etin, this should be no problem for  
diligent Scripture sleuths! After  
solving the clues, take the first  
letter of each answer and unscramble  
them to discover a seasonal date  
of great importance. \* \* \* \* \*

1. Samson killed a thousand men  
with the jawbone of which animal?
2. This lady was exceptionally  
loyal to her mother-in-law who  
came from Bethlehem. (A book  
of the Bible bears her name.)
3. A ritual sign of kingship.
4. The Lord God of Israel.
5. Look at a tin of golden syrup  
for the last word of a riddle  
from the book of Judges.
6. What was St. Peter's other name?
7. Who was Jacob's father?
8. St. Paul wrote a letter to this  
man whom he had appointed to  
guide the Christians in Crete.
9. "Am I my brother's keeper?" asked  
which jealous man?
10. An Egyptian maidservant was the  
mother of Abraham's son, Ishmael.  
Who was she?
11. Struggle to find a connection  
between the Apocalypse and novel-  
ist Leon Uris.
12. Name the apostle who replaced  
Judas.







**THE AIM OF THE GAME:**

To visit the Church after a drive around the parish. **NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** 2 - 4

You will need a dice and a different coloured car (counter) for each player.

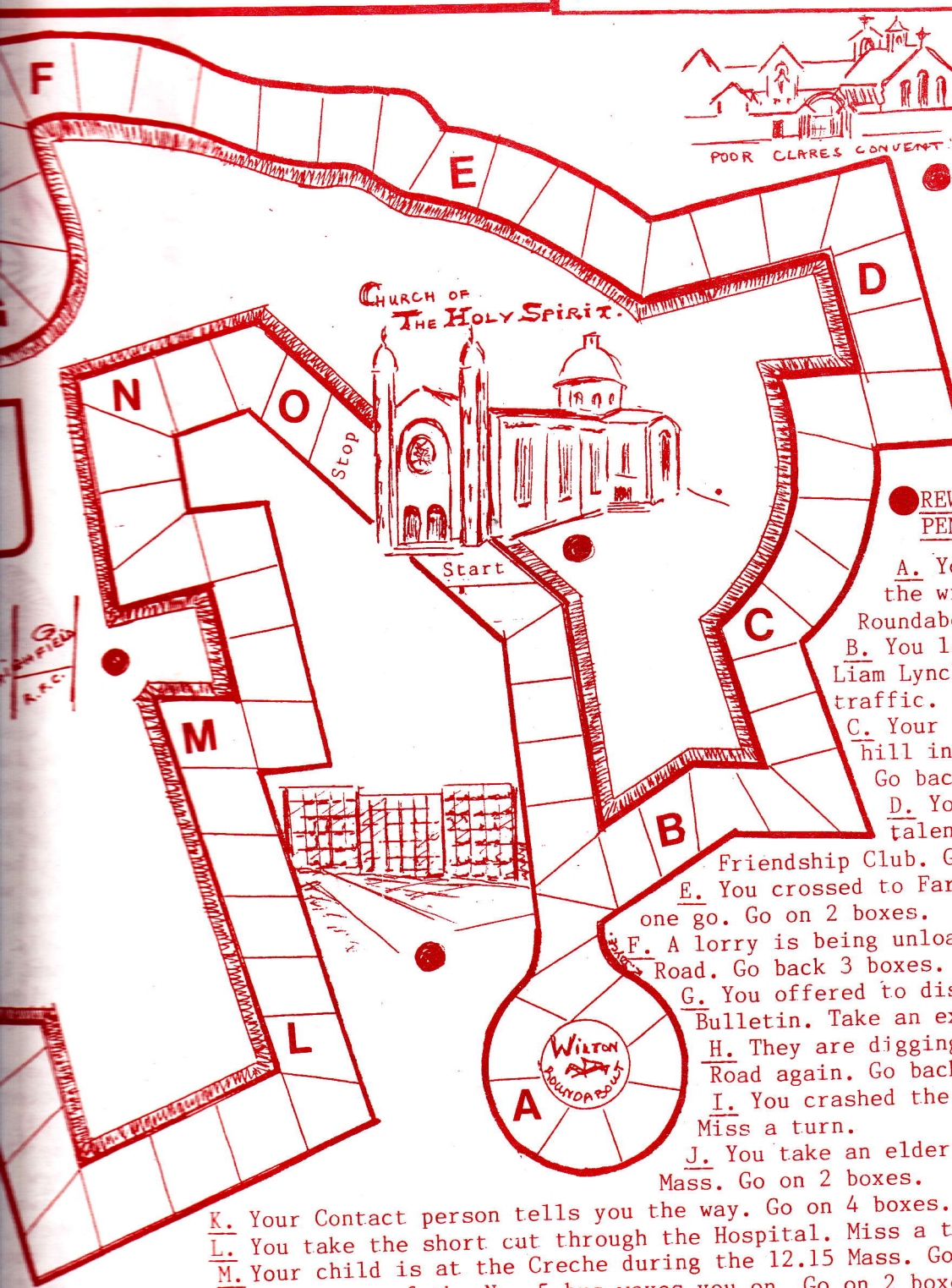
**RULES:**

1. Using the dice, each player has one throw. The player with the highest number starts, the remaining players follow, in a clockwise direction.
2. If a player's car (counter) stops on a lettered box, the player must follow the instruction given in the Rewards and Penalties list, on the opposite page.

- K. Your Contact
- L. You take the
- M. Your child
- N. The driver of
- O. There is a

(Based on an old





WELCOME  
TO OUR  
BOARDGAME!

Your instructions:

FIRST,  
read the AIM  
of the game,  
and the RULES,  
at the  
bottom  
left-hand  
corner.  
THEN,  
read on  
below...

REWARDS and  
PENALTIES:

- A. You have taken the wrong exit at the Roundabout. Miss a turn.
- B. You let a car from Liam Lynch Park into the traffic. Go on 4 boxes.
- C. Your car stalls on the hill in School Avenue. Go back 2 boxes.
- D. You offered your talents to the Friendship Club. Go on 3 boxes.
- E. You crossed to Farranlea Road in one go. Go on 2 boxes.
- F. A lorry is being unloaded in Farranlea Road. Go back 3 boxes.
- G. You offered to distribute the Bulletin. Take an extra throw.
- H. They are digging up Model Farm Road again. Go back 2 boxes.
- I. You crashed the lights at Kenley. Miss a turn.
- J. You take an elderly neighbour to Mass. Go on 2 boxes.
- K. Your Contact person tells you the way. Go on 4 boxes.
- L. You take the short cut through the Hospital. Miss a turn.
- M. Your child is at the Creche during the 12.15 Mass. Go on 3 boxes.
- N. The driver of the No. 5 bus waves you on. Go on 2 boxes.
- O. There is a traffic jam at Dennehy's Cross. Miss a turn.

(Based on an idea of Rosalie Moloney. Graphics by Mrs. K. Joyce)





In Searchword puzzles you are given a list of words which can all be found in the grid. The words read forward, backward, up, down and diagonally, always in a straight line. Cross through each word as you find it and then cross it out on the list. Some words in the grid overlap, so the letters may be used more than once. You won't need to use all the letters in the grid.

R	A	F	B	C	D	E	L	T	T	A	C
F	O	H	K	L	J	E	L	U	M	N	D
X	O	C	P	Q	A	R	S	T	U	V	E
D	W	A	K	X	C	E	S	R	O	H	E
O	Y	M	Z	B	K	G	A	T	B	C	R
N	D	E	F	G	A	H	J	S	A	K	L
K	M	L	N	Z	L	D	O	H	P	O	Q
E	R	A	E	B	R	S	G	E	X	T	G
Y	U	L	F	L	O	W	V	E	W	Y	Z
A	L	B	C	S	D	E	N	P	R	F	G
E	H	J	K	L	S	N	O	I	L	N	O
P	Q	R	S	D	R	A	P	O	E	L	X

Ass	Deer	Goats	Lion	Sheep
Bear	Donkey	Horse	Mule	Wolf
Camel	Fox	Jackal	Oxen	Cattle
Gazelle	Leopard	Rock Badger		

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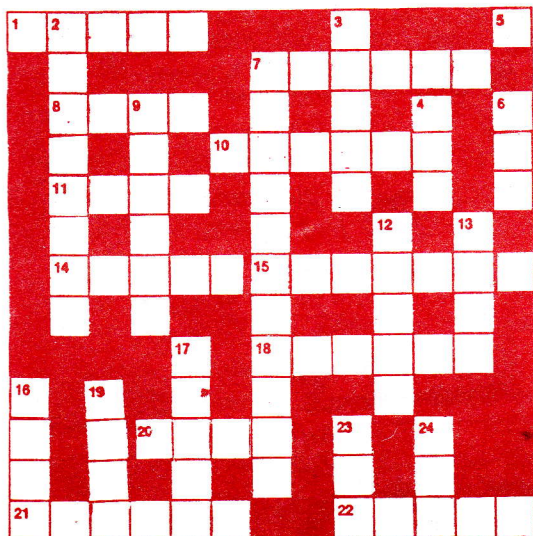


## Procession to the crib on Christmas Eve



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*YOU WILL find your copy of the Parish Directory extremely useful for this Christmas's Crossword. The Editor hopes you enjoy it!*



## ACROSS

1. Our link with Mayfield, provided by the Irish wolfhound (5)
7. Not the magician from Camelot, but the patron of a south western pasture (6)
8. An dath ar chlúdach an "Directory", ar dtúis (4)
10. It's FREE OF CHARGE every Sunday (6)
11. Explain 'Síol' to a non-Gaeilgeoir (4)
14. Your very own Contact on Bishops court Hill (5)
15. If you're one, the place to go is to the Altar Gates (7)
18. What Parish Team members seem to do often (6)
20. The name that links 3 convents with the man from the west (4)
21. The Kellys, Rooneys, O'Sheas, and Flemings are your Distributors here (6)
22. She's a link with the previous Group, a teaching nun, and a poverty-stricken patron (5)

## DOWN

2. The IDA invaded IIRS's home and re-named it after itself (8)
3. It's amazing - and it sounds sweet! (5)
4. Where our parish boundary is quite fluid! (3)
5. The Business Park has one more letter than the Road (1)
6. ANCO grows, literally! (3)
7. The abbess put her name at the end of the list (5,6)
9. High-flying name for a local computer firm (6)
12. Familiar name of Pastoral Council Secretary (5)
13. 45% of our Ministers of the Eucharist are \_\_\_\_\_ (4)
16. Our 3 parish patriots have one each (4)
17. A 'confined' part of 20 Across, so near (5)
19. We have a Peruvian one, and 7 Across has one, too!
23. Leave the trivialities of living outside of here, initially (3)
24. She's off, though fondly remembered (3)



*Shalom*

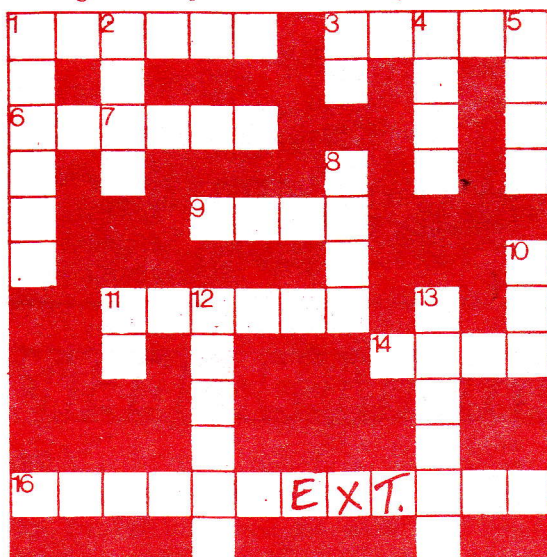




ALL THE ANSWERS ARE  
1) Numbers, not words  
2) In your Directory!

### ACROSS

1. Two parish team members share the same number (6)
3. Opening date of Church (2,1,2)
6. For urgent calls, ring ...(6)
9. The next Pastoral Council Election will be in ...(4)
11. A number to call for much more than Athletics (6)
14. Parish Map - Permit No. ...(4)
16. Your Public Health Nurse is just a phonecall away (6, 3)



### DOWN

1. "I'd like to teach the world to sing" (6)
2. A Pastoral Council quorum (2)
3. Number in Altar Society (2)
4. Time of Community School Mass on a July morning (3)
5. The earliest time one can leave the RTC by bus (4)
7. Total number who have served on current Pastoral Council (2)
8. Year C.P. Centre was opened (4)
10. The Mass that's dropped in July and August (3)
11. Briefly, the year the Church Site was blessed.
12. The Editorial number to ring to complain about this quiz (6)
13. Anyone for tennis? (6)

PLEASE return entries to any of the competitions to the C.P. Centre by Sunday next, 1st January, 1989.

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### Christmas Messages



May  
the warm,  
guiding star  
drive from your  
life every shadow;  
may the glad song of  
angels find an echo in  
your heart; may the spirit  
of worship in the hearts of  
the wise men, and the simple  
faith of the shepherds be yours  
as, once more, you celebrate the  
birth-  
day of  
the King



#### Some Christmas Reminders

May the Christmas GIFTS remind you of God's greatest gift, His only begotten Son.

May the Christmas CANDLES remind you of Him who is the "Light of the world".

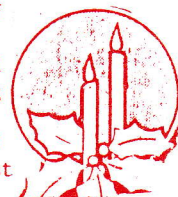
May the Christmas TREES remind you of another tree upon which He died for you.

May the Christmas CHEER remind you of Him who said "Be of good cheer"

May the Christmas BELL remind you of the glorious proclamation of His birth.

May the Christmas CAROLS remind you of the song the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest".

May the Christmas SEASON remind you in every way of Jesus Christ our King.



#### Daily Bible Readings for the Christmas Season

DECEMBER 24th: The message of cheer. Isaiah 40: 1-11.

DECEMBER 25th: The message of peace. Hosea 14: 1-9.

DECEMBER 26th: The message of redemption. Revelation 5: 1-14.

DECEMBER 27th: The Word and the world. John 1: 1-14.

DECEMBER 28th: The first Christmas service. Luke 2: 8-17.