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OUR SENIOR CHOIR (accompanied by soloist Miriam O'Callaghan) is launching a tape of Liturgical Music. The launch will be held in the Crypt on December 3rd at 3 p.m. in the presence of His Lordship Bishop Buckley.

Two Christmas Carols, 'O Holy Night' and 'Away in a Manger' will be included in the selection. The tape will be available for sale from Monday 4th in the C.P. Centre, Veritas and Pro-Musica, or from any choir member, at £5.99.



Front Row, L to R: Sheila Cahill, Kay Sheehan, Edith Lyall, Pat Killeen, B.Mus (Director), Gerrie O'Carroll, Claire O'Flynn, Mary O'Shea.

Second Row, L to R: Anne Murphy, Mary McDonagh, Geraldine Crowley, Phil Madden, Kitty Killeen.

Third Row, L to R: Betty Nicholson, Margaret Murphy, Angela Killeen, Lena O'Mahony, Ann Burke, Virginia O'Donoghue, Sue Curtin.

Back Row, L to R: Jim O'Brien, Harry Logan, Noel Casey, Phil Ryan, George A. Healy, Louie O'Halloran, Liam Killeen, Donal McCarthy, Brendan Linehan, John Noonan.

(Photo by: George A. Healy)



# ADVENT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Can you see one sign of God in the world?	4 Say a prayer for peace	5 Think of the poorest person you know	6 Say a prayer for the people in the Third World	7 Think about how rich you are	8 Say a prayer for those in prison	9 Think about the greatest freedom you have
10 What made you happy today?	11 Think about what makes you unhappy	12 Say a prayer for those who are hungry	13 Do something to make life easier for someone	14 Say a prayer for someone disabled	15 Think of something good in today's world	16 Make an Act of Faith
17 Make someone happy	18 Think of your own authority. Do you use it fairly?	19 Can you give something for the starving?	20 Greet all those you meet happily	21 Say a prayer for your children or for your parents	22 Visit a friend	23 Share something you like

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS.  
BE HAPPY.

You might like to cut out these suggestions for Advent

## IN SYMPATHY

Sincere Sympathy to - Mrs. Mary Barry, Wilton Road, on the death of her father in Ballinlough; also to Sr. Clare McCarthy of Mount Mercy, on the death of her mother, from Dunmanway.



### Nite Out!

THOSE FRIENDLY people of Woodleigh Park have been living it up again! This year they hired a bus and had a very pleasant night out in the Blarney Park Hotel. They had food, drink and music, and sang all the way home in the bus.

**\*MEDIA COMMENT\***

MERRY CHRISTMAS is the December slogan in the media. Eat, drink, be merry and buy all the best presents is the cry. Up to a point, there is nothing wrong with having a merry Christmas, with eating well, enjoying a drink, giving and receiving well-chosen presents.

But, in a world of want, are we not reneging on our Christian commitment? Are we not looking the other way?

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THE 'THRESHOLD' report carried out by U.C.C. should certainly prick our consciences. Voluntary social worker Paddy O'Brien says greedy landlords should be exposed in the matter of primitive, sub-standard housing, carrying enormous rents.

Lest the rest of us become too smug he also says "It is a poor reflection on society". It is indeed.

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ON BEHALF OF those suffering in Ethiopia and the Sudan, most if not all of the Aid agencies have combined to appeal for funds. It is so easy to feel helpless in the face of such calamities. It is also too easy to be slightly irritated by these constant appeals.

It is a staggering fact that, in Ethiopia, a population equivalent to that of Ireland will have nothing to eat from next March or April until the following harvest if we don't help.

How can we not help?

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LEST MY editor chastise me for being too depressing I shall end with a challenge!

Would someone care to donate the newly published facsimile edition of the famous Book of Kells? It would look well in our Parish Library and costs a mere IR£12,500.00.

**THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**

THIS SOLEMNITY recalls the preparation for the Saviour's coming at its origins and also the happy beginning of the Church in its beauty without spot or wrinkle. We celebrate Mary who from the first moment of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne was "by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin."



QUESTION: Should the Vatican sell its treasures?

ANSWER: It would probably be a good idea if the Vatican were to dispose of its treasures and use the money to further the cause of peace and justice in the world.

But before we become smug, perhaps we should put our own houses in order.

As Christians, we are obliged to give away that second coat, share with the hungry and the homeless.

As long as we make excuses for the second car, the second home, the holidays in the sun, while millions remain homeless and starving, then we are not in a strong position to advise the Vatican on how to dispose of its surplus.



# ANNOUNCING

## READERS

Ministers of the Word  
REMINDER OF MEETING this Monday  
4th in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.  
Please bring your Missals.

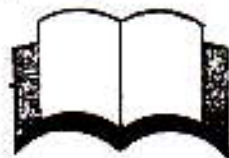
Advent Masses  
WEEKDAY MASSES during Advent  
will be as usual: 9, 10 and  
7.30 p.m.

### Prayer Service

A Holy Time  
YOU ARE INVITED to Sunday Evening  
Prayer at 5 p.m. in the Church -  
our parish effort for Advent.

Holyday of Obligation  
FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER is the Feast  
of the Immaculate Conception, a  
Holyday of Obligation. Masses  
at 7.30 p.m. Thursday, and on  
Friday at 9, 10, 11, 12.15 and  
7.30 p.m.

Pray for Peace  
A ROSARY Candle-Light Walk for  
peace will take place on 8th  
December. Please assemble at  
Dun Mhuire, Grand Parade.  
Procession starts at 8.30 p.m.  
and ends with Benediction in  
Sts. Peter and Paul's Church.  
Bring your own lantern, lamp  
or night-light.



Library News  
OVER 80 NEW BOOKS have been added  
to our Parish Library, including  
many in the Children's section.  
Why not drop in and see for  
yourself. Opening hours are:  
Monday to Friday 10.30 - 11.30.  
Wednesday and Saturday after  
7.30 p.m. Mass, and every  
Sunday morning after 10 and  
11 Masses.

Mass & Blessing of the Sick  
A SPECIAL MASS for the sick, house-  
bound, handicapped and elderly will  
take place on Saturday December 9th  
at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt. Contact  
people please arrange for transport  
if needed.

Bishopstorn Community Association  
MONTHLY COUNCIL meeting will be  
held on Tuesday next 5th December  
at 8 p.m. in Wilton Park House.



## Recital

A Great Night Out  
A CHRISTMAS RECITAL will be held  
at St. Patrick's (heated!) Church,  
Upton on Sunday 10th December at  
8 p.m. Tickets £4.

The proceeds go towards building  
a holiday home at Garrettstown for  
the inhabitants at Upton who are  
being cared for by the Rosminian  
Fathers.

Items will include Alice Taylor  
(poetry), Ceolteoiri Muskerry,  
Brendan Power (tenor), an organist,  
a seanchaoi, etc., after which tea  
will be served.

For tickets phone Marie  
O'Donovan, Bishopscourt (545358)  
or Annette O'Mullane, Lee Travel,  
(277111).

A Reply  
FR. BERNARD, our Editor, received  
two anonymous correspondences in  
the past week. His procedure for  
all letters is the same:

- 1) He checks they are signed.
- 2) If signed, he reads and replies.
- 3) If unsigned, he tears them up  
and throws them away, unread!

And that's a procedure he recomm-  
ends to anyone who receives  
similar letters!