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BALLINEASPAIG BULLETIN

4th Sunday in Advent



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENRYN'S CROSS, CORK



ADVENT

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

The annual concert of Christmas music, readings and carols takes place this Sunday evening December 18th at 8 p.m. in our Church. The programme will include a candlelight procession, congregational carols for young and old, and 100 Choroesters who will sing Vivaldi, Handel and carols old and modern. Make it a night for all the family and get the real message and spirit of Christmas.



TAPES

Church Choir Music

Did you know that our Church Choir (Cór an Spioraid Naoimh) made two recordings of choral work over the past few years? One is of Christmas favourites, and the other is a selection of other Church Music.

The final few copies are available at the C.P. Centre. £5 each or the two tapes for £8. Great value!



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

If I had been there on the first Christmas Night, would I have had the faith of the shepherds? Would I have been willing to bow down in humility before the poverty of the stable and the vulnerability and helplessness of the Child in the manger? Every Christmas I ask myself that question. I will never know the answer, but I have often thanked God that I was never put to the test. It's easy to sing "Away in the Manger" and be starry eyed before the beauty of the Crib, when I have never had to face the scandal of the stark reality of it.

This year is slightly different. We all, priests, religious and people, have had to face very public weakness, suffering, scandal, culpability and sin within our Church, our country and in the world as a whole. We all feel the deep pain, the anger and the misery of what we have seen and heard. As I see it, we have two choices. We can decide to walk no more with him. Jn. 6:6 (i.e., give up going to Mass, the sacraments, prayer - the lot). Many of those who followed Jesus took that choice, even in his own lifetime. The other choice, we can answer with Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go. You have the word of Eternal Life?" Jn. 6:69.

Emmanuel means, God with us, in the stark poverty and vulnerability of the Crib, in the frailty of our own humanity. in

the weakness of our church and of our world. God with us and "it is God himself who called you to share the life of his Son." I. Cor. 1:9. Some serious thought and prayer alone, before the Crib, is called for from all of us this Christmas.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to ST. THECLA, St. Columba's Convent, on the death of her sister.



THOSE FALLING LEAVES.....
Do you suppose that all these poets who write so romantically about the beauty of the falling leaves have ever had to take a brush and sweep them up?

FOOTNOTE

Relax! There's no law which says you must clean all your windows, wash all your curtains, and polish the silver the week before Christmas.

Announcements



St. Anne's Adoption Society

Acknowledge with thanks £763.10 the amount received at the recent collection. This compares favourably with the collection last year which amounted to £659.00.

Out of Work ?

Workers are required to join a Community Employment Programme in the following areas:

Caretakers, Crèche Workers, Coaching young people in sports, Stage and Drama, Librarians, Horticulture and Research. Further information from Recruitment Officer, Northside Community Enterprises, Sunbeam Industrial Park, Millfield, Mallow Road, tel. 307282/303664.

Foroige Youth Club

Are holding a bazaar in aid of COPE Foundation on Sunday 18th December after 10.30 and 12.15 Masses in the Crypt.

NEW YEAR MARRIAGE PLANS?

The January issue of the Fold will have a special extended feature on planning your marriage, premarriage courses, etc. PLUS a profile of Bishop Roy Warke.

ALL THIS AND MORE FOR
JUST 60P.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

The A.G.M. was held recently at the clubhouse. We need workers at all levels to help promote our games. Our Ladies Committee need new members. If you are interested in helping provide healthy recreation for the youth of our area, while promoting our national games, contact the Club. Tel. 545616 after 6.30 p.m.

Please Note

Noirin Hairdressing will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after Christmas.

Could It Be Yours ?

Sum of money found in Laburnum on the weekend of Sunday 4th December. Please apply to Sacristy.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

We wish all our supporters a happy and peaceful Christmas. We will see you again (D.V.) on Wednesday January 18th in the Crypt.

Planning Marriage!

The January issue of the Fold magazine has an extensive guide to marriage planning. Premarriage courses, the 'papers', the ceremony, and more. PLUS many other articles.

*The FOLD is just 60p
Don't go home without it!*

SPECIAL READING FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Read about people's fears, stories, hopes and reflections about Christmas in the special Christmas issue of THE FOLD magazine.

The New Year issue will have a helpful guide to marriage preparation.



CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

MASSES

Saturday 24th (Christmas Eve)
9.00 and 10.00 a.m.
No Vigil Mass at 6.15 p.m.
Midnight Mass at 12.00

Christmas Day
8.00, 9.00, 10.30, 12.15

Mon 26th/Tues 27th/Wed 28th
10.00 and 12 noon
No Evening Mass

Thursday and following days
as normal.

CONFESSIONS

Monday 19th
Penitential Service 7.30 p.m.
Visiting Priests
(No 7.30 p.m. Mass)

Thursday 22nd
After 7.30 p.m. Mass

Friday 23rd
12 - 1; 4 - 5; before
and after 7.30 p.m. Mass

Saturday 24th
11 - 1; 3 - 5; 7 - 9.

Christmas Dues

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The Parish Team would like to thank most sincerely all those who have returned the Dues envelopes, and a special word of thanks to those who distributed and collected them.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Please collect your new rotas at the altar rails this weekend.

Tuesday Coffee Morning

No coffee morning on 20th 27th December and January 3rd. Resumes on 10th January.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will commence visitation at Kenley after Christmas.

Sunday Collection Envelopes

Boxes with envelopes will be delivered to the homes in the coming days.

POOR CLARE MONASTERY CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve:
No Benediction
Mass at midnight

Christmas Day
Mass at 8 and 10 am
Benediction 1.15 pm

St. Stephen's Day
Mass at 8 and 10 am
Benediction 5.30 pm

Priests' Emergency

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