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Christmas Day



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENNISHY'S CROSS, COEH



Courtesy of the Poor Clares

*A Christmas
Message from
The Dean*

My dear friends,

Fr. James Good has been a life-long friend from our student days. For many years he worked in the Turkana Desert of Kenya. His Christmas greetings this year took the form of a parable. I would like to share his thoughts with you: "I was once a rich man - the owner of a beautiful garden. One summer's day four sisters asked me if they might pray in my garden. Certainly I replied. Later that evening they came and thanked me for the courtesy extended to them. Well I said, did you find God in my garden?"

The first said: Yes, indeed. I found Him in the beauty of the roses, the scent of the flowers, in the songs of the birds. The second said she found God in the Scriptures which the beauty of the garden brought into focus for her.

The third said she found God in the depths of her heart which the quiet and stillness of the garden made real for her. All three were so happy - but the fourth seemed rather sad.

Well, Sister, I said, you don't seem too happy with your afternoon.

Quite honestly, she replied, I am more troubled than happy. While I admired the beauty of your garden, and all the

good things you enjoy, I couldn't but think of all those who live in miserable conditions of cold, squalor and hunger. I wanted to feed the hungry people, to comfort the lonely, to hold the hand of the dying.

I went to bed a troubled man. Next day, I sold my lovely garden, and gave the money to that sister to make other happy. Curiously enough, it made me happy too."

Have a lovely Christmas,

Jesus O'Connor P.P.

Message from the Editor

As you read this message, Christmas will be in full swing, presents being opened, dinner being prepared, crackers pulled. Has Christmas got out of hand and have we lost sight of what started it all? Take a little time out from the festivities to think about what Christmas means to you now, and what you would like it to mean in the future - Keep that in mind in 1996, and see what a difference it can make!

From everyone involved in the Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin, I want to extend a Happy & Holy Christmas to all our parishioners and our returned emigrants. May God bless us all, and make 1996 a successful year for everyone.

Colm Lincan

MERRY CHRISTMAS



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A Time of Celebration - Yet

As I write these words in Advent, a time of waiting and anticipation, I look forward to Christmas, a time of celebration. Yet, Christmas too is a time for looking back, a time for nostalgia, hopefully a season for happy memories.

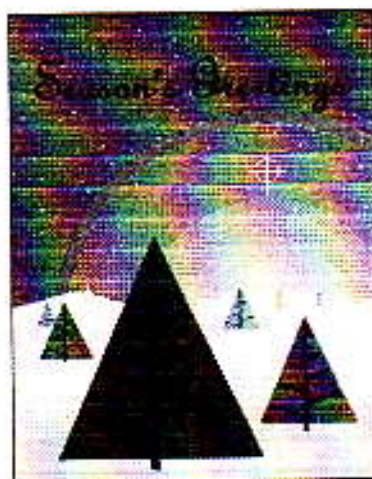
But for some it is a time of sadness when wounds are still raw, when so much healing still needs to be done.

It can be a time for loneliness, even an occasion for discord and strife. And this makes for so much sadness.

We have seen how the efforts of so many people on our island have been crowned with the prospect of a second successive peaceful Christmas in Northern Ireland.

May the same spirit of peace be with all who read 'Luke'. I wish you peace in your hearts, peace in your homes and communities, peace even in nursing home or hospital. May you be helped to share this peace with all whom you meet.

And may you enter 1996 unfettered with the baggage of 1995. A very Happy Christmas to you all.



Christmas Notices

Holiday Mass Times

From Tuesday 26th of December to Friday 29th of December, daily masses will be at 9.00a.m. and 12.00 noon only. There will be no evening masses.

New Year's Day

Masses will be at 9.00a.m. and 12.00 noon only.

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday Jan. 6th

Vigil Mass on Friday 5th at 7.30p.m.

Masses on Saturday at 9.00, 10.00, 12.15 and 6.15p.m.

Family Mass

with Youth Participation

When : Saturday 6th January 1996

Where : Crypt of Dennehy's Cross Church

Time : 7.15 p.m.



1. What is the nationality of dance band *Scooter*, who played recently in Cork?

2. What English football team are known as *The Magpies*?

3. Who was the leading actress in recent film *Clueless*?

4. What Irish writer won the 1995 Nobel Prize for Literature?

5. Who is the Irish Minister for Finance?

6. What is the capital of Australia?

7. Who recently switched on Belfast's Christmas lights?

8. Who currently have a single called *One Sweet Day* in the charts (both artists)?

9. Who won the 1995 Charity Shield in Wembley this year?

10. How many actors have played *James Bond 007*?

11. When will the next leap-year occur?

12. What member of the *Take That* band left the group earlier this year?

13. Against whom did Paul McGrath set a new record of Republic of Ireland caps recently?

14. How many member states are there in the E.U?

15. What was the name of the Nigerian environmental activist who was executed recently?

Entries, please, to the C.P. Centre by Monday 8th January.

Name _____

Address _____



COLOUR THE PICTURE



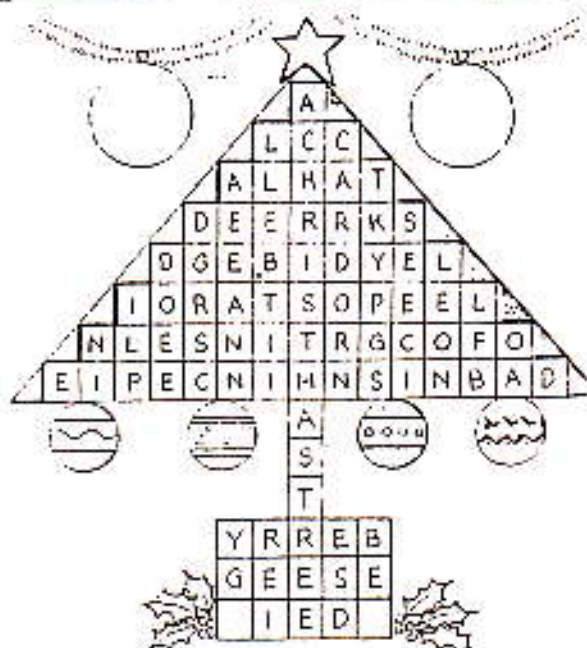
Fill in the answers to the clues in the numbered lines below. Then unscramble the first letter of each answer to form a new word.

1. You can slip on this.
2. What you hang up at the chimney. * *
3. Midnight _____
4. Santa Claus had eight of them.
5. The reindeer pull this.
6. The postmen bring these around Christmas.
7. Decorated at Christmas.
8. "Glory to God in the _____" ❄️
9. The season before Christmas.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

A CHRISTMAS TREE

Can you find the 21 words associated with Christmas (listed below) which are hidden in the Christmas tree? After you have found them all there will be three letters left over, which are appropriate to the puzzle.



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|---------|-----------|--------|
| Aladdin | Deer | Noel |
| Angel | Dolls | Peel |
| Bell | Geese | Red |
| Berry | Hat | Sinbad |
| Cake | Ice | Star |
| Card | Log | Tinsel |
| Cheer | Mince Pie | Toys |



The Editor has decided that the Christmas Puzzle Page should be a mixture of geography, simple mathematics and logic. The geography questions are for the most part confined to the Munster area. The usual prize (substantial) will be awarded to the first correct solution received. Closing date is Monday 8th January.

1. Where is there a memorial to the four Kerry poets, Pierce Ferriter, Geoffrey O'Donoghue, Aodhagain O'Rahilly and Eoghan Ruadh O'Sullivan?
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2. Where was the first suspension bridge in Ireland and the date of erection?
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3. The roofing used in a) Cormac's Chapel, Cashel, b) St. Flannan's Oratory, Killaloe, is unique. Why? What materials were used?
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4. The expression "To Pay on the Nail" is associated with what city in Munster?
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5. Where is the grave of the "Colleen Bawn"? Recent TV series may help.
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6. The name of which Co. Cork village translates as "The Mouth of the Ford of the Wooded Valley"?

7. In what county are Holeopen Bay East and Holeopen Bay West?
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8. There are three errors in the assertions made in this problem. What are they?

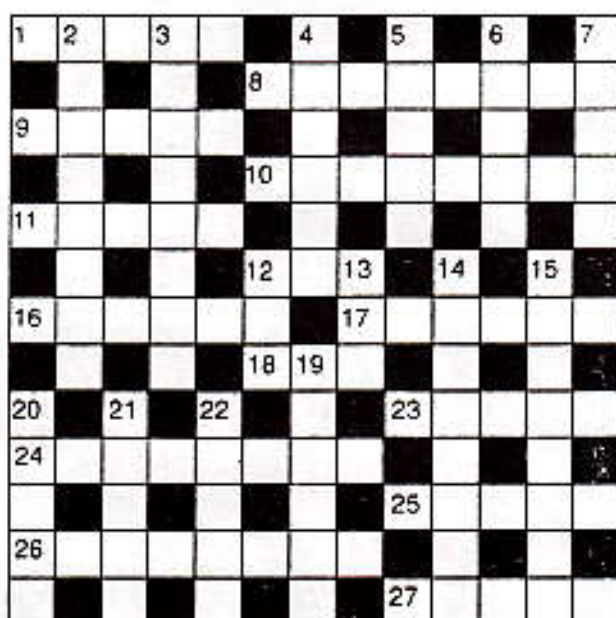
- a) $3 + 4 = 7$
b) $4 \div 1/2 = 2$
c) $2.2/5 \times 4.1/6 = 10$
d) $8 - (-5) = 12$
e) $-11 (9-9) = 11$
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9. The Secretary types four letters to four people and addressed the four envelopes. If she inserts the letters at random each in a different envelope, what is the exact probability that exactly three letters will go into the right envelopes?
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10. If you took five apples from a basket that held fourteen apples, how many apples would you have?
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Across

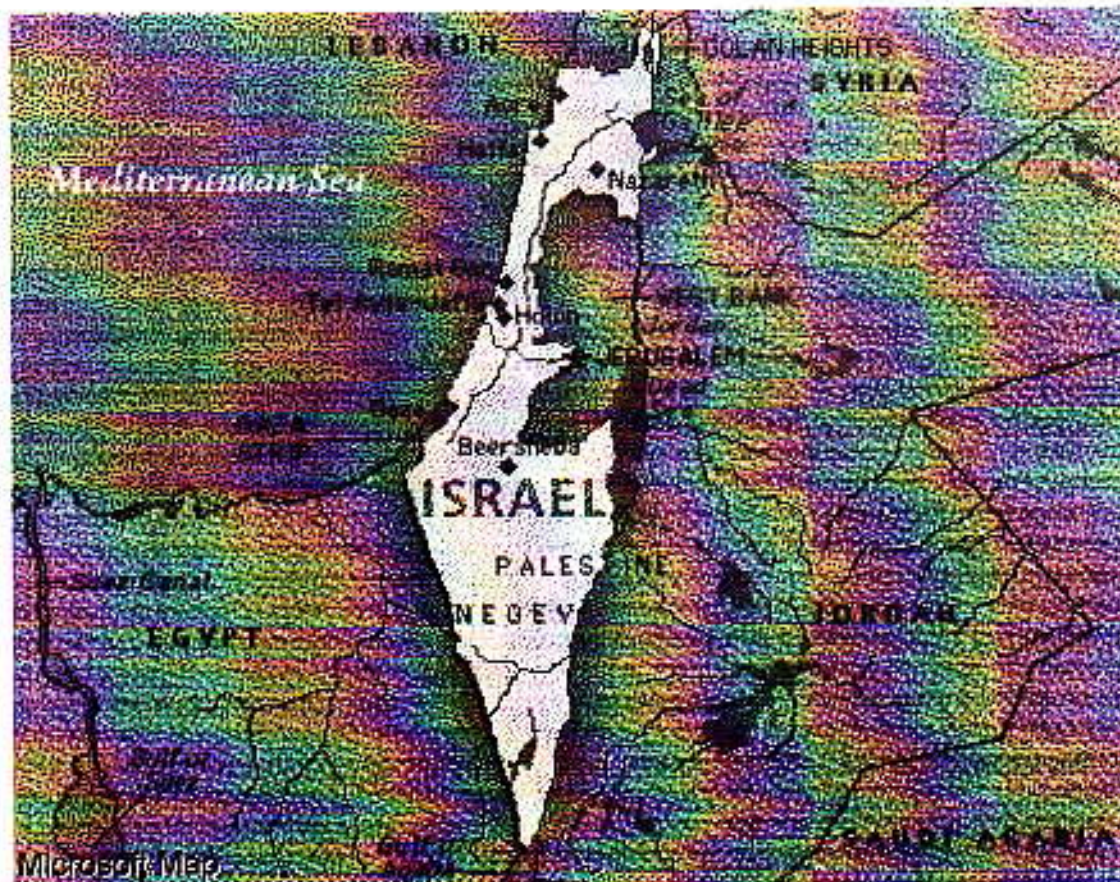
1. The fruit of all our problems. (5)
8. He himself has made small and great and provides for - - (Wisdom 6) (3,5)
9. Belonging to the editor. (5)
10. It seems as if they own the cross. (9)
11. Product of the sixties, not necessarily overweight. (5)
12. A tree or its charred remains. (3)
16. The use of which is attributed to the over-7s. (6)
17. The only lady on the team. (6)
18. The madding crowd contains the noise. (3)
23. If it's good it's elegant, if it's bad it's offensive. (5)
24. You are wholly beautiful my love and without - - (Song of Song 4, V7). (1,7)
25. Reptilian totter. (5)
26. Being austerer you may have difficulty in finding this. (8)
27. Sounds like a cooking method but the one who does this wouldn't know how. (5)

Down

1. Land of great expectations. (8)
3. Spot palm disintegrating to support the light. (4,4)
4. People of authority, but associated with Judas. (6)
5. Scarcely perceptible collapse. (5).
6. If you have sore eyes, this would be a pleasant surprise. (5)
7. The cause of many an uprising. (5)
12. The connecting link. (3)
13. This barbarian is partly shunned. (3)
14. Sounds like I catch a female fish - surrounded by water. (8)
15. Try a bus, or a train, but not this - it won't get you anywhere. (8)
19. I nurse crazily and take over. (6)
20. Bitchy (!) - the feline version. (5)
21. Logs and tops do it, so they say. (5)
22. Something wrong - sounds like it's a girl. (5) E.W.

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Stop and Think!



Have you ever stopped to look at a map of Israel and see where Jesus would have lived?

Situated in the middle east, Israel is generally subtropical, with rainfall generally limited to the winter months. Average temperatures range from 9C in January to 27C in July. Rainfall is poorly distributed and varies from 25mm in the southern parts to in excess of 1000mm annually in Galilee.

The hills of Galilee dominate the northern section of Israel, extending east from a narrow coastal plain across to the Sea of Galilee, and this would have been the background setting for Jesus in Nazereth while growing up.

The Negev is a desert region in the south, extending from the Gulf of Aqaba up as far as the Dead Sea.

The chief river of Israel is the Jordan. It descends from Mount Hermon on the Lebanon Syrian border to the Sea of Galilee and ultimately into the Dead Sea, approximately 395 metres below sea level, the lowest point in Israel.

We remember at Christmas time, the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazereth, in the north of Israel to Bethlehem, a small village outside Jerusalem, a distance of about 100 miles, a long journey through the plains of the modern West Bank