

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

18th December 2005

4th Sunday of Advent

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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

REMINDER

Today Sunday at
5.00 p.m.

Parish Rec- onciliation Service

Prepare the Way of
the Lord

Give yourself a gift
of peace
for Christmas

A Parish celebration
of healing,
forgiveness and
God's love.

Christmas is a reminder and a celebration of the extravagance of God's generosity. Our planet with its wonderful variety of awesome beauty and challenging possibilities is the fragile backdrop for the high point of God's creation, our human family. We are the pinnacle of God's creation, made in his image and likeness, stewards of the resources of the planet. What more could God do? He loves us so much that he gives us his Son Jesus to share our human nature and so allow us to share in his inner life of love.

Secure in our identity as brothers and sisters of Jesus, we strive to live through love and we are able to admit our failure when we stumble. This inner security opens us to accept and to share a spirit of forgiveness in our relationships with each other and with God.

When insecurity about our self worth niggles us, we often deny our ability to forgive and our own need to receive forgiveness ourselves. We may resist basking in who we are, children of a forgiving God. We hesitate to accept the gift we do not deserve but for which we crave, the gift of being accepted and loved unconditionally.

Sacramental reconciliation is an opportunity to leave this insidious insecurity behind and together open our hearts to a new outpouring of God's healing love.

Why not join us this Sunday (18th) afternoon at 5.00 p.m. in the church here to celebrate this extravagance of God's love. Bring a loved one or a friend. It is a good way to celebrate .

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Children's Christmas Mass
Christmas Eve, 6.15 p.m.

WANTED!

Boys and girls (2nd – 6th class) to
take part in readings, prayers
and acting out of Gospel.
Musicians and singers wel-
come too.
First Practice: Monday 19th
December

Thank You

To our choir and all who were concerned in the lovely celebration of Christmas in music and reflections last Sunday. Beautifully performed and beautifully presented.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to their recent collection.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CHURCH SERVICES

MASSES

Christmas Eve

9.00, 10.00, 6.15 (Family Mass), 12 Midnight

Christmas Day

9.00, 10.30, 12.15 p.m. No Evening Mass

Monday 26th to Friday 30th: 10.00 a.m.

Saturday 31st: 10.00, 6.15 p.m.

Sunday 1st January: 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 p.m.

Monday 2nd to Wed 4th: 9.00, 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 5th January: 9.00, 10.00, 7.30 p.m.

Friday 6th January Holy Day Feast of the Epiphany and

First Friday: 9.00, 10.30, 7.30 p.m.

Communion Calls to Housebound as usual

Saturday 7th January: 9.00, 10.00 and 6.15 p.m.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Dennehy's Cross: Sunday 18th December at 5 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church: Monday 19th December at 8 p.m.

Wilton: Tuesday 20th December at 7.30 p.m.

Curraheen: Wednesday 21st December at 8 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Christmas Eve: 10.30-1.00, 4.00-6.00. After 6.15 Mass.



Pastoral Council Meeting

The monthly meeting was held last Monday. Due to an increase in private and student accommodation within the parish, it was decided to update some areas, so that those residents would be represented on future Parish Councils. The election for the next Pastoral Council is scheduled for May 2006.

Kevin O'Mahony reported on the success of the parish website with over 7,000 hits received to date.

The Faith in Action group has informed us that Ballineaspig Parish has been officially recognized as a Fair Trade parish.

Next meeting on Monday 9th January 2006 at 8.10 p.m.



EUCHARIST IN MY LIFE

A Parishioner's Thoughts

I understand the Eucharist as the first gift given to us by Jesus within hours of His death, which He knew was impending: "Do this in memory of me" and as an opportunity to get close to Him as possible.

Bible Corner



TRUE GREATNESS

The gospel this weekend highlights Jesus' royal family background. He is born of the House of David. David was one of the super stars of Hebrew history. Brilliant, courageous, determined and charming, David always won even when he took on the mighty Goliath. He outwitted the Philistines. He evoked total loyalty from all sections of his people. Even in love, David overcame the odds to win Saul's daughter Michal as his wife. Now he wanted to crown it all by building a Temple for God in Jerusalem. What could be more praiseworthy?

But this was not to be as we read this weekend. The prophet Nathan told David that his plan for the most magnificent Temple in the Near East was not God's plan. David obeyed. Obedience to God's call was the cornerstone of David's true greatness as it is ours.

Fr. Tom Clancy

Cork Symphony Orchestra

Christmas Concert at City Hall on Tuesday 20th at 8 p.m. featuring Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and Beethoven's *Violin Concerto*. Tickets available from Pro Musica and orchestra members.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to SISTER GERTIE, St. Joseph's Convent, on the tragic death of her young nephew, Fintan Lalor.