

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH A DIFFERENCE

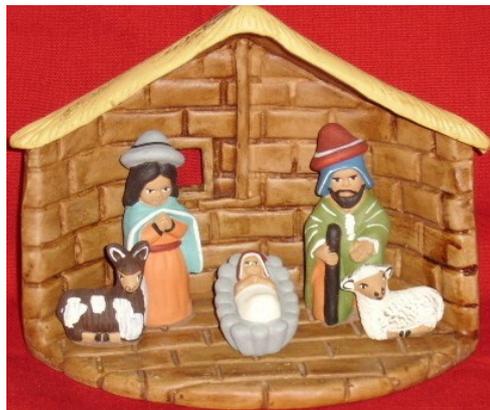
Readings for Sunday
26th November

First Reading
Dan 7:13-14

Psalms 92

Second Reading
Apoc. 1:5-8

Gospel
John 18:33-37



As the time for writing Christmas shopping lists draws near, it's worth reflecting on shopping with a difference this year.

Fairtrade favourites

Why not mark the year Ballineaspaig became a Fairtrade Parish by giving a Fairtrade gift? For example a little hamper of Fairtrade tea, sugar and coffee or a Fairtrade crib like the one in the picture on the left.

Life-saving Gifts

Food, shelter, health, education, a livelihood... What more precious gifts could we give? When you buy a special charity Christmas gift, a family or community overseas receives a life-giving gift. You get a card or certificate to give to the friend or relative in whose name you bought the present.

The variety and price range is huge: from €7 (two specially designed buckets from Oxfam to keep water safe and clean) to €5,000 (the Farmyard challenge from Bothar, which provides livestock for 17 families). The Farmyard could be purchased by a community group, family or work colleagues.

Here is a selection of gift ideas in between:

- €10 - A birth certificate, vital to access health or education in Mozambique (Trocaire)
- €25 - A homecoming pack to help Sudanese families displaced by the war (Trocaire)
- €30 - Support an African woman to start her own small business (Oxfam)
- €50 - Essential surgery for a child with leprosy (Leprosy Mission)
- €75 - Share of a dairy goat for a destitute family in Africa or Eastern Europe (Bothar)
- €100 - A water pump to give a village all the safe, fresh water they need (Concern)
- €200 - A home for a Burmese refugee family (Trocaire)

They can be bought in person, by phone, by post or on line:

Bothar: 1850 82 99 99; www.bothar.org

Concern: 1850 458 400; www.concernwithlove.org

Leprosy Mission: 1890 50 51 52; www.leprosymission.ie

Oxfam: Oxfam Fairtrade Shop, French Church Street; 1890 60 60 65;
www.oxfamirelandunwrapped.com

Trocaire: Trocaire Centre, 9 Cook Street or Veritas, Carey's Lane; 1850 408 408;
www.trocaire.org

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Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

New rota is available on the altar rails **this weekend**. Please collect your copy.

Ministers of the Word Rota

New rota will be available on the altar rails **next weekend**, 26th November.



Annual Day of Prayer

On Sunday 26th November, 9.30 to 5pm., including Mass, at St. Dominic's Ennismore. Cost €25. Contact Jackie at 4541144 after 6.00pm.

Invitation to Afternoon of Prayer

Have you thought about looking for space and time to think and reflect? Would you like the support of others as you pray? Are you searching for meaning and direction in life? Please join us on Saturday 2nd December, 2.30 to 6.00pm at the Ursuline Convent Blackrock. For information contact Jean on 087 9391669 or email irishursulines@eircom.net

Finding Answers to Life

The Emmaus Men's Fellowship present Monsignor Michael Stewart at their annual conference at the Sacred Heart Hall on Sat & Sun 25/26 November, 10.30-5.30pm. Healing Service on Saturday and Healing Mass on Sunday. Further information from 087 2785352.

Faith Development Programme

At Brú Columbanus, 8.00pm. Adm. Free. Members of public very welcome. Light refreshments.
Nov. 22nd: *The Scriptures*, Rev. John Newman
Nov. 29th: *Prayer*, Rev. Simon Roche
Dec. 6th: *The Mass*, Rev. Tom Hayes
Dec. 13th: *The Sacraments*, Rev. Christy Fitzgerald



Baile'n Easpig Gramophone Circle

Our final recital for 2006 will take place on Wednesday next, 22nd November at 3.00pm in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when Tom Liston will give the recital. Do come and enjoy a pleasant afternoon.

Majella Cullagh and The Airport Singers

Gala Fundraising Concert on November 19th at 7.30pm in St. Vincent's Church, Sunday's Well. Tickets €20 at 4304070 or Pro Musica 4271659.



The Word of God

A Parishioner's Thoughts

The gospels tell us of the many miracles Jesus performed in His lifetime and give us hope and encouragement to trust in His mercy and love.

In my anxious moments, I think of Him calming the waters of the sea when His disciples were so frightened and I hear His Word "Be not afraid".

Bishopstown Library



Located at Wilton Shopping Centre the Library will be opening very soon. Books, DVDs, videos, CDs and audio books, free internet for research, free emails (15mins), all other sessions will cost just €1.00 for 30 mins., photocopying, fax, scanning and printing services. Please bring proof of address to join. Free for OAPs, children and teenagers 18 or under, students and unemployed. ID required. Looking forward to welcoming you to your new library in the near future. Tel. 4924959, Website: <http://www.corkcitylibraries.ie>

Mount Mercy News

Congratulations to past pupils who received U.C.C. Sports Scholarships at this year's Presentation Ceremony which took place on November 8th in Aras na Mac Leinn: Miriam Crowley - Hockey Scholarship, Aoife Turner - Tennis Scholarship and Claire Rigney - Ladies Rugby Scholarship. Comhghairdeas leo.



Dog Owners – Remember your Civic Spirit

Please, please do not allow your dog to foul the footpaths. It is so infuriating and distressing to walk on it, bringing it into the house or the car. Have regard for people who may be visually impaired, or children who don't always look where they are going. For most of us, we just keep our eyes cast downward, always on the lookout. We shouldn't have to do so! This is an appeal from the heart.

Items for the Bulletin

Please note that items for publication in the Bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday.