

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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The Baptism of the Lord

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
14th January

First Reading  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11

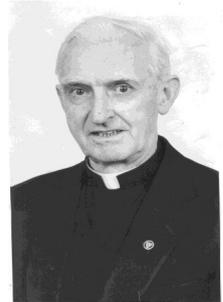
Psalms 103

Second Reading  
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel  
Lk. 3:15-16, 21-22

## THE DEAN WRITES

### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



Many years ago a certain parish in this Diocese had no crib. So a number of parishioners got together and decided to remedy this situation. They ordered a new crib with lovely porcelain figures. The Parish Priest blessed the crib with due solemnity before Midnight Mass, and everybody was happy and proud of their new crib.

Later that evening, the priest came to lock the church and knelt to say a prayer before the Crib. To his dismay he saw the figure of the Infant was missing. He was wondering who could be so awful as to steal the figure of the little Infant. Just then a small girl who lived across the road came in pushing her doll's pram, went straight to the Crib, took the Infant from the pram, placed Him back in the manger, and turned to go home. The priest was curious and asked her why she had taken the Infant. She told him she had prayed to the Child Jesus for a new pram for her doll before Christmas, and promised if she got it, He would be the first to get a spin in it. She got her pram, she fulfilled her promise - no more, no less.

The three Wise Men in today's Gospel saw this star in the East and decided to look for the King whom it signified. There is no record that the star guided them to Jerusalem. They must have had their doubts as they travelled on and on if this was indeed a mirage. But they trusted in the Lord, and eventually the Star appeared again, and led them to the Infant at Bethlehem. They offered their gifts - precious in their eyes - gold, frankincense and myrrh. But like the Child in the story, received a far more precious gift in return - the gift of Faith - and the promise of Salvation.

Let me quote again from another source - Gordon Wilson, whose only daughter was killed by a bomb at Enniskillen in 1987:

"I do not profess to be a good man, but I aim to be. I have hitched my wagon to a star, a star of hope, the Star of Bethlehem."

Couldn't we all!

All three - the child, the Wise Men, and Gordon Wilson had one thing in common - a firm Faith and personal relationship with the Lord.

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**Barry Quinlan**, Bishops court Avenue, died unexpectedly on 30th December, 2006. Born in Loughrea, Co. Galway, Barry came to live in Cork with his family, and was a brilliant scholarship winner to U.C.C. where he studied Civil Engineering. In his professional life he was Managing Director for many years with P.J. Hegarty & Sons. Barry was a true 'wordsmith' and one of his passionate hobbies was doing crosswords, as well as a keen interest in sport - G.A.A. rugby, and golf, captaining Muskerry Golf Club in 1979. Another well-developed interest was in family history and genealogy and he was for a while the Chieftain of the Quinlan Clan. He is survived by wife Peg, sons Finbarr and Johnny, daughters Cathy and Bairbre, brothers, grandchildren, daughter-in-law and sons-in-law, to whom we offer our sincerest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sé.

### In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Paudie Burke**, The Manor, on the death of his mother, Joan.  
To **Margaret Buckley**, Woodleigh Park, on the death of her mother, Abina Cotter.

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### Our Power to Influence Change

We can often feel a sense of helplessness in the face of large corporations and systems; so it is important to realise that the decisions, that each of us makes, **can** make a difference.

Because more and more of us shoppers are looking for Fairtrade products, the larger companies and corporations realise that it will pay them to go the Fairtrade route.

For example, just before Christmas Sainsbury's, one of the largest chains in the UK, announced that from now on all of the bananas they sell will be Fairtrade - 10 million bananas every week!

This means stable employment for banana-growers and workers in Central and South America and the Caribbean. Producer organisations will receive a stable price that covers the full costs of production, plus an extra \$1 per box of bananas for investment in projects, such as improving roads, sanitation and school buildings and facilities, as well as local hospitals.

This development shows what can be achieved - and that **we can make a difference through our shopping choices.**

So keep on asking for Fairtrade-marked products in 2007!

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If you are not a parishioner and would like  
a Parish calendar please take one.  
They are available at the doors of the Church  
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### Happy New Year

As this is the first Bulletin of the year, we would like to wish all our readers a happy 2007.

We would always welcome your comments. Also, do let us know if there are any parish events you would like included. We need you to keep us informed of anything interesting that may be happening.

If you would like to express your views on any subject, we welcome your letters, accompanied by your name and address.

### Notice Board



Our **Tuesday Coffee Mornings** will resume this week. Everybody welcome. Do feel free to drop in. Much appreciated

Venue: Parish Centre.

Time: After 10 o'clock Mass on Tuesdays

Price: 20c. Best value around for a lovely cup of coffee/tea, with biscuits.

We take this opportunity to thank Mary, May and Dorothy for keeping this social event going over many years.

#### Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday 8th at 8.15 p.m. in Parish Centre.

#### Bishopstown Senior Citizens

The annual dinner will take place in C.I.T. on Friday 19th January. Tickets €20 available from Pat Harrington 4545790 or Norah Fitzpatrick 4546358.

#### Courses in Education

**Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa:** For the adult returnee, 8 week course, 3 mornings, starting February, crèche places available. Meeting on Wednesday 17th January at 11am in the College, or contact Mary Scriven at 4961020.

**Cork College of Commerce:** Night Spring Courses commencing 22nd January. Leaving Cert. 5 week oral revision course commencing in January, or one day intensive course in March, in Irish, French, German, Spanish and Italian. All courses offered at honours level. Contact 4222100, web: [www.corkcollegeofcommerce.ie](http://www.corkcollegeofcommerce.ie) email [adulted@ccoc.ie](mailto:adulted@ccoc.ie)

#### Mobile Phones

Thousands of used mobile phones are discarded annually, especially around Christmas. The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart can recycle used mobiles to support their work in Third World countries. Phones **with** batteries (but not chargers) and also empty inkjet cartridges can be handed into the office at Western Road, or posted to Mobile Phone Recycling, PO Box 23, Western Road, Cork.

**!! Reminder!!** The last day for returning completed Christmas crossword is today Sunday 7th.

**Bishopstown Meals on Wheels** based at Wilton Park House, urgently needs volunteers - both cooks and drivers. Please contact Pat Harrington 4545790 or Sheila O'Brien 4343575 for further information.