

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Second Week in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
21st January

First Reading
Neh 8:2-6,8-10

Psalm 18

Second Reading
1 Cor 12:12-30

Gospel
Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Turkwell News!

This letter to our parishioners arrived just before Christmas from Fr. Oliver Noonan, PP Turkwell Parish, Kenya. Fr. Oliver had been home in Cork during last summer.

Greetings to everyone!

I arrived back safely to Turkwell. After my forced delay at home I was happy to meet everybody when I came back. Our first Sunday Mass was a very joyful occasion with plenty of dancing and singing. I found all the parishioners in good health and doing well.

Since I came back we have had a lot of rain. What amazement! Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya have been experiencing unusually heavy rainfall. And that rain has come to Turkwell. The first rains were in October and were very destructive. A dam belonging to the irrigation scheme here in Turkwell collapsed, flooding the farms. The river also broke in to the village and swept away some houses and did a lot of destruction. Rivers, which are dry for most of the year, turned into avalanches. Three people from the village across the river drowned in the floods. Two elephants were brought down the river from a National Game Park three hundred kilometres upstream. So sometimes we cannot win in Turkana – when we receive rain, it can often be destructive. The rains have continued but of a more gentle nature, so people are now cultivating their farms.

The rehabilitation of the wells in the TISA* scheme is on schedule. All the requirements have been bought and we are awaiting their delivery in the next week, weather permitting.

Next week we have our parish council meeting and we will begin some planning for the next year. On the 17th December the Bishop will be visiting us and will confirm some of our young people. It will be a big day and we are already preparing. Please remember all of those to be confirmed in your prayers.

I and the people really appreciate your support. We are praying for you all.

Soon it will be Christmas and I wish you all the blessing of Jesus our Lord.

Take care and God bless. Fr. Oliver

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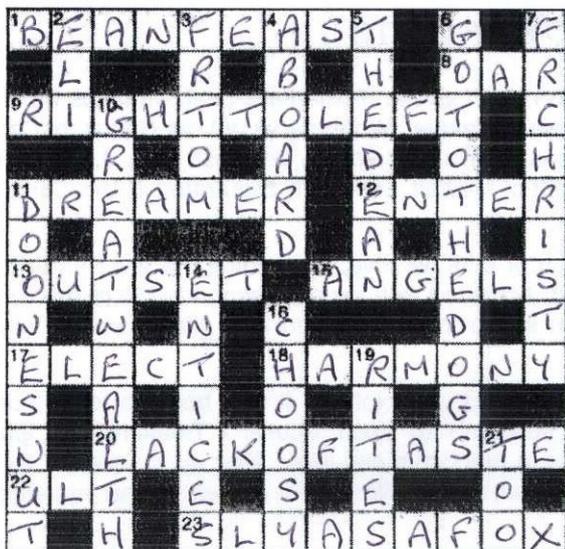


Rest in Peace

Mary McCarthy (nee Desmond), Liam Lynch Park, died peacefully 7th January at Cork University Hospital in her 95th year. Together with husband Michael, Mary was one of the first families to move into the newly built houses in 1956. In those fifty years, they were part of the great community of families that prospered in the Park in demanding times and times of joy. Mary was a widow for over thirty years. Her funeral took place from the Church of the Holy Spirit which was very fitting as she had been one of the original collectors for the building fund in the fifties. Indeed, she had befriended the building of St. Francis Church similarly when the family lived in Washington Street before coming to the Park. We extend our deepest sympathies to her daughter Mary who cared for her at home, and to her sons Desmond and William, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a very wide family circle. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí i gconuí.

Marie Powell, Magazine Road, died peacefully and unexpectedly at her home on 6th January. Even though she had been in somewhat indifferent health in recent times, her quietly slipping away in her sleep was a shock to all who knew her, as she lived each day fully enjoying family and friends, her reading, and especially her Bridge. Her long family association with Crosshaven was represented by the presence of Mgr. Declan Murphy as a concelebrant at her funeral Mass. Indeed, the rousing tone of the recessional hymn, "Thine be the kingdom, the Power and the Glory" seemed to catch the vigour of her life. She was predeceased by her husband Pat with whom she was buried in St. Oliver's Cemetery. As a great mother and granny, she will be missed by her family, Stephanie, Michael, Elaine and Patrick, by their spouses John, Jonathan, Carmel and Diane, as well as by her grandchildren Patrick and Angela, to all of whom we offer our sincerest sympathies and also, very specially, to her great friend, Ann Mulcahy. May she rest forever in the heart of God.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD SOLUTION



Portia would like to thank all the parishioners who submitted entries.
The winners:- Jim Eccles, 23 Parkway Drive, Model Farm Road
Mary Murphy, St. Louis, Orchard Road.



Bible Corner

A GOSPEL TRILOGY

A key paragraph in this weekend's gospel is the final one:

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

It explains why the Cana story is read at this time of year. It is the third in a trilogy of gospels that highlight the work of Jesus in bringing God's love to the world.

The Epiphany awakened an awareness that Jesus came to all races of people; Last Sunday, the Baptism of the Lord marked out Jesus as the promised Saviour, the Messiah, the preacher of repentance, the proclaimer of new beginnings. Now this weekend, Jesus is seen as a miracle worker, a first sign showing that God is present within him in a special way. But very importantly, we see that he is gathering a group of disciples who believe in him and are beginning to commit their lives to him and to his mission.

It is from this seed corn that the infant Church will grow into a community of believers who in the centuries ahead will keep belief in the Risen Jesus alive through sharing in and living the Eucharist. In a figurative way, it could be seen as a conception moment for the Church. It is commitment call to each of us.

Fr. Tom Clancy

Notice Board

Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated distributors.

Friendship Club

Will re-open on Monday 15th January in the Crypt at 2.30pm.

Crypt Bridge Club

Will re-open on Tuesday 16th January at 2pm sharp. New members welcome. We hope all our members had a happy and peaceful Christmas and wish you all a happy New Year.

Brú Columbanus

A church gate collection will be held next weekend, 20th/21st January. Please support this charity which provides accommodation free of charge to families of critically ill persons who are patients of any of the Cork city hospitals and hospice, and especially parents of sick children.

Helping Children Cope with Stress

Mr. Jim Cremin will give a talk to parents on helping their children to cope with stress and to make the most of study time at Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh on Thursday 25th January, at 8.00pm. Admission €5, all welcome.

Adult Evening Classes Spring 2007

Bishopstown Community School enrolments from Monday 8th January by post or at the school 10.30am - 1.00pm & 2.00pm - 4.30pm. Enrolment night Wednesday 17th January from 7-8.30pm. Tel 869310, email adedbc@eircom.net ECDL Accredited Test Centre.