

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

18th November 2007

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Life-saving Gifts

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
18th November

First Reading
Mal 3:19-20

Psalms 97

Second Reading
2 Thess 3:7-12

Gospel
Luke 21:5-19

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 €5 (fruit trees provide snacks for school children from World Vision) to €5,000 (the Bothar Global Village, which provides livestock for 17 families). The Village could be purchased by a community group, family or work colleagues. Here is a selection of ideas in between:

Under €20

- €9 - 3 life-saving buckets designed to keep water safe and clean (Oxfam)
- €10 - Water filter provides clean water in an emergency (Concern)
- €12 - Essential drugs to equip a community health worker in Rwanda (Concern)
- €12 - 6 kg seeds to grow drought-resistant crops for African families (World Vision)
- €15 - Chicks provide people in East Africa with food and income (Trócaire)

€21 - €50

- €25 - A School Pack will help Burmese refugees to read and write (Trócaire)
- €38 - Support African women to start a small business (Oxfam)
- €40 - Survival kit will help displaced people in Uganda return home (Trócaire)
- €40 - Share of a dairy cow for families in Uganda, Malawi and Cameroon (Bothar)
- €48 - Vegetable garden for HIV/Aids sufferers in Africa (Oxfam)
- €50 - Provides a free HIV Test, counselling and a year's antiretroviral drugs (Concern)

€51+

- €56 - Gift of Peace: helps Rwandan communities meet to reconcile peacefully (Oxfam)
- €120 - Birth attendant training makes childbirth safer for mothers and babies (Concern)
- €170 - Emergency tent to shelter a homeless family from the winter cold (Concern)

These gifts 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.positivepresents.org

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

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

World Vision Ireland: 1850 366 283; www.greatgifts.org/ie

Fairtrade Footnote

Why not give a Fairtrade gift? For example a little hamper of Fairtrade tea, sugar and coffee or Fairtrade biscuits, cake and chocolates.

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Rest in Peace

Donal Murphy, Wilton Road, died on 19th October. Donal's life was defined by his roles as loving husband and father and honest businessman. He possessed a droll sense of humour, a gentle courtesy, a sharp mind and a great understanding of human nature, qualities which served to endear him to all whose lives he touched during his eighty-seven years on earth. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife and best friend Margaret, his five children, Aidan, Marella, David, Emily and Don and his extended family. May he rest in peace.

My God in My Everyday

Parishioners' Thoughts

Bhí Dia buiocht diot

Blianta fadó, fadó, is í ár muinteoir a dheireach é seo linn. Smaoineamh doimhin atá sa ráiteas seo, a dhéanfadh ábhar machnaimh do dhuine i rith a shaoil.

An minú: Taisc gur tháinig tú i gcabhair ar dhuine i n-am an ghátar. bhronn Dia a thabhuraistí ort.



Bible Corner

God's Presence



Adolescent Jews in the time of Jesus had a driving ambition to visit Jerusalem with its magnificent temple, the hub of their religious practice and the focus of God's presence among them. So Jesus' prediction, in this weekend's gospel, of its destruction was like tearing the heart out of a people, God's own chosen people. The temple was the centre of their worship and their sacrifice of sheep and lambs. Jesus was teaching that whatever about the impending destruction of the temple itself, the days of sacrificing lambs to the one true God were over. Jesus had come and was to sacrifice himself to reconcile us with the Father. He was the true lamb that would take away our sins.

The Jews had a long tradition of sacrificing a lamb, specially linked with the Passover feast. As a religious Jew, Jesus celebrated this feast at the Last Supper, but he transformed the celebration by instituting the Eucharist. It is the Eucharist that gives us strength in times of difficulty and persecution.

Fr. Tom Clancy

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to Jerry Duggan, Wilton Gardens, on the death of his mother, Nora.

Notice Board

Parish Dues

It is hoped to distribute the Autumn/Christmas Dues envelopes during the coming weeks with the help of our courteous and kind distributors.

St. Vincent de Paul

Once again may we appeal for donations to our fuel fund to help the needy of the parish. Our priests, the parish office (mornings) or any member of the Conference will gladly forward donations. Many thanks. Please note that our annual Christmas church door collection will take place on **weekend of 8th/9th December.**

Annual Christmas 'Gifts for the Poor' Mass

A reminder that this event will take place at the 12.15 on the 9th December.

"The Eucharist - to feed us on our way"

Reminder of talk by Rev. Dr. James Good at Brú Columbanus on Wednesday 21st November at 8 pm. All welcome.

Communicating the Gospel in a Frenetic World

The Message and the Media - can the message of the Gospel be heard in today's Ireland? Talks and discussions with Sr. Mary O'Brien on Saturday 24th November 10.00-2.00pm at Ardfallen Methodist Centre, Douglas. No previous experience of theology is required. Cost €15 incl. coffee and sandwiches. Contact Anne Francis at 087-2282134 or Derek Johnston 4533865. All welcome.

Cork Simon Community

We would like to thank parishioners for your generous contribution to our recent church gate collection, which amounted to €1021.51. We would also like to say thank you to Therese Hogan and the students from Mount Mercy College for assisting with the collection. Thank you all for your support.

Preparing the Way of the Lord

Four sessions of Bible study at the Sacred Heart Centre, Western Rd. at 7.30pm, Tues. 27th Nov., Dec. 4th, 11th and 18th, with Fr. Charles Conroy, Professor of Biblical Studies, on some of the well-known Advent Texts in the Book of Isaiah (chapters 7,9, and 11). Open discussion after talks about the texts and related biblical questions.



Return of the Choir

Did you miss us? Did you wonder why there was no choir at the 10.30 Mass last Sunday? We were praising God in song elsewhere, in no less a place than the Dominican Church of San Clemente, Rome. We spent five memorable days there, sight-seeing, visiting places of historical and archaeological interest, enjoying ourselves in every way, but the highlight of the tour was the singing of the Mass in the heart of Christianity itself. Back again now to prepare for our Advent Carol Service to be held on the evening of Sunday 9th December.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next, November 21st at 3.00pm in the Crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when Seamus Murphy will present most delightful music. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Ceiliúradh an Dá Chonntae - Corcaigh & Portlairge

Ceol, amránaíocht, rince and "iománaíocht", at Nemo Rangers Sports Centre, Friday 23rd November at 8.30pm. €10. Tuille eolaís 4506918/4961410.

Over 60's Show

Cork Opera House on Sunday 25th November at 8.00pm. Proceeds to the Irish Heart Foundation. Tickets €15, €18 and €20.