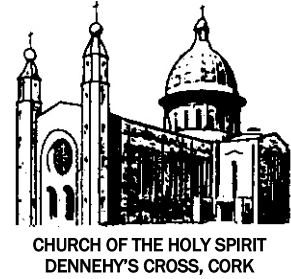


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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

2nd December

First Sunday of Advent

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
9th December

First Reading:  
Is 11:1-10

Psalm 71

Second Reading:  
Rom 15:4-9

Gospel  
Mt 3:1-12

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or give it to a friend  
or neighbour

## DIOCESAN NOTICE

A Child Protection Policy for the Diocese of Cork and Ross will be published shortly. This policy will ensure that all children and young people who are involved in Church-related activities are safeguarded and protected. Each parish will, in the near future, appoint one or two Parish Child Protection Representatives. They will be responsible for ensuring that all information about child protection procedures will be available in each parish.

Information and training sessions will be held throughout the Diocese for those interested. In a letter to the people of the Diocese this weekend, Bishop Buckley encourages parishioners to give serious consideration to volunteering for the position of Parish Representative when the posts are advertised in each parish.



### CHRISTMAS FAMILY GIFT MASS

Sunday 9th December, 12.15 pm

This is a reminder of our annual Mass where we celebrate the birth of Jesus, and at the same time remember those less fortunate in our area. We would like to ask for non-perishable food gifts for St. Vincent de Paul to be presented during the Mass.

The traditional children's pageant associated with the gift Mass will not take place this year.

### Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.15pm

On Monday 10th December at 3.00pm we will have a preliminary gathering in the church of schoolchildren who wish to take part in the Christmas Eve Mass.

We need a number of willing parents to help with the smooth running of this event. Contact Fr. Tom, please.



**CHANGE TODAY  
CHOOSE FAIRTRADE**



### ENJOY A FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS!

To enter the raffle for a Fairtrade Gift Hamper, circle the correct answer below.

"Fairtrade guarantees a better deal for Third World producers." TRUE or FALSE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Hand in your entry to the Parish Office by Sunday, 9th December.

**Fairtrade Christmas Fair** in the Crypt, following the 6.15pm Mass on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>, and following the 9am and 10.30 Masses on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>. A wide range of goods, gifts, foods and ingredients for Christmas baking will be on display and available for sale. By buying Fairtrade, you not only buy for Christmas, but also benefit the producers in the developing countries.

## Notice Board

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Next Saturday, 8th December, a Holyday of Obligation.  
Vigil Mass at 7.30pm on Friday, and Masses on Saturday at 9.00 and 10.30am. Usual Vigil Mass at 6.15pm.

### First Friday

Next Friday, 7th December, is the first Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 7th from 10.30 to 7.30pm. followed by Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

### Prayer for Advent

Lectio Divina (reflecting on Sunday's gospel)

**Monday** morning in Parish Centre after 10.00 Mass.

**Tuesday** night at 8.00pm at St. Catherine's Convent.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 6th December at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Christmas church door collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, 8th/9th December.

### 'Lift Up Your Heart'

A talk on keeping hope alive, by Rev. Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, next Wednesday 5th at 8.00pm. in Brú Columbanus. All welcome. Admission free. Light refreshments provided.

### Bishopstown Credit Union

Celebrating 40 years of service to members this year. To mark this event an Ecumenical Service will be held at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, on Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be served in the crypt following the Service. All are welcome.

### L'Arche Christmas Market

On Sunday 9th December, from 10.00 to 5pm in L'Arche workshop behind the school and church in Togher. Music, crafts kids entertainment., mince pies... Admission free.

### Sound The Alarm

World Climate Change Global Day of Action. Church bells will be rung for 2 minutes at 2.00pm on Saturday 8th December to signify the aim of keeping the rise in global temperature to 2° C or less.

## Bible Corner



### A Change of Heart

Isaiah was a Jerusalem City boy, born about 800 years before Jesus. His life's calling was to guide his people through one of the most critical periods of its history. There was a political crisis; the country was under constant threat of invasion from Assyria. But the spiritual crisis was even more serious than the threat of physical destruction. The first reading for the four weekends of Advent is from Isaiah for whom political and spiritual issues are intertwined.

This weekend, despite the chosen people's religious consciousness being at a low level and religious practice being meaningless, Isaiah is hopeful the vision of peace, harmony and unity is attainable. It needs a conversion of heart.

This Advent we need "to go to the mountain of the Lord that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his path."

"Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord."

Fr. Tom Clancy



### My God in My Everyday

#### Parishioners' Thoughts

#### I Find God in Silence

In the midst of a busy day I pause, for just a moment, to dwell on the peaceful presence of God with me. It is an enriching experience and a powerful reminder that He and I together can do anything he wants me to do.

### In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to

**Des Hourihan**, Bishopscourt Lawn, on the death of his mother, Annie.

To **Carmel Lyons**, The Orchard, Farranlea, on the death of her brother, Nicholas Fitzgerald.



## ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Please join us next Sunday 9th December  
7.00 p.m.

Advent Carols, Readings and Ritual by Candlelight

Gift yourself some quiet time in preparation for Christmas

All welcome

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