

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Second Sunday of Advent

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 14th  
December

First Reading:  
Is 61:1-2,10-11

Psalms: Lk 1:46-50,53-54

Second Reading  
1 Thess 5:16-24

Gospel: Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## A REFUND FROM YOUR TAXES

Dear Parishioner,

This year, we introduced a new envelope system for the weekly offertory collections. The system has been very well supported, and will be continued next year. Whether you are an existing or a new participant, you can collect your box of envelopes for 2009 from the parish office after any of the weekend Masses between 13<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December, when a member of the parish Finance Committee will be available to answer any questions you might have, or any weekday morning between 10.00 and 12.30.

Using the envelope system enables our parish to account for and receipt your donations. If you are a PAYE taxpayer and your combined weekly and dues contributions amount to €250 or more in the tax year, our parish can claim a tax refund from Revenue on your donation **without any extra cost to you**. This tax refund could increase the value of your annual contributions by up to 69%. If you are self assessed (or partially self assessed), you are entitled to claim the tax benefit yourself. A summary leaflet setting out examples of how this works is available at the church doors, or from the parish office.

The envelope system, which is **entirely optional and strictly confidential**, will have enormous benefits for the parish. All tax refunds received will be used solely for parish expenses. We plan to carry out some essential refurbishment of our beautiful church during 2009, in preparation for our Jubilee year in 2010. By claiming the maximum possible tax rebate, we hope to fund some of these costs without having to impose further on your generosity.

The priests of this parish greatly appreciate your continued support and generosity.

Thank you.

Monsignor O'Callaghan, P.P.

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of the Bulletin home  
or give it to a friend  
or neighbour

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

On Tuesday 16th 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 (4347616)



## ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Please join us next Sunday  
14th December at 7.00pm.

Advent Carols, Readings and Ritual by Candlelight.  
Gift yourself some quiet time in preparation  
for Christmas.  
All welcome

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## Rest in Peace

Kitty Kirby, Bishopstown Avenue, died at Rosnalee Care Centre, Ballincollig, on Tuesday 25th November. Shortly after the death of her husband Jack, about eleven years ago, Kitty sold their home at Bishopstown Avenue and went to live in a smaller and more easily maintained property at Ballintemple. Jack and Kitty were a very devout couple and were lifelong members of the Legion of Mary. Jack in his profession as an accountant gave years of voluntary professional assistance to the Legion. We extend our sympathy of the community and long serving members of the Legion to their son Gerard, daughter-in-law Mary, grandchildren Marie, Susan and Gerard (Junior), relatives and friends.

Irene Richmond, Bishopstown Avenue, died at Ballincurrag Care Centre, Middleton, early on Sunday 30th November. Irene had been in failing health for a number of years, and her condition deteriorated after the death of her husband Matt. She suffered an earlier deep sorrow in life at the death of her son Charlie in his early twenties. Irene was a lady of deep faith, which inspired her whole life. She didn't parade it, nor did she need to, it was something that came naturally but very genuine. She was a gentle and refined lady, with interest in the arts and the fine things in life. We extend our very sincere sympathy to her only daughter Irene, who had to shoulder the trauma of the death of both her parents, to her husband Tom Higgins, her grandchildren Karen, Orla, Charles, Fiona, Kevin and Eoin, her sister Joan and extended family.

## Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to

**Louise Cummins**, Farranlea Grove, on the death of her brother, Harry Kemp.

**Jenny Muphy, Woodlawn**, on the death of her brother, Jack Ahern.

**Patricia Whelton**, Parkway Drive, Model Farm Road, on the death of her father.

**The Community at St. Columba's Convent** on the death of Sister Elizabeth McHugh.

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## NOTICE BOARD

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass this Sunday at 6.15, Masses on Monday at 9.00, 10.30 and 7.30pm.

**St. Vincent de Paul** Christmas collection will take place next weekend at all Masses.

### Ministers of the Word

Please collect new rota at altar rails this weekend.

**Reminder....** Cathedral souvenir calendars available this weekend €5.

**Pastoral Council** meeting at 8.15pm on Monday 8th December in Parish Centre.

### Blood Donation Clinic

At St. Finbarr's H & F Club, Togher, on Tuesday 9th December, 5.00-8.00pm.

## Bible Corner



On Christmas Eve, 1967, Martin Luther King broadcast to his oppressed people about a vision he had for them quoting from the prophet Isaiah. This weekend's first reading is that same passage from Isaiah. Spoken originally to the exiled Hebrews, it awakened in them a hope that soon their oppression would be ended. Through the power of God, they would return to their homeland, free to make a fresh start. It is a reminder that God endures from age to age, caring for his people like a shepherd and his flock. The image is a reassuring one with its message of joy and hope. The reality is that the Hebrews had then to venture out courageously from Babylon, carving out a new way of life in the promised land. The promise was stupendous but committed co-operation with the Lord was essential.

The same offer is made to us as was made to the Hebrews. The Lord is not slow to carry out His promises. He will lead us out of sin, addiction, selfishness, despair, jealousy, unforgiveness and fear into a new life of contentment, faith, peace and hope, if only we allow him and follow trustingly. Let us prepare a way for the Lord this Advent.

Fr. Tom Clancy

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### Bulletins to the Homes

Please note that Bulletins will be delivered to the homes of the parish **NEXT WEEKEND** 13th/14th December. A sincere thank you to all our dedicated distributors.

### Christmas Concert

In aid of Brú Columbanus at St. Francis Church on 11th December, 7.30pm. with Majella Cullagh, Breffni Horgan, Eleanor Malone, choirs of St. Francis & Pope's Quay churches and Gael Scoil Uí Riada's children's choir. Tickets €25 available from Brú Columanus 4345754..

### Alzheimer Society

Carers' support meeting on Wednesday 10th December, 3.00 to 4.30pm at Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock. All are welcome. Contact number 4972504.

**Bishopstown Meals on Wheels** urgently need cooks (every day) and drivers (Tuesdays and Fridays). The commitment for cooks is **2½** hours one day every three weeks. The drivers' commitment is approx **1½** hours four days one month in four (12 days a year in total). We deliver in excess of forty meals in the greater Bishopstown area and need a good response in order to maintain the current level of service. If we fail to get at least three drivers and two cooks from the appeal this time round we may have to reduce the number of days we can deliver dinners. Please contact Pat Harrington at 4545790 or Sheila O'Brien 4343575.

### Self Help Health

Learn techniques for coping with depression, fears, panics, phobias, anxiety at self help **RECOVERY** meetings on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the Capuchin Friary, Holy Trinity Church, . All are welcome. Further information call 01-6260775.