

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

21st December 2008

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 28th
December

First Reading Gen 15:1-6,
21:1-3

Psalms 104

Second Reading
Heb 18:11-12, 17-19

Gospel Lk 2:22-40

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Greetings to Everyone from Turkwell, Kenya

THANK YOU very much for your generosity to us here in Turkana. It is great to hear such encouraging news that the fund-raising is going well. It is also very nice to be connected to you across the miles at this time of the year. The work of building the clinic will begin next year and it will bring a great joy to the people.

We are also getting ready to celebrate our Christmas in our parish. The young children are preparing their dances, the choir are singing and the elders are hoping that the parish priest will buy presents for them!!! Some of the Christmas traditions will be missing as I know them from home but the heart of the message of Christmas will be very much with us – peace, joy and good will to all.

We wish you all the blessings of this Christmas Season and you have truly lived the message of Christmas by thinking of us here in Turkwell, Kenya.

Many thanks for all your help.

Fr Oliver

Reminder !

The 2009 Collection Envelopes are available in the Parish Office after all Masses this weekend - for those who have already signed on, and those who may wish to do so for 2009.

Please take a copy of the Bulletin home or give it to a friend or neighbour

BE EMPOWERED BY LOVE

To grow in an awareness and appreciation of God's unconditional love for us is to be enriched beyond measure. Merciful forgiveness is a key strand in such empowering love. It not only frees us from guilt and anxiety but it enables us to respond more generously to God's call and to imitate his forgiveness in our relationships with each other.

This Sunday afternoon we have the opportunity as individuals and as a community to celebrate this love and open our hearts to its creative power. Join us. Bring the family, friend and neighbour.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 21ST

5.00PM

Email: holyspiritparish@eircom.net

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Rest in Peace

Timothy Duggan, Sheare's Park, died on 26th November. A native of Dublin Pike on the city northside, Tim spent most of his life in the parish here with his beloved wife Mary who predeceased him twenty-six years ago. A long time employee of Dunlops, he was highly regarded as a talented and dedicated worker, a great team person, caring as well as competent. A good family man, he was a superb neighbour, sensitive and generous with his time and his car. A lifelong interest in the harriers, he was bonded to a wide circle of friends in the sport as was evidenced at his funeral. He will be greatly missed. To his son William, his daughters Judy and Maria, their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the wider circle of family and friends, we offer our sincerest sympathy. Ar dheis Dé, to raibh a anam dílis.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to :

Ted O'Donnell, Bishopstown Avenue, on the death of his brother Michael, late of Castlegregory, who died in Jersey.

The **Community at St. Columba's Home, Bishopstown Avenue West**, on the death of St. Thecla.

Carmel Naughton, Roger Casement Park, on the death of her sister, Bernie White.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Council is delighted with the support for the voluntary, confidential envelope collection. Envelopes for 2009 will be available from the parish office after weekend Masses and during the week. We welcome new contributors. Finance committee members on hand to advise. It is stressed that there is no cost to the donor but there is considerable gain to the parish.

The Council is grateful to all involved in the distribution of the Bulletins to the homes and is asking for some new helpers to lessen the burden on existing distributors.

BIBLE CORNER



FITTING GOD IN

At this time of year, many of us make lists, lists about cards, gifts, food, drink, visits, visitors, school plays or office parties. There is so much to fit in. Come Thursday, if all has been successfully done we will be well satisfied, maybe even a little smug.

It was like that with King David as we hear in this weekend's reading. Called from being the junior shepherd of the family's flocks to leading the Hebrew people, David was an outstanding success as a military commander in war time and a wise benevolent leader in peace time. Times were good now and he built himself a fine timber frame house of cedar wood - top of the range!!

Then, he remembered God's ark. This was the symbol and focus of God's presence among his people. In the lives of a wandering people, this ark had to be housed in a tent ready to be moved on. Now things were different. David has his own place, only the best, of course. As an afterthought he planned to build a place for God's ark. Such an enterprise could be fitted in now. It would be a nice little extra round the place. I wonder why we have this reading this weekend?

God's plan for David was for much more than a career as a wealthy head of state. God's promise to David was that his descendants would bring Jesus to the world. David lost sight of his true destiny. Could it happen to anybody else this Christmas?

Happy Christmas.

Fr. Tom

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CHURCH SERVICES

MASSES

Wednesday 24th - Christmas Eve

9.00, 10.00. 6.15pm (Family Mass), Midnight.

Christmas Day : 9.00, 10.30, 12.15pm

Friday 26th : 10.00am

Saturday 27th: 10.00, 6.15pm

Sunday 28th : 9.00, 10.30, 12.15pm

Mon 29th to Thurs 1st January : 9.00 and 10.00am

First Friday 2nd January : 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30pm

Saturday 3rd January : 9.00, 10.00, and 6.15pm

Sunday 4th January : 9.00, 10.30 and 12.15pm

Monday 5th : 9.00, 10.00, and Vigil at 7.30pm

Tues 6th Feast of the Epiphany : 9.00, 10.30, 7.30pm

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Dennehy's Cross: Sunday 21st at 5 pm.

Sacred Heart Church: Monday 22nd at 7.30pm

Ballinora: Monday 22nd at 8.00pm

Wilton: Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm

Curraheen: Monday 22nd at 8.00pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 20th : 12.00-1.00pm, before 6.15pm
Vigil Mass

Wednesday 24th : 12.00-1.00pm, 4.00-5.00pm,
before and after 6.15pm Mass.