

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



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The Baptism of the Lord

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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES:



## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 18  
January

First Reading  
1 Sam 3:3-10,19

Psalm 39

Second Reading  
1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

## ANOTHER CHAPTER

Christmas has come and gone. Friends who came home for the festive season have gone their way. On the one hand there was the excitement of the shepherds and on the other hand the figure of Mary quietly turning over in her mind the extraordinary experience she had gone through and what it would mean for her. That contrast reflects our own experience, at this time of the year.

On the one hand the excitement of Christmas and on the other hand the kind of reflection and thoughtfulness that takes over at this time of the year. Another year has gone, another year has come and a certain stock-taking is in order.

There is a sense that there are areas of life that we need to take in hand, areas that this time next year we would like to imagine that we will have somehow straightened out or accounted for. And it is because of this sense that we are turning over a new page, opening up a new chapter of life that the subject of New Year's resolutions comes up.

Of course the very idea of a New Year's resolution is enough to make most of us throw up our hands in horror. Because we have made and broken so many New Year's resolutions in the past, we often have the feeling that the best resolution of all to make at this time of the year is not to make any resolution at all.

But that is ultimately a form of despair, a rejection of the very humanity that Jesus Christ took on himself and redeemed. Because a necessary part of the experience of living a human life is to accept the need to struggle and it is those who accept the struggle who ultimately achieve the satisfaction and joy that life can and does bring.

So as we begin another New Year, we take the opportunity that this new beginning gives all of us, as the limited and imperfect human beings that we are, to make another effort to reach whatever stage of perfection or imperfection that, with God's help, it is in us to reach.

May I wish you all old and young, married and single, husbands and wives, parents and children a very happy New Year with all the graces and blessings that only God can give, and may the Blessed Mother be our protection and guide.

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## Reminder !

2009 Collection Envelopes are available in the Parish Office for those who signed on in 2008, and parishioners who may wish to do so for 2009.

## Rest in Peace

The death of **Laiose Lee**, Laburnum Park, removed a well loved link with the past from West Cork. Lucy (or Laiose as she was known to her close friends - nee O'Shea) was born into a well respected family in the teaching profession at Adrigole, Beara. She joined the Civil Service in Dublin in her late teens and there she met and married her future husband Tomás - a muinteor, and native of the beautiful Glen of Aherlow. They enjoyed a long and blissfully happy marriage until the death of Tomás about eight years ago. We extend the sympathy of our community to their family Máire, Celine, Chris, Garry and Philomena who lived with and lovingly cared for her dear mother in her declining years. In iothlann Dé go gcastar sinn.

The death took place recently of **Theresa Kiely**, late of 30 Kenley Close, Model Farm Road. Her death, not altogether unexpected, was still a shock to all who knew her, and especially to her niece Paula and Michael, Paula's husband, her grandnephew Mike, grandnieces Allyson and Fiona. Theresa was a member of a well-known family of the Cathedral Parish; her brother, Fr. Alexis, being Prior of the Dominican Order. Rita, her sister, passed away recently and so, too, her brother. God rest them now and all the dead. Theresa will be remembered for her contribution to the Church liturgy and participation in same. For many years she was always there for the Offertory Procession and brought the altar breads, wine and water to the altar for the celebration of the Mass. The saviour Jesus and His Blessed Mother will have now welcomed her to heaven. May she rest in peace. Amen.

## Bible Corner



### GOING PUBLIC

This weekend's gospel scene was not unusual because Palestine of the time had many itinerant preachers who proclaimed their dire warnings wherever people gathered. So John the Baptist set up near the Jordan where he immersed people in the river as a sign of their willingness to leave sin behind and to make a fresh start in how they lived.

John was taken aback when Jesus arrived. John felt unworthy but did as Jesus requested. Even though John continued his preaching of repentance, this occasion marked the end of his work of preparation for the coming of his cousin, the Messiah.

For Jesus, the occasion was the beginning of the public life which will be the source of our gospel stories throughout the year ahead. This year Mark is the reporter. Follow his by-line each weekend.

Fr. Tom

## NOTICE BOARD

**Pastoral Council Meeting** this Monday 12th in Parish Centre at 8.10pm.

**Bulletins will be delivered to Parish Homes** next weekend. We would like to thank all our dedicated team of volunteers who help with this endeavour.

**Tuesday Coffee Morning** resumes next Tuesday 13th after 10.00 Mass. Everybody welcome.

**Friendship Club** reopens Monday 19th at 2.30pm. in the Crypt. New members welcome.

**Bishopstown ICA** meetings resume Thursday 15th at 8.00pm at the SMA Centre, Wilton.

**Bishopstown Senior Social Centre** reopens Monday 12th. New members welcome. Copies of our film on Bishopstown available, €10 each. Contact Roger at 086-3866976.

### Alzheimers Society

Carers' Support Meeting on Wednesday 14th January, 3.00 to 4.30pm at Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock. All welcome.

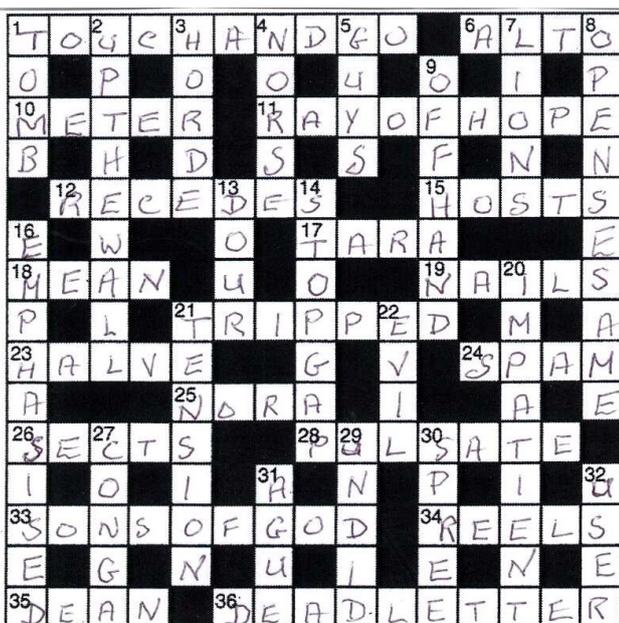
Meeting of the Saturday Club, 2pm - 4pm on Saturday 17th January at Bessboro. Speaker Peter Cox from the Carers Association. Light refreshments provided. Contact no. 4972504.

### Brú Columbanus Church Gate Collection

next weekend. Located at Cardinal Way, Wilton, Brú Columbanus is a charity that provides accommodation to families of critically ill or long-term patients at any of the hospitals and hospice in Cork. We are totally reliant on donations and fund raising. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Contact 4345754

**North Cathedral Calendars** available at the parish office.

## CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD SOLUTION



Portia would like to thank the many people who sent in entries for the crossword. The winners are - Rose Healy, 27 Melbourn Court Tom Waldron, Wilton Road