

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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First Sunday in Advent

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 6 December

First Reading: Bar 5:1-9

Psalm 125

Second Reading
1:3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

AFTER THE FLOOD



The **CONCERN** appeal letter came in the early morning post. Stamped on the envelope was 'KENYAN DROUGHT'. Inside was the message "The public reservoir at Moyale has been empty for months and all the major bore holes in this vast semi-desert area have failed one by one." It just was a regular appeal for a people who had no water supply. Such things happen in Africa - poor people.

Suddenly, the context changed. After our floods, the word came that we might have no drinking water on tap over the weekend or even for a week. We would have to go to Dunnes or Lidl. **CRISIS**. Dramatically, the plight of the Kenyans took on a new perspective. They have had no regular water supply for months.

We take so much for granted. We are used to such convenient blessings so we deserve them!! Do we even give thanks for them? A crisis focuses our attitude.

Certainly, many have suffered greatly from our floods and continue to do so. Their losses are enormous and their expenses frightening. As communities, we need to rally to support them. Already, those of us who escaped lightly may be letting the disaster slip under the radar of our consciousness. The opposite is called for. The opportunity is for a new awakening of appreciation of all God's gifts to us and of our interdependence. As we quench the incipient thirst and assuage the first pangs of hunger, let us be keenly aware of the fragility of our human resources.

From now on, can any meal begin without renewed thanks to God? Surely not!

We sympathise with all flood victims and hope that they will be helped to rebuild their homes and their businesses. We salute the many groups and individuals who worked heroically in a myriad of ways to alleviate the sufferings and the fears of so many in the last week. Go fada buan sibh.

Fr. Tom

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INVITATION

Come and see the Clinic that you helped build in Turkwel, Kenya. Presentation and slides on the building by Fr. Ollie Noonan on Sunday 6th December after 10.30am Mass. Tea and coffee in crypt afterwards.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Our annual Advent Carol Service will take place on Sunday 6th December at 7.00pm and will include a special blessing of the new choir stall.



Email: holyspiritparish@eircom.net

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Rest in Peace

Michael Coakley, Liam Lynch Park, died in St. Finbarr's hospital on 6th November. A native of Dunmanway, as was his late wife Mary, they were early arrivals in Liam Lynch Park, where they were pivotal members of the community over the years. While Mary was the more outgoing, Michael was always by her side in their contribution to the great community care which has always been a feature of Park life. His funeral took Michael back to Dunmanway to join his beloved Mary and to be buried among his kith and kin. We extend our sincere sympathies to Michael's daughters Noreen and Mary, his son Dan, his grandchildren and to a wide circle of family and friends. 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 sister Anne in London.

Humphrey Desmond, Wilton Gardens, on the death of his brother, Michael.

ADVENT



Advent is a liturgical season embracing the four Sundays before Christmas in which we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, while anticipating his second coming. Advent was for many years a time of penance and fasting. The Advent wreath is rich in symbolism. The candles remind us that Christ is the Light of the World. They are lit as follows: weeks one and two are purple, the third week pink. This was to indicate a break from the fast and priests usually wear rose or pink vestments. This tradition became part of the Advent wreath. On the fourth week, a purple candle is again used. Many years ago purple dye was very expensive and purple became a colour that was associated with royalty.

Placing the candles in a circle is symbolic of God's love for us, a love that has no beginning or end. The evergreen leaves on the wreath remind us that God's love for us is everlasting.

"Come Lord Jesus Come"

Arthur O'Callaghan

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bishopstown Senior Social Centre, particularly their long-standing officers, Breda Scully and Nora Fitzpatrick, on winning a 32 County Award for their Centre in the Cooperation Ireland Pride of Place Awards. Well done.

LAY MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH

When the collection basket is passed around at Mass we are given an opportunity to contribute to the upkeep of our church.

The bread and wine brought in the **OFFERTORY PROCESSION** is a symbol of our offering. This bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ at the consecration.

Lord God, we ask you to receive our offering and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite heart.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday 4th is the first Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place next Friday from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society monthly meeting next Thursday 3rd December at 3.00pm in Parish Office.

Ministers of the Word

New rota available at altar rails this weekend. Please collect your copy.

Ministers of the Eucharist - reminder to collect you copy of new rota.

Faith in a Time of Recession

Talk by Sr. Jennifer McClear at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, the Lough, on Thursday 10th December at 8.00pm. Adm. free, all welcome.

The Birth and Youth of Jesus in Luke's Gospel

A series of four Tuesday nights with Fr Charles Conroy in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Western Road. Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December from 7.30 to 9.00 pm including tea/coffee. Suggested donation for the series €20 (€10 Students/Seniors). All are welcome.

Beyond Violent Futures: Cultivating Peace

Cork Theology Forum presents Prof. Linda Hogan at Rochestown Park Hotel, 9.30-1.15pm Saturday 5th December. Fee €15. Further details please contact Derek Johnson at 4533865, or corktheologyforum@gmail.com

Cork Ursuline Past Pupils' Union

Annual Christmas Lunch will be held at the Ambassador Hotel on Sunday 6th December at 1.00pm. All past pupils welcome. Tickets €25. Please contact Irene at 4541583 or 087-9765741.

WEEKEND PSALM

First Sunday of Advent - Year C



Patrick Killeen

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.