

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

13th December 2009

Third Sunday in Advent

No.1019

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 20
December

First Reading: Mic 5:1-4

Psalm 79

Second Reading:
Heb 10:5-10

Gospel: Lk 1:39-44

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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 Friday 18th 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. Please contact Fr. Tom at 4347616

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PARISH ENVELOPE COLLECTION SYSTEM



In 2008 the parish introduced an envelope system for the weekly offertory collection. The system was very well supported and yielded an amount of €23,000 in tax refunds which will be used solely for parish expenses. 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. The envelope system enables our parish to account for and receipt your donations. The system is **entirely optional and strictly confidential**.

A summary leaflet setting out examples of how this works is available in the parish office.

Existing or new participants can collect 2010 boxes of envelopes from the parish office after any of the weekend Masses 20th/21st December or any weekday morning. A member of the parish finance committee will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan, P.P.

Parish Reconciliation Service

NEXT WEEKEND

SUNDAY 20TH AT 5.00PM

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Give yourself a gift of peace for Christmas
A Parish celebration of healing,
forgiveness and God's love.

Website: www.dennehycrossparish.ie

Rest in Peace

Eddie Sheehan, Highfield Lawn, died on 15th November after a comparatively short illness. Apparently he had not been feeling too well for some time, but that did not deter him from attending Mass every morning at 9.00am. Eddie was a native of Victoria Cross and in his younger years was a loyal member of 4th Cork Scout Troop (Ss. Peter & Paul's). In his working life he dedicated his time and skills to the fish industry. He held a stall in the Market for many years, and was renowned for the quality of his products. Naturally, when he retired from business his great interest was his boat and fishing line. We extend the sympathy of our community to his dear wife Sheila, his children Catherine, John, Theda and Michael, his grandchildren, his in-laws, sisters Mary and Kitty, and his many friends who honoured him with a guard of honour of fishing rods as he was taken from the church for the last time.

NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

Pastoral Council meets this Monday 14th in the Parish Office at 8.10pm.

Offertory Collection Rota now available at altar rails. Please take your copy.

Craft Fair at L'Arche Community workshop Togher, on 13th December (behind the church). All welcome.

Choose a Gift of Hope to help a street child in Calcutta. School shoes €5, school uniform €10, educational toys and gifts €15, etc. available from The Hope Foundation. Tel: 4292990 or visit: www.hopefoundation.ie

Nano Nagle

The year of jubilee marking the 225th anniversary of Nano Nagle's death ends December 2009. A celebration to mark it will begin in the North Cathedral at 12.00 Mass on Monday 21st December. At 2.50pm there will be a closing ritual at the Presentation Centre, Evergreen Street. It was here that Nano established the first convent of the Presentation Congregation and her grave at Douglas Street is a favourite place of devotion for the people of Cork. All welcome to both events.

Advent Carol Service

On Sunday night, our annual Carol Service took place at 7.00pm. We congratulate all who helped to make it so memorable. The choir, under their conductor Patrick Killeen, gave a magnificent recital, as did soloist Catherine McCarthy and Aisling who played the violin. The readers of the scripture were excellent as were our own Handbell Ringers. The new choir stall was formally blessed, and Monsignor O'Callaghan invited the congregation to the formal launch of the new Psalm Book produced by Patrick Killeen.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

I would dearly like to have gone to the Advent Carol Service on Sunday evening last but, like many of my older friends, sitting by the fire on that cold, dark, dank evening, I was reluctant to leave the warmth of the fireside.

Could we not enjoy this seasonal delight on a Sunday afternoon?

I was told that the performance on Sunday last was really wonderful and that, with the choir stall seen at its best in the candlelight, everything was truly magnificent. Congratulations to all concerned.

Sincerely,
B.S.

LAY MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH

FAITH IN ACTION GROUP meet on the third Thursday of each month. Issues that it deals with -

- Actions needed to ensure living active faith in parish
- Community awareness and involvement in parish life
- Climate-change & environmental awareness
- Awareness of asylum seekers and promotion of human rights
- Promoting Fairtrade in the parish
- Social Justice at local and global levels
- Promotes support for sister parish in Turkwel, Kenya

New members welcome

St. Catherine's National School wish to invite you, your family and friends to our beautiful

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

at Dennehy's Cross Church on Thursday 17th December from 7.00 to 8.30pm. All pupils will act out the story of Christmas and sing a most wonderful collection of carols.
Do join us as we remember the real reason for the season.

WEEKEND PSALM

Third Sunday of Advent - Year C

Patrick Killeen

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Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the ho-ly one of Is-ra-el.