

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

3rd January 2010

Second Sunday of Christmas

No.1022

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 10th
January

First Reading:
Is 40:1-5,9-11

Psalms 103

Second Reading:
Tit 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel:
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The Epiphany



Wednesday 6th January

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Reminder !

The 2010 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 2010.

A member of the Finance committee will be available to answer any questions you may have.

A HOLY LAND BLESSING

*May the Babe of Bethlehem
Bring you Peace;
May the Child of Nazareth
Bring you Joy;
May the Man of Galilee
Bring you Strength;
May the Christ of Calvary
Bring you Courage;
May the Risen Christ
Bring you Hope;
And the Ascended Christ
A foretaste of His Glory.*

Rest in Peace

We regret to record the deaths of so many of our loyal parishioners during the Christmas period. They were very much part of our parish community over the years and will be missed. We offer our sincere sympathy and prayers to their families and friends. May they rest in peace.

Margaret O'Flynn, Farranlea Park

Patricia Lehane, Wilton Avenue

Dr. Michael O'Brien, Lynbrook, Glasheen Road

Kevin O'Leary, Parkway, Model Farm Road

Marcella O'Mahony, Bendemeer Park

Eileen O'Hea, Orchard Road

Brian O'Sullivan, Cherry Grove, Model Farm Road

Breede Lynch, Model Farm Road

Gerard Holohan, Bishopstown

TRÓCAIRE

On this first Sunday of the New Year Trócaire would like to sincerely thank everyone in this parish who supported us over Christmas. The challenges we face are still tough but there are many stories of hope. Thousands of individuals, families and communities will receive the Christmas Global Gifts you bought which will help them support themselves and provide for their children. Your help is truly appreciated so on behalf of everyone Trócaire works with around the world we thank you once more and wish you a peaceful 2010.

Justin Kilcullen, Director of Trócaire

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make

the Christmas celebrations truly wonderful

and the Church look so beautiful - priests, musicians,

servers, ministers of Eucharist and Word, sacristy

team, and those who decorate and clean the Church.

NOTICE BOARD

Feast of the Epiphany

Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Tuesday 5th at 7.30pm. Masses on Wednesday at 9.00, 10.30, and 7.30pm.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting next Thursday 7th January in Parish Office at 3.00pm.

Fr. Damien - Leper Priest

On 11th October, Pope Benedict proclaimed five new saints, including Damien de Veuster, the 19th century missionary from Belgium. His story is truly a remarkable one, portraying a man of immense courage and unshakeable faith in God.

Born in 1840 in Louvane, Damien, following his brother's footsteps, joined the congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and after ordination travelled to Hawaii as a missionary.

Some years later the kingdom of Hawaii faced a massive public health crisis. The native Hawaiians became afflicted by diseases introduced to the islands by foreign traders and soldiers. Thousands died of influenza, syphilis and the most deadly of all - leprosy which was highly contagious and thought to be incurable. In an effort to prevent the disease spreading all those with leprosy, now known as Hansens Disease, were quarantined and moved to the remote outpost peninsula known as Molokai Island.

In total over 8000 men, women and children were moved. Soon it was learned that there was no law or order in the settlement, drunken and lewd conduct prevailed. A major problem was a shortage of medical treatment, food was in short supply and housing for the suffering was totally inadequate.

While the Bishop believed and understood that the lepers, at the very least needed a priest, he also knew that such an assignment could potentially be a death sentence, so he asked for volunteers. After prayerful consideration, Damien offered to undertake the mission.

To be continued...

WEEKEND PSALM

Second Sunday after Christmas

Patrick Killeen

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The word was made__ flesh, and dwelt__ a - mong us.

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