

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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First Sunday of Advent

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 5th
December

First Reading
Is 11:1-10

Psalm 71

Second Reading
Rom 15:4-9

Gospel Mt 3:1-12

NEED v ACHIEVEMENT



It is now clear that the years ahead are going to be difficult ones for everybody and extremely difficult for very many. The dominant inclination may be to focus exclusively on what will protect me and mine; what I have I hold and what I can grab I will.

Such a strategy is bound to fail because the only foundation of security and of true fulfilment must be a recognition in practice that we are all interdependent, each of us part of the one human family. What is of concern to one must be of concern to all.

When individuals ignore this basic truth, there is pain, hurt, exclusion and unfairness. When society, especially leaders, ignore it there is disaster and despair.

We are not all equal, equally gifted. All do not get the same opportunities. The physically or emotionally challenged will need a larger share of limited resources than the academically brilliant. Each one is a unique person entitled to a share of life's resources according to need rather than according to achievement. In a family, achievement can not be the criterion of sharing wealth or care. The vulnerable must always be the priority.

It is an attitude of heart that inspires action. We may not be in a position to actually decide state policy but we can contribute to building up a reservoir of care, goodwill, respect, generosity, practical help that supports the vulnerable when the going is tough.

Do not waste energy on cursing the darkness, but light a candle of joyful goodness each day.

Fr. Tom

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Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word

New Rota is available for collection on altar rails. Please take a copy.

WEEKEND PSALM

Advent 1 - Year A

Patrick Killeen



I re - joiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's___ house.'

Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy on the deaths of our parishioners,

Des O'Mahony, The Ridgeway, to his wife Anne, sons Conor and Brian, daughters Sheila and Deirdre, brothers, sisters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

KATHY HAWE, Model Farm Road, to her daughters Juliet, Oonagh and Kay, sons-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Joe Holly, Wilton Road, to his daughters, Mary, Anne, Margaret and Michele, son-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a nanamacha dílse.

Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading"

This is an ancient practice dating back to the early Church, to the desert people and monastic communities, such as that founded by St. Benedict. Literally it means divine reading, biblical spiritual reading or a holy reading. The purpose is to promote communion with God and increase knowledge of God's word. The classic four steps or phases help you to pray, study, and ponder the scriptures. You need to set aside an hour of time, a specific place, and preparation using the following steps:

- ◆ *Lectio*: reading
- ◆ *Meditatio*: meditation
- ◆ *Oratio*: prayer
- ◆ *Contemplation*: contemplation

Our Parish group meets in the Parish Office every Monday morning after the 10.00 Mass. You are most welcome to come along.



The Word of God A Parishioner's Thoughts

When I read the Word of God I believe I am listening to the voice of a true friend. He comforts me yet challenges me to be the best person I can be. This communication of God to us is a highlight of Mass for me.

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

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday, 3rd December is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament next Friday from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society monthly meeting next Thursday 2nd December at 3.00pm in the Parish Office.

Legion of Mary Mass to commemorate the Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of the Legion of Mary, will be held at St. Augustine's Church at 4.00pm on Saturday, 27th November.

Mount Mercy College. A Remembrance Mass for deceased staff and past pupils will be held in the College Assembly Hall on Monday, 29th November at 7.30pm. All concerned are very welcome to attend.

Found in churchyard, Silver bangle, inscribed *Emma*. Please contact sacristy or parish office.

Please Give Blood at Blood Donor Clinic in The Barr's Club, Togher on Tuesday 30th November, 5.00pm to 8.30pm.



Gala Christmas Flower Demonstration by Brid Coonan, at SMA Parish Centre on Tuesday 30th November at 8.00pm. Tickets €15 (incl. supper) in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Association.

Festive Floral Art at Bishopstown Community School presented by Malcolm Kitt on Wednesday December 1st from 7.30 to 10pm. Tickets €10 or 3 for €20 available at 4544311 There will be a raffle on the night including Malcolm's wonderful displays. Tea and coffee available. Places are limited so don't delay!



Lord Mayor's Concert in aid of local charities on Saturday 4th December at 8.00pm in City Hall. Tickets available at Pro Musica, Oliver Plunkett Street.

Handel's Messiah East Cork Choral Society on 4th December in Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross, at 8pm. Tickets €15 and available from the Sacristy at Christ the King, Church, or Pro Musica.

Mad Hatter's Party in aid of Threshold (National Housing Organisation) at the English Market on Friday 3rd December, 7.00-10.00pm (entrance Princes St). featuring Perfidia and Majella Cullagh. Tickets €30 available from 4278848 or advicecork@threshold.ie

Information Evening on Dyslexia at Bishopstown Community School on 1st December at 7.45pm.

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