

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

12th December 2010

Third Sunday of Advent

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Our Parish Priest writes

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 19th  
December

First Reading  
Is 7:10-14

Psalm 23

Second Reading  
Rom 1;1-7

Gospel Mt 1;18-24

## MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME AS I MAKE MINE IN YOU



Today is Gaudete or Joyful Sunday. Advent is a time of preparation for the Feast of the birth of Jesus, the Saviour and Light of our World. We can be caught up in the hustle and bustle of shopping, trees, decorations, getting stressed and frustrated when things don't work out.

Maybe we need to stop and concentrate on Jesus Himself and His message and ask ourselves how can I make this Christmas the happiest for my family, myself and Jesus. In our homes, turn off the TV, light a candle, gather round the crib, sing the carols, pray each day for peace, love and happiness. A happy child's heart and mind is a lovely heart and mind. What you give to your children they hand on to theirs. Read St. Luke's gospel, chapters 1 and 2.

At Mass on Christmas Day Jesus wants a gift from you, the gift of yourself in Holy Communion. He said, "Make your home in me as I make mine in you". There was no room in the Inn on the first Christmas. Ask yourself how can I prepare as best I can to welcome Jesus into my heart and soul. As you come up to Holy Communion may you hear Jesus saying to you. "Thanks for welcoming me."

Jesus said, "What you do for others you do for me." As we share with those in need and pray for them, thinking too of those for whom this Christmas especially is very lonely and difficult, think of Jesus saying to you, "Thanks for caring for me". So, during the remainder of Advent, as you take time to stop, listen, share and prepare may you really say on Christmas Day I did make it the happiest for many and for Jesus. I was a light of Christ's love, hope and peace. I did brighten Christmas.

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## ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

*Please join us this Sunday 12th December at 7.00pm.*

*Advent Carols and Readings by Candlelight. All welcome*

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## In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Dr. Sheila Plant**, Orchard Road, on the death of her mother, Pauline O'Neill.

### NOTICE BOARD

**ALERT** - No Midnight Mass this Christmas Eve. Mass will be celebrated at **9.00pm**.

#### Bulletins to Homes

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

**Sacred Heart Church** Pageant Carol Service on Sunday 12th at 7.30pm.

#### Christmas Youth 2000 Retreat

A National Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat for Young People aged 16-35 takes place at Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co Kildare from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2010. An opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends! Contact Youth 2000 office 01 6753690 or 085 8289231 for information. No charge – donation only. Free buses available from some locations. See poster at back of the church. Website: [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)



**Exhibition of Oil Paintings** by Dáithí Ó hAodha at Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre. Opens Saturday 4th December and on display until Tues 23rd. Come and view this exciting new work of well known scenes captured in beautiful colours and dashing brush strokes.

**Cork Youth Chamber Orchestra** at the SMA Hall, Wilton, on Friday 17th December at 8.00pm. Presented by the Bishopstown & District Lions Club. €7 admission.

**Alzheimer Society Support.** Next meeting for carers will take place on Wednesday the 12th January from 3pm to 4.30pm in our Day Care Centre in Bessboro Blackrock. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO CARERS SUPPORT MEETING IN DECEMBER.

## Parish Reconciliation Service

*NEXT WEEKEND*

*SUNDAY 19TH 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.*

### Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.15pm

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Kieran at 4346940.

### The Word of God

#### A Parishioner's Thoughts

"I will...lead her into the desert and speak to her heart." (Hosea 2:16)



When I reflect on the Word of God, I hear Jesus' voice say to me: "I love you. Do not be afraid."

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 16th December from 7.00 to 8.30pm. Each class will perform Christmas music.

Do join us as we remember the real reason for the season.

### WEEKEND PSALM

*Advent 3 - Year A* Patrick Killeen

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Come, Lord, and save us.

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