

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

19th December 2010

Fourth Sunday of Advent

No. 1079

## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
26th December

First Reading  
Eccles (Sir) 3:26, 12-14

Psalms 127  
Second Reading  
Col 3:12-21

Gospel  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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## THANKS PRAISE

Christmas is both a reminder and a celebration. It is a reminder that God is love and that we not only share in that love, but that this love is the source of all that we are. It is the cornerstone of our inner peace, of our relationships, of all the goodness we share, achieve or experience.

To enable us to touch into and appreciate more fully His love, God sent Jesus among us, born of Mary. He entrusted His Son to a young country girl in the back of beyond, at Nazareth.

I find it truly amazing and awesome that He did this just for me; for you too, but for me. It is a love we celebrate together as family, as friends, as a community in a myriad of ways over Christmas but especially in the Eucharist. Every celebration of friendship is a thanksgiving to God who loves us uniquely and unconditionally and makes us capable of loving generously, faithfully, courageously.

Of course, we do not always respond appropriately. We fail to measure up to what love inspires us to do. We need to acknowledge these failures so that forgiveness can free us from guilt and enable us to be our better selves, to feel all the power of God's mercy, to mould us into His image. Fear, guilt and pride can hinder and even block the work of the Lord. We need to let the Lord remove such blocks.

The Sunday Reconciliation Service is an opportunity to tune into the loving love of the Lord. It is principally about the Lord whose love never changes no matter how we fail. We are assured of and renewed in love when we receive the sacrament of reconciliation. To be a recipient of such love is to be invited to give thanks, praise and appreciation. Together we will respond to this invitation at 5.00pm this Sunday.

Bí linn. Bring family and neighbours to enrich this celebration.

Fr. Tom



## RECONCILIATION SERVICE - SUNDAY AT 5.00PM

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

We are coming to the close of our 3rd year for the Parish Envelope Collection Scheme and I am pleased to tell you it has been a great success and continues to play a significant role in contributing to our parish finances. I would like to thank everyone who is partaking in the scheme. We recently secured a refund from Revenue of €23,000 for the year 2009. This was achieved without any cost to the parishioners involved in the scheme. The money is being used to help defray the cost of refurbishment to the Parochial House and ongoing expenses.

If possible, we would hope everyone in the scheme will be able to continue for the year 2011. We would be delighted to welcome new members. Boxes of envelopes for 2011 will be available early in January.

May God bless you all for your generosity.

Fr. Kieran

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CHURCH SERVICES

### MASSES

**Friday 24th - Christmas Eve**

9.00, 10.00. 6.15pm (Family Mass), 9.00pm.

**Christmas Day :** 9.00, 10.30, 12.15pm

**Sunday 26th :** 9.00, 10.30am and 12.15pm

**Mon 27th to Friday 31st :** 9.00 and 10.00am

**Saturday 1st January :** 9.00, 10.00, and 6.15pm

**Sunday 2nd January :** 9.00, 10.30 and 12.15pm

**Monday /Tuesday 3rd & 4th :** 9.00, 10.00

**Wednesday, 5th :** 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30pm Vigil Mass.

**Thurs. 6th Feast of the Epiphany :** 9.00, 10.30, 7.30pm

**First Friday 7th January :** 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30pm

Exposition 10.00 to 12.00noon and 7.00 to 7.30pm.

**Pease note** No Midnight Mass

### RECONCILIATION SERVICES

**Dennehy's Cross:** Sunday 19th at 5.00pm.

**Sacred Heart Church:** Monday 20th at 7.30pm

### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday 18th :** 12.00 - 1.00pm, before 6.15pm Vigil Mass

**Thursday 23rd:** 10.30-11.00am

**Friday 24th :** 12.00-1.00pm, 4.00 - 5.00pm



## Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy on the death of our parishioners:

**Peggy Meehan**, 10 Kenley Close, to husband Bertie and daughters Linda and Margaret, and son Finbarr.

**Noreen Murphy**, Farranlea Park, to sons Bernard, Paul Gerard and Francis, and to her sister Nancy.

## Sympathy

To Mick Lane, Cherrygrove, Model Farm Road, on the death of his brother Dick.

### NOTICE BOARD

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE on Sunday at 5.00pm.**

**Parish Calendars** for 2011 are available in the church. If you are unable to collect one, please ask a neighbour to pick one up for you.

#### Calling All Woolworths Past Employees

A special Remembrance Mass for former and deceased employees of Woolworths, Patrick Street, together with their families will be celebrated on Saturday 8th January at 6.15pm here at Dennehy's Cross, and afterwards a cup of tea/coffee in the Crypt. All welcome.

### THANK YOU

*A sincere thank you to all who donated and supported the recent sale of work in aid of St. Vincent de Paul.  
Congratulations to all who won prizes in the raffle.*

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### AUTUMN DUES

*Our sincere thanks to the many parishioners who have sent in their generous Dues and to those who will do so.*

*A word of appreciation to our courteous distributors/collectors who facilitated the good work.*

*Happy Christmas to one and all.*

*May the Holy Family bless your homes and families at home and abroad.*

*- The priests of the parish*

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



On Monday 20th 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.

### TURKWEL, our Sister Parish in Kenya

Last Weekend for Christmas Appeal

Cards available at Parish Office before and after each Mass this weekend.

### WEEKEND PSALM

Advent 4 - Year A

Patrick Killeen

