

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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The Baptism of the Lord

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 16th
January

First Reading: Is 49:3,5-6

Psalm 39

Second Reading
1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel 1:29-34

DAILY OPPORTUNITIES



It was early on a recent Sunday morning when I looked out at the glistening compacted frozen snow in the churchyard and wondered how people would get up through it to Mass. About 8.00am I looked out again and there was a woolly-capped man equipped with a bag of salt and a shovel clearing paths through the ice to enable his neighbours get safely to Mass. His initiative, his dedication, his competence lifted my heart. Without his response, it would not have been done. Thank you, Liam.

During the days since, I have been thinking how urgently such a generosity of spirit will be needed in our communities, in our country and in our Church in the year ahead and, maybe, for many years to come.

Attitude of mind and heart is crucial in determining our wellbeing and our happiness in times of hardship and difficulties. Self-centredness compounds the problem. Generosity leads to its solution. We need to believe that each one of us can make a daily contribution to the pool of goodness in our communities. It may be a word of encouragement or a creative insight. It may be a sensitive response to another's need. It may be a link in a chain of care. It may be to maintain a service like meals-on-wheels through reliable commitment.

One way or another, it is our belief that God entrusts to me and to each one a task to be done that will be left undone if you or I do not do it. The encouraging fact is that God multiplies beyond our expectation every seed of goodness we sow.

So 2011 is calling us. We are invited to be alert to see the opportunities, big or small, that each day brings. We must not be crushed by hopelessness or despair. We must keep hope alive for one another and for our young. That is their heritage and their entitlement. The negatives are obvious. Let us light candles of hopefulness and generosity each day of this year.

God bless.

Fr. Tom

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a friend or neighbour**

We wish all our parishioners a healthy and peaceful New Year

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Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families of parishioners who died during the Christmas period. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a nanamacha dílse.

Sheila Barry, Greenfields, Model Farm Road

Tadhg Ó Siochradha, Bishopscourt Hill

Christine Coleman, Wilton Gardens

Nan Lehane, Wilton Road

Finbarr O'Sullivan, Glasheen

Art O'Leary, Greenfields, Model Farm Road

Finbarr Duncan, Leesdale, Model Farm Road

Our Sympathy to

Mary Barrett, Model Farm Road, on the death of her father, Michael Nolan.

Eimear Fitzgerald, the Manor, Model Farm Road, on the death of her father, Jim Clifford.

Rosalie Moloney, Farranlea Park, on the death of her aunt, Sr. Redempta O'Mahony.

WHAT TO DO WITH UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ??

All unwanted Christmas gifts may be brought to the church and will be distributed to **Local Charities** in January. This is the second year to share our excesses with the less fortunate in the community. The generosity experienced in previous years was amazing and we hope this year will be as successful.

The appreciation shown by the charities make the effort worthwhile as the demands on them are enormous.

You are invited to leave your unwanted gifts by the Crib before/after Masses on January 15th/16th. Only **NEW** items can be accepted.

Once again, we thank you for sharing last year.

Reminder !

The 2011 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 2011.

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

NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to Homes

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

Tuesday Coffee Morning resumes next Tuesday 10th after 10.00 Mass. All very welcome to come along.

The Crypt Bridge Club will re-open on Thursday 13th January 2011 at 2.00pm (sharp). We hope all our members had a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. New members always welcome.

Theology by Distance Learning

The Dominicans are offering a programme to enable people to study from home with occasional study days, and with the on-line support of tutors. For further information call 01-4048124, email enquiries @prioryinstitute.com or visit www.prioryinstitute.com Applications for the Spring Semester modules must be received by 21st February 2011.

Alzheimer Society Cork City Branch

Carers Support Meeting will take place on Wednesday the 12th January from 3pm to 4.30pm in our Day Care Centre in Bessboro Blackrock.

Accommodation in Cork

Low cost accommodation available in pleasant apartment in western suburbs of Cork, in return for light duties on behalf of a Charity. Easy access to city, airport and University Hospital. Ample parking and use of sunny, private, secure gardens & woodland. Please contact resetini@gmail.com, giving a landline phone number.

WEEKEND PSALM

Baptism of the Lord - A

Patrick Killeen

