

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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2011 CHRISTMAS APPEAL IN SUPPORT OF TURKWEL. WATER – THE LIQUID GOLD OF LIFE

In sub-Saharan Africa 300 million people do not have a safe supply of drinking water, 80% of these live in rural areas. **The Christmas Appeal this year will focus on addressing this problem for the community of Naipa, in our sister parish in Turkwel, Northern Kenya.** Naipa is a small village situated south west of Lodwar town in Turkana County. It has a resident population of about 300 people (children, women and men). It is also a centre for the nomadic Turkana people who herd their animals across plains in search of grazing lands. Depending on the time of the year the population can grow to 2000 people. It is a village which is trying to develop itself – it has a small school with three classrooms, a small dispensary and a market. The people currently fetch water from the river and are very susceptible to water borne diseases. Access to clean water for this community would be a great development. With your continued generous support we hope to install a bore-hole in Naipa village which will guarantee a safe supply of water for the next 50 years. Fr. Ollie Noonan SMA, parish priest of Turkwel for the last 9 years, has identified a partner organisation that will help with the funding and drilling of a bore-hole to solve the water supply problem.



WHAT IS A BORE -HOLE? Bore-holes are drilled deep into the ground (varying in depth from 50 – 1,000 meters) using motorized equipment, in the location that surveying indicated was likely to contain underground water. Pipes are then installed into the hole to protect the water, a concrete pad is placed over the hole, and a hand pump is fitted to allow clean water to be brought to the surface. Depending on the depth of drilling needed to reach water, the average cost is estimated at €20,000.



It is estimated that it costs €5 to drill through 1 metre of ground in Turkwel and another €5 per metre to buy and install the steel piping needed to bring the water to the surface. So we ask you to consider how much of the drilling and piping that you would be willing to sponsor. **Every metre is vital in giving this community the most precious gift - safe drinking water.**

Please dig deep and support this appeal.

Christmas Gift Cards in support of this appeal will be sold in the Parish Office after Masses on Sat/Sun 19/20 and 26 /27 Nov., 3/ 4 and 17/18 Dec.

NOTICE BOARD:

Ministers of the Eucharist:

New Rota for Ministers of the Eucharist is now available for collection on the Altar rails at all Masses this weekend.

Autumn/Christmas Dues:

Dues are now being distributed through the courtesy of our dedicated volunteers. If you do not receive an envelope, please contact this Office (4344452) or one of the Priests. Envelopes can be returned through the collectors or directly. Thank you.

Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle:

Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle will hold their final recital for 2011 on Wednesday, November 23rd at 2.30pm in the Crypt of our Church, when Pat Lemasney will give the recital and everybody is most welcome to attend.

Bishopstown Senior Social Centre:

Mobile Phone coaching every Monday from 11.00am to 2.00pm at Wilton Park House. For further details contact Roger Coughlan at 086-3866975.

Hope Foundation:

Cake sale in the Crypt of the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, November 26th and Sunday, November 27th. Proceeds in aid of the Hope Foundation.



Ursuline Kenyan Immersion Programme:

Celebrate an evening with the City of Cork Male Voice Choir at a concert in aid of the Ursuline Kenyan Immersion Programme in St. Michael's Church, Blackrock on Friday, 2nd December at 8.00pm. Adults €10/Children and OAPs €6. Tickets available from Ursuline Secondary School (021) 4358012 and at the door on the night.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind:

Cake Decorating with Jacqueline Cullinane and a Floral Demonstration with Gene O'Riordan with music by Bijou on **Tuesday, 29th November** at 7.00pm in the Irish Guide Dogs Headquarters on the Model Farm Road, Cork. Tickets €10.00 each. For more information contact Lo-call 1850 506 300 or email anne@guidedogs.ie.



REST IN PEACE

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of our parishioners who died recently:

Sarah Boland, Rossbrook, Model Farm Road.
Eileen Tobin, Wilton Gardens.

May they rest in peace.

BIBLE CORNER



THE CHALLENGE OF LEADERSHIP

The chosen People struggled constantly and failed frequently to remain faithful to the Lord who had chosen them. In this weekend's First Reading, Ezekiel is in no doubt that a key factor in their failures was the infidelity of their leaders. He constantly rebuked those leaders and highlighted for them how the Lord himself would fulfil such a crucial and privileged role. He would keep in contact with each one, rescue them, guide them and feed them. He would show a special care for the weak and the wounded. He would be a true shepherd.

However, he would not take away individual responsibility for faithfulness to the Lord. He would, in fact, judge each one on their response to God's unique call.

Fr. Tom.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED PARISHIONERS



Last Friday night we remembered our parishioners who went to God during the past year. The congregation included many families who had lost a loved one and were feeling the pain and sadness of the loss, but I am sure they got some comfort from attending such a very spiritually uplifting experience. They had the opportunity to bring a lighted candle to our lovely shrine and Fr. Kieran gave daffodil bulbs for planting as a symbol of new life.

Fr. Tom, who was the main celebrant of the Mass, lit a big white candle in memory of all our deceased. The ceremony was enhanced by the singing led by our cantor, Catherine who was accompanied by Paddy on the organ. Afterwards, the Pastoral Council invited families to the Crypt to share their memories over a cup of tea.

Many people were involved in organising this beautiful Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving and deserve our sincere thanks.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
27th November.

First Reading:
Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Psalm: 79

Second Reading:
1 Cor 1:3-9

Gospel:
Mk 13:33-37

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Weekend
Psalm:



**Advent Carol Service on
Sunday 4th December at
7.00pm.
All welcome.**