

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

27th November, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

No: 1116

MASS TIMES

Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays

9.00, 10.00

Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &
7.30PM

OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES:



“ADVENT”

It is this time of year again. This is the 1st Sunday of Advent, the season of spiritual preparation for the feast of the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of our world. Commercially the Christmas lights were switched on last Friday night in Patrick Street. Children are wondering about their letters to Santa Claus. Adults are already under pressure deciding on Christmas presents.

Maybe this year in our homes we might take time to focus on Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family. Read the first and second chapters of St. Luke's Gospel and reflect on the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. Light a candle in honour of Jesus, “*the light of our world*” and pray for all your families and friends and all who need guidance in decisions to be made. Say the prayer “*Lord make me a channel of your peace*” thinking of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and praying for peace of mind for yourself, for those you know, peace in our homes, city, country and world.

Gather the children around the crib and sing Carols with them. Memories are very special and precious to us and what you put into your children's minds and hearts, they will hand on to their own in years to come.

After the Angelus at 6.00pm, say an extra Hail Mary for all in need throughout the world or ask the children what their intentions are each day as you journey through Advent.

We all need a sacred space in our lives. Some may decide to go to Mass daily or have a time for reflection as they put on a tape or CD and take a break from the hustle and bustle. Whatever you do may you be more aware of the presence and power of Jesus, the King and centre of our hearts and souls. May your thinking and attitude become more Christ-like. May you be a light of Christ's love and bring hope and peace to all you meet during this season of Advent.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
4th December.

First Reading:
Is 40:1-5,9-11

Psalms: 84

Second Reading:
2 Pet 3:8-14

Gospel:
Mark 1:1-8.

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NOTICE BOARD

First Friday:

Next Friday, 2nd 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, 1st December at 3.00pm in the Parish Office.

Cork Simon Community:

Cork Simon Community wish to thank everybody who so generously contributed to their recent collection which amounted to €802. A big thank you also to the students of Mount Mercy and their teacher, Therese Hogan, for their assistance with the collection.

Hope Foundation:

Cake sale in the crypt this weekend. Proceeds in aid of the Hope Foundation.



Irish Guide Dogs:

Cake Decorating (Jacqueline Cullinane) and Floral Demonstration (Gene O'Riordan) on Tuesday 29th November at 7.00pm in the Irish Guide Dogs Headquarters on the Model Farm Road. Tickets €10.00 each. Further information contact Lo-call 1850 506 300 or e-mail anne@guidedogs.ie.

Cork Penny Dinners & Cork Airport Singers:



Cork Airport Singers who are marking 25 years of singing and friendship have produced a Christmas CD entitled "We Wish You Christmas" featuring Carols they have performed over the past 25 years. One of the oldest charities in Cork

"Cork Penny Dinners" has been chosen by the choir to benefit from the proceeds raised from the sale of the Christmas CD. The Christmas CD is on sale for €10 and is available from the Parish Office or from Mick Healy at 087 2255775.

Hope Photography Experience India:

The Hope Foundation are looking for Photographers to join them on the Hope Photography Experience which will take place in Calcutta (Kolkata), India from 26th February to 6th March, 2012. For more information please log onto www.hopefoundation.ie or contact Susan at (021)4292990. It will change a child's future.

Cork Ursuline Past Pupils' Union:

Christmas Lunch on 4th December at Silversprings Moran Hotel, Tivoli, Cork at 1.00pm. For further details contact Teresa Byrne at (087)9521016.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Michael Lombard**, Model Farm Road on the recent death of his father, Micheál Lombard, Ballintemple, Cork.

Ar dheis De to raibh a anam dílis.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



*Please join us on Sunday
4th December at 7.00pm.*

*Advent Carols and Readings by
Candlelight.
All welcome*

BIBLE CORNER

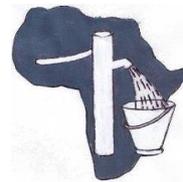


AWAKEN TO HOPE

A little like ourselves, the Hebrew people had lost the run of themselves and later had hit tough times. While reminding them that their troubles were largely of their own making through their neglect of what was most important in life, Isaiah also gave them hope. Using the image of clay in a potter's hands, he reminded them, and in turn reminds us, that we are all in God's hands. Indeed, much more than that, we are capable of being fashioned into true greatness and happiness if we allow God to mould us by responding to his guidance in every aspect of life.

Advent is a time to refocus our vision of life. It is a time to reawaken goodness in our hearts and to keep hope alive, hope in ourselves, hope in one another, hope in our country and in our church. "Give us life Lord that we may call upon your name."

Fr. Tom.



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

Weekend Psalm:

First Sunday of Advent - Year B

Patrick Killeen



God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.