

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

25th December, 2011

Christmas Day

No: 1120

## 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



## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
1st January, 2012

First Reading:  
Num 6:22-27

Psalm: 66

Second Reading:  
Gal 4:4-7

Gospel:  
Luke 2:16-21

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I have noticed this year fewer people are wishing each other "Happy Christmas". Christmas is always an emotional time. Each year is different and for many in our community and beyond, 2011 has been the hardest year of all with so many changes in their lives, homes and situations.

We are all on a journey in life. On the first Christmas, Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem to be registered as the Roman Census required. They left their families and friends. Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Saviour of the World, God made man, in a stable. They were a young couple on their own, no support of parents, brothers and sisters, families, relations and friends, all wondering what was happening and no way of knowing. The first visitors were shepherds, carers of sheep and lambs. When they saw the scene they went home, told their families and did what they could.

In our city and throughout the world, there are so many carers, making life more hopeful for others - maybe you are one of them? Our thoughts and prayers are with all on their own, especially in our community and those we know. We think of all who have left their countries to live among us and our own who are scattered throughout our world.

This Christmas in our prayers and masses, we think of all who need a special prayer. We remember too all the young people and hope this Christmas may bring peace and love in their lives.

Fr. Kieran.

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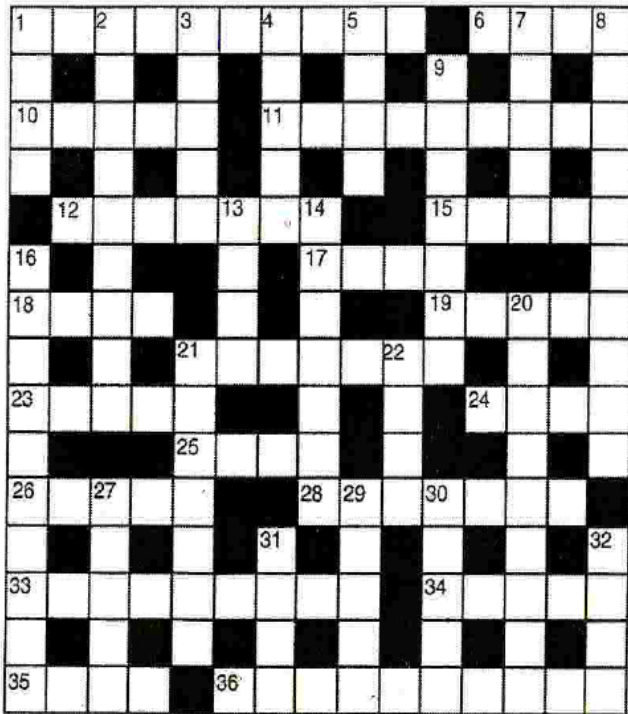
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**CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD** by Portia



**ACROSS**

- 1 Christmas message from Portia to her faithful crossword doers.(4,6)
- 6 Hereafter headgear (4)
- 10 It's a suit, for a dig. (5)
- 11 Soft living. Only one got the title, six also ran. (9)
- 12 Discourage? No! Quite the opposite. (7)
- 15 Pole - for all the people in the office. (5)
- 17 Donate your last remaining one and prove your devotion (4)
- 18 If these are cold, you are likely to turn back! (4)
- 19 Plain clothes for a change. (5)
- 21 Listen to this story - the message is in the meaning. (7)
- 23 With Daniel and Joel around him, a prophet whose theme was fidelity. (5)
- 24 Sort of network such as a spider might concoct. (4)
- 25 Airs can be turned into an Eastern garb. (4)
- 26 What's this thing that changes into darkness? (5)

- 28 A visit from Puss? Derisory! (7)
- 33 Glad model contrived to win top prize. (4,5)
- 34 Flounced away with small outdated measure inside. (5)
- 35 The mystery is how one man can carry them by the bagful at Christmas (4)
- 36 This bird has been compared to a nagging woman (7,3)

**DOWN**

- 1 Such bodies can be very irritating. (4)
- 2 Stale sins can be converted into something squeaky clean (9)
- 3 What's this? Young pup! (5)
- 4 Insuperable, carries something wonderful inside (5)
- 5 Seers? (4)
- 7 Circle of all sorts of activities (5)
- 8 Those who are so, may well be forgotten. (3,2,5)
- 9 Being so attractive, sounds like a candidate for 33 across (7)
- 13 A thought that may well arise from 12 across (4)
- 14 Crater I excavate and find it somewhat irregular (7)
- 16 There were shepherds out in the fields keeping guard over their sheep during the watches ... .. (2,3,5) Lk2. (New Jerusalem Bible)
- 20 This doesn't exist - stop looking for it! (4,5)
- 21 An activity, not necessarily from an earlier era, however it sounds. (7)
- 22 Roll, or just heel over (4)
- 27 Ravine that sounds sea-bird-ish (5)
- 29 With a thousand it's a north Cork town, this permit (5)
- 30 The ultimate honour, regally speaking (5)
- 31 Fragrant river? (4)
- 32 Our dear senior cleric in his special place (4)

Entries to Parish Office by **Sunday 8th** January please.

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*O COME LET US ADORE HIM,  
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CHRIST THE LORD!*



**Weekend Psalm:**

*Nativity of our Lord - Midnight Mass*

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To-day a sav-iour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.

Patrick Killeen