

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

1st January, 2012

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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## MASS TIMES

### Sunday

9.00 ,10.30 & 12.15

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

### Weekdays

9.00, 10.00

### Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

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9.00, 10.30 &

7.30pm



J.M.J. + F.C.C.

Poor Clare Colettine Monastery,  
College Road,  
Cork.

## PRaised BE JESUS CHRIST!

Happy New Year from your Poor Clare Sisters in College Road. No greater way could we start 2012 than by celebrating the Solemnity of the Mother of God. Mary, though only a creature herself, was chosen to be the Mother of the Creator, the Mother of God, to be the sacred dwelling place of the second person of the Blessed Trinity. By her co-operation with God, Jesus was formed in her womb and took on our human nature. Mary has been given the highest honour of our race.

## God's Word

### Readings for Sunday 8th January.

#### First Reading:

Is 42: 1-4,6-7

#### Psalms: 28

#### Second Reading:

Acts 10: 34-38

#### Gospel:

Mk 1:7-11

When St. Clare wrote to St. Agnes of Prague she said "Only the faithful soul is His dwelling place and throne and this is possible only through charity..... He who is the Truth has said 'Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I shall love Him and we shall come to Him and make our dwelling place with Him'. Therefore, as the glorious Virgin of Virgins carried Christ materially in her body, you too by following in her footprints, especially those of poverty and humility.... can always carry Him spiritually..... holding Him by whom you and all things are held together".

This year Poor Clare sisters around the world are celebrating eight hundred years since St. Clare began her religious life and founded the Order on Palm Sunday in the year 1212. In honour of such a great celebration, our Holy Father Pope Benedict has granted a Plenary Indulgence throughout this Jubilee year until August 12th, 2012. The Plenary Indulgence may be gained by the faithful who visit a Poor Clare Monastery Chapel, any day during the Jubilee Year and may be applied also the souls of the faithful in Purgatory under the usual conditions i.e. Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions. While in the Chapel the faithful should dedicate themselves to prayer, concluding with the Our Father, the Creed and an invocation/short prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis and St. Clare. Our Chapel is open from 7am until 6pm and you are all welcome to pop in and avail of this special indulgence which Pope Benedict has made available to you.

On New Year's Eve after night prayer, we chanted the Te Deum (hymn praising God) in thanksgiving for the blessings received in 2011. At mid-night some sisters welcomed in the New year before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament praying the Divine Office (official prayer of the Church). As we journey through this New Year, may the Mother of God be at our side and may she lead us all closer to Jesus who longs to dwell in our hearts.

Sr. Faustina.

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## Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families of parishioners who died during the Christmas period. May they rest in peace.

**Prof. Declan Burke**, Inniscarra.  
**Brian McCarthy**, Wilton Avenue.  
**Sr. Josephine Healy**, St. Joseph's Convent.  
**Jim O'Sullivan**, Lima Lawn.

## NOTICE BOARD:

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

The usual monthly collection will take place at all masses next weekend.

### Pastoral Council:

Next meeting on Monday 9th January at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre.

### Liturgy Group:

Next meeting on Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

## THE EPIPHANY



“Then opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh”

Friday, 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany.

**Masses:** Thursday 5th Vigil Mass at 7.30pm.

Friday 6th - Masses 9.00, 10.30 and 7.30pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, 6th January from 11.30am to 7.30pm.

## THE NEW YEAR

**H**appiness depends upon your outlook on life.  
**A**ttitude is just as important as ability.  
**P**assion find yours this year!  
**P**ositive thoughts make everything easier.  
**Y**ou are unique, with special gifts, use them.

**N**ew beginnings with a New Year.  
**E**nthusiasm a true secret of success.  
**W**ishes may they turn into gold.

**Y**ears go by too quickly, enjoy them.  
**E**nergy may you have lots of it.  
**A**ppreciation of life, don't take it for granted.  
**R**elax take the time to relax in this coming year.

*May you find happiness, hope and good fortune  
in the coming year.*

## MYSTERY OF FAITH (MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION):

L L M M R D R M L L M M R D R

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur -

M M D R R D T L

rect - ion un - til you come a - gain.

*From: Mass of the Descent of the Holy Spirit  
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We ask God's blessing on all your homes and families for the coming year.  
May the Holy Spirit guide us for the future.

*Fr. Denis, Fr. Tom, Fr. Kieran.*

## Weekend Psalm:

*Solemnity of Mary, Mary Mother of God  
January 1st, octave of Christmas - Years A,B,C* Patrick Killeen

O God be gra - cious and bless us.