

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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The Baptism of the Lord

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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

Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &
7.30pm

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
15th January.

First Reading:
1 Sam 3:3-10,19

Psalms: 39

Second Reading:
1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel:
Jn 1:35-42

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REBUILDING AFTER A TSUNAMI



For me, one of the highlights of this Christmas time was the baptism of children from France, Australia as well as from here at home. Like the neighbours of St. John the Baptist, in a Christmas time gospel, I wondered again and again 'what will this child be' and what world awaits each of them. It will certainly be a changed world and a radically different church to what faced their parents and indeed their grandparents as they grew up.

Social cohesion and certainly religious cohesion will have almost disappeared. In the years ahead to be a follower of Jesus will demand a deep personal faith in him and a freely chosen commitment to a community of believers in his church.

To enable our young people to grow into such a faith and such a commitment is already a huge challenge for the church of today with few, if any, signs of it being met. Many older people experienced the church of their youth as one of conformity and compulsion rather than one of invitation and conviction. Obedience to the institution was stressed more than appreciation of the vision of God's loving plan.

Church change has been gradual and faltering whereas social change has been like a tsunami. To sow new seeds of love and to nurture life giving cells of faith among the debris of abuse scandals and church authoritarianism is a task for the brave hearted, a task that will have the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, for all who are open to it. To empower the young and the not so young to rebuild the community of believers in Jesus, is the urgent task of our time.

The place to start is in our homes, in small circles of friends, neighbours, parishioners, our work colleagues where in an attitude of openness we welcome a new coming of the spirit. Regular reflective prayer, discussion and actions will enable us to enrich our weekly Eucharist and be strengthened by receiving the Lord.

Let us begin the New Year in hope and courage.

Fr. Tom

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or give it to a friend or neighbour

NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to the Homes:

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish 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.

Parish Calendar 2012

Parish Calendars for 2012 are now available at the doors of the Church.

Bishopstown/Ballincollig & District Cardiac Support

This Group meet on the 2nd Monday of the month and the next meeting will be held on Monday, 9th January at the Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre from 11am to 1pm. For further details contact (021) 4872626.

Brú Columbanus:

A collection will take place in aid of Brú Columbanus on the 14th & 15th January. Brú Columbanus is a charity that provides accommodation to relatives of seriously ill patients in Cork hospitals, especially relatives of sick children. It is a purpose built facility located at Cardinal Way, Wilton, Cork. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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



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“REMINDER”

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD:

Entries to be submitted to the Parish Office by
Sunday 8th January.

“Portia”

REST IN PEACE

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of our parishioners who died recently.

Maureen O'Neill, Model Farm Road.

Sean Keary, Castleknock, Dublin

Seamus Keating, Model Farm Road.

Anne O'Mahony, Bishopstown Avenue.

May they rest in peace.

BIBLE CORNER



“BIBLICAL DUO”

Paul and John, two great exponents of the good news, put the message before us, each in his own way this weekend. Paul's enthusiastic hymn of praise emphasises that all we have received from God comes to us through Christ, the chosen one of the Father. Paul prays for us that we can gradually become more and more aware of what hope God's call has in store for us.

On the other hand, John's gospel hymn is more reflective and austere. He highlights that the one born of the Virgin is the creator of all that exists, who comes among us as a light to guide us on our way through life to final happiness with God.

Between them, Paul and John realign us for the year ahead with the essentials of our faith. We will do well to heed them!

Fr. Tom

*Don't mind criticism.
If it is untrue - disregard it;
if it is unfair - don't let it irritate you;
if it is ignorant - smile;
if it is justified - learn from it.*

Weekend

Psalm:

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The Lord will bless his people with peace.