

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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First Sunday of Advent

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Christmas Appeal for Turkwel, Kenya

Turkwel Parish in the Diocese of Lodwar is very grateful for all the support it has received over many years from the people of the *Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish, Dennehy's Cross*.

Many people living in Northern Kenya do not have access to quality health care and this is a major concern for those working in the area. The Catholic Church provides up to 70% of all health care in the Diocese of Lodwar/ Turkana County, an area which is equivalent to the size of Ireland. All the medical care provided by the Catholic Church is financed from generous contributions from people like you who have supported the people of Turkwel Parish and the Diocese of Lodwar over the years.

The Diocese provides many different health services to the people of Turkana, such as maternal health care, child nutritional programmes, HIV/AIDS treatment, care of the elderly and outreach clinics which serve the most vulnerable people in remote regions where no permanent clinics exist. These clinics treat illnesses such as malaria, typhoid, brucellosis, hepatitis etc. Lorugum Health Centre provides health care for Turkwel Parish with a population of over 35,000 people.

In Turkana County and Turkwel Parish the most basic and pressing problem is making sure that people have enough to eat. Turkana County is particularly susceptible to prolonged droughts which cause the people to suffer from malnutrition or even starvation. This year we want to build a kitchen at one of the health centres in Turkwel Parish. This kitchen will provide cooked food for patients who are admitted to the health centre because of serious illness. This will greatly add to the quality of care received and deserved by patients.

We ask your help to provide;

(a) Stove €50 (b) 100 bricks €30 (c) Cooking pots €20 (d) Water pipes €10 (e) Firewood €5



Wishing you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas, good health and happy times in 2013

Beannacht De oraibh go léir.

Fr. Ollie Noonan, SMA.

Parish priest of Turkwel Parish, Lodwar, Kenya

“Gift certificates are available in the Parish Office after Masses this weekend and again on the 16th and 23rd December”

Statement by the Standing Committee of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference on the equal and inalienable right to life of a mother and her unborn child.

This is available on www.catholicbishops.ie/2012/11/19/statement.

The Year of Faith

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Buckley will be distributed to the homes of the Parish over the coming few weeks.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday:

Next Friday, 7th December, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Next Friday, 7th December, from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

Monthly meeting will be held next Thursday, 6th December at 3.00pm in the Parish Office.

St. Vincent de Paul:

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, 8th/9th December, 2012.

Liturgy Group:

Please note that the **December** meeting will take place on Tuesday, 4th December at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

L'Arche Christmas Craft Fair:

From 10.00am to 5.00pm on Sunday, 9th December in L'Arche Workshop (in between school and Church in Togher). Music, crafts, book sale, raffle and lots more.... In aid of people with an intellectual disability. Admission free!

Trocaire's "Gifts of Change"

This Advent, Trocaire is asking parishioners to remember those less fortunate in the world during their Christmas preparations. Transform someone's life with a "Gift of Change" from as little as €5. Gifts are available at www.trocaire.org/globalgift or by calling 1850 408 408 (0800 912 1200 in NI).

Lights of Love:

On Sunday 2nd December at 4.00pm at St. Joseph's SMA Wilton Cork with traditional carols, inspiring Readings and beautiful music followed by light refreshments in the SMA Hall in aid of the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Association of Ireland.

Gougane Barra - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

The Year of Faith Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St. Finbarr's Oratory, Gougane Barra for the four Sundays of Advent from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Floral Demonstration:

With Gene O'Riordan at the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind on Tues. 4th December from 7.45pm till late. night. €12 per ticket. There will be a raffle on the night.



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

(in Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross).

On

Sunday 2nd December @ 7pm.

with

Guest Soprano: Shayron Hobbs.

All welcome.

Viatores Christi (Visitors for Christ)

will speak at all Masses this weekend. We welcome them to our Parish.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Next Saturday, **8th December** is a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Friday 7th at 7.30pm. Masses on Saturday at 9.00 and 10.30am.

Proposed Closure of Community Welfare Office Wilton Park House

The Bishopstown Community Association would like to draw your attention to a very important matter that has come to its notice in recent weeks and which could be of concern to every resident of the greater Bishopstown area now or in the future.

The Department of Social Protection are currently investigating the possible closure of the Community Welfare Office at Wilton Park House and relocating the service to Togher. (Togher already has a CWO in place). This office has operated for 30 years approximately at its present location, centrally situated in Bishopstown, easily accessed with ample off street parking facilities, and an extremely busy office at all times.

Therefore, any attempt to relocate to Togher is to be seen as a complete lack of commitment to Bishopstown and will cause unnecessary distress, hardship and inconvenience to both the young, old, local and multinational clients in our community who avail of its services.

The BCA finds this proposal unacceptable and has expressed this opinion to both local councillors and TD's because ultimately this is a political issue.

BCA are at a loss to know what the reasoning behind this proposal is, as a move of this nature in the present economic climate defies all logic.

BCA asks that you contact your local politicians on this matter.

Patricia Harrington,

Hon. Secretary,

Bishopstown Community Association Ltd.

Weekend

Psalm:

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Patrick Killeen