

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

9th December, 2012

Second Sunday of Advent

No: 1158

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
16th December

First Reading:
Zeph 3: 14-18

Psalms: Is 12: 2-6

Second Reading:
Phil 4: 4-7

Gospel:
Lk 3: 10-18

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“ST NICHOLAS AND SANTA CLAUS”

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas who was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At that time the area was Greek and is now governed by Turkey. His wealthy parents who raised him to be a devout Christian died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still a young man.



Obeying Jesus' words to “sell what you own and give the money to the poor”, Nicholas used the whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick and the suffering. On becoming a Priest, he dedicated his whole life to serving God. While still a young man, he was made Bishop of Myra. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to all those in need, his love for children and his concern for those who were imprisoned.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and thrown into prison. Events changed dramatically when Constantine I, now the Roman Emperor, converted to Christianity, released the Christians from the prisons and called an Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in Turkey. This was in 325 AD and Bishop Nicholas attended.

He died on December 6th in 343 AD in Myra and was buried in his Cathedral Church. The growth of devotion to Nicholas was spread worldwide and the anniversary of his death has become a day of celebration in many countries today.

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas's life and deeds. These accounts help us to understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of all those in need. Miracles and many remarkable acts of kindness are attributed to him.

Today St. Nicholas has become identified with Santa Claus who distributes gifts to children on Christmas Eve. Because of the many wars and attacks in the region of Myra in 1087, Italian merchants stole his body and brought it to Bari in southeast Italy. Pilgrims today visit Bari's great Basilica “Di San Nicola”. More than 2000 churches are named worldwide in his honour.

Arthur O'Callaghan

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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 will be held on Monday, 10th December at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre.

"Heart Throbs":

Bishopstown & Ballincollig Cardiac Support Group next meeting on Monday, 10th December, 2012 at the Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre from 11.00am to 1.00pm. The topic for discussion is Pharmacist (cardiac medication). New members welcome.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland - Saturday Club:

The next meeting of the Saturday Club will be held on Saturday, 15th December, 2012 at Bessboro Day Care Centre from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. We are delighted this month to present a celebration of Christmas Carols with the Monkstown Chamber Choir and the Choir of St. Patrick's 3rd Cub Scouts. Light refreshments provided. Free admission. All welcome. For further information contact (021) 4972504.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Cork City Branch:

Please note that there will be **No Carer Support Meeting in December**. For further information contact: (021) 4972504.

Bishopstown Community School:

Will be hosting their annual Christmas Play "Bigger Brother" by Kieran Doyle on Tues. 18th Dec. at 7.00pm. All students and relatives are invited to attend. There will be an entry fee of €5 and children 12 or under will be permitted entry for free.

Liam Lawton Concert:

At St. Patrick's Church, Bandon, Co. Cork on Friday, 14th December at 8.00pm. Tickets available at €20. For further information contact Carol on (086)1022030.

Togher Christmas Concert:

In aid of Togher Church Fund and St. Vincent de Paul Society on Thursday, 20th December at 8.00pm in Church of the Way of the Cross, Togher featuring Frankfield Gospel Choir and Carrigaline Gospel Choir. The concert is a **FREE** event and donations are welcome on the night. Please come along and support this great event.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Christmas Collection in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place **this weekend, 8th/9th December** at all Masses.

JUBILEE BELLS HANDBELL CHOIR

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CAROL SINGING

(Local Artistes, Schools and Parish Community)

in

CHURCH OF THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

on

Wednesday, 12th December, 2012 at 7.30pm

ADMISSION FREE



(Exit Donation to Cork Penny Dinners)

Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.15pm

On Monday 17th December at 3.00pm we will have a gathering in the church of schoolchildren who wish to take part in the Christmas Eve Mass. We need a number of willing parents to help with the smooth running of this event. Please contact Fr. Kieran at 087 2519940.

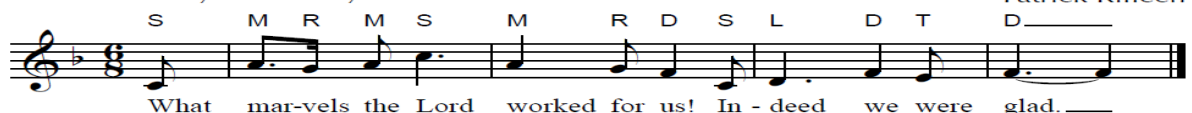


**PREPARE
THE
WAY
OF THE
LORD**

Weekend Psalm

Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time - Year B

Patrick Killeen



What mar-vels the Lord worked for us! In - deed we were glad. —