

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

16th December, 2012

Third Sunday of Advent

No: 1159

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

Mount Desert,
Lee Road,
Cork.



My dear friends,

We will give a different outlook to the front page of the Bulletin this weekend, the reason being the topics are so contrasting.

1. The first paragraph states the obvious - finding fault with everything - the style of writing - the use of the "F" word is so much of the written word - the play "Love/Hate" reached a new low for crudity and foul language and abuse of women.

2. Why I have really broken up my contribution this week is the total difference the Feast day of Christmas brings to the world - "Do not be afraid, I bring you tidings of great joy to be shared by all the people. Today in the house of David, a Saviour has been born to you - He is "Christ the Lord" and here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger". And all at once with the angel was a great throng of hosts of heaven, praising God with the words: "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace for those He favours".

3. I'm sure you will agree that the message of joy and goodwill is in stark contrast to all the world has to offer. So, in place of all the expensive presents you would wish to give your friends this year, I suggest a present for everybody on your Christmas gift list - a warm and friendly smile for everybody on that list. It will brighten up everybody's day between this and Christmas morning -

"So pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile!"

Dean Denis O'Connor.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
23rd December

First Reading:
Mic 5: 1-4

Psalms: 79

Second Reading:
Heb 10: 5-10

Gospel:
Lk 1: 39-44

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Reminder:

"Gift certificates are available in the Parish Office after Masses this weekend and again the weekend of the 23rd December.

Reminder:

Parish Reconciliation Service on **Sunday, 23rd December** at 5.00pm led by **Fr. Tom Riordan.**

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CHURCH SERVICES

MASSES

Mon 24th - Christmas Eve

9.00, 10.00, 6.15pm (Family Mass), 9.00pm.
(Please note No Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day : 9.00, 10.30am & 12.15pm

Wed 26th to Fri. 28th - 10.00am only

Saturday 29th : 10.00am and 6.15pm

Sunday 30th: 9.00, 10.30am and 12.15pm

Monday 31st & Tues 1st January : 10.00am only

Wed 2nd & Thurs 3rd : 9.00, 10.00am

Friday 4th (First Friday) : 9.00, 10.00am & 7.30pm

Exposition: 10.30am to 7.30pm

Sat. 5th - 9.00, 10.00am and 6.15pm

Sun. 6th: Feast of Epiphany: 9.00, 10.30 & 12.15pm

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Dennehy's Cross: Sunday 23rd at 5.00pm.

Sacred Heart Church: Monday 17th at 7.30pm

Curraheen Church: Wednesday 19th at 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

Sat 22nd : 12.00pm to 1.00pm

Mon 24th : 12.00-1.00pm, 4.00 - 5.00pm



NOTICE BOARD

Donations for flowers for the altar for Christmas would be appreciated. A box will be placed on the altar rails for offerings *during Mass times only*. Thanking you in anticipation.

Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.15pm

On Monday 17th Dec. at 3.00pm there will be a gathering of schoolchildren in the Church for those who wish to take part in the Christmas Eve Mass. For further details contact Fr. Kieran at (087) 2519940

Christmas Message - The Pastoral Council

At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Jesus and with the New Year we plan for and make resolutions for the year ahead. Every year brings its own challenges. How we deal with these challenges, how we support one another individually and as a community is what defines our Christianity.

The Pastoral Council wishes to thank all those people who contributed in any way during the past year, for without their faith and unstinting work we wouldn't have a parish. We thank the priests of the parish for their leadership, constant hard work, help and encouragement.

As we look forward to a New Year let us resolve to continue to support one another, to build on the achievements of the past and pass on the values we so believe in to those who come after us.

Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine.
Beannachtaí na Nollag agus Ath Bhliain shona daoibh go léir.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

On Sunday, 2nd December, we gathered as a congregation in a darkened church, lit by candlelight. The candles symbolise that "Jesus is the light of the world". Fr. Clancy in welcoming everyone blessed the candles which had been distributed to all present. Under the baton of Choirmaster, Patrick Killeen, our choir intoned the beautiful "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". Their singing added greatly to a spiritual and inspirational ceremony.

The Readings reflected the expectation of the Old Testament prophets, namely the coming of the Son of God - The Messiah, "See this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation (Is. 25-9). Fr. Tom reminded us that Advent is the time to reflect on our relationship with Jesus and especially with whose lives we touch.

Special guests at the service were soprano, Shayron Hobbs who sang a beautiful rendition of "Ave Maria" and Ruth McDonnell who played the harp - both Artistes added significantly to the success of the evening. Finally, Fr. Tom imparted a final blessing as the choir concluded the service with the hymn "O Little town of Bethlehem".

AUTUMN DUES

Our sincere thanks to the many parishioners who have sent in their generous Dues and to those who will do so. A word of thanks to our courteous distributors/collectors who facilitated the good work. May God bless and protect us this Christmas and the coming New Year.

The Priests of the Parish.

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Psalm

Third Sunday of Advent - Year C



Patrick Killeen