

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Another year is almost over. So many people's lives and situations have changed. More and More people are asking for prayers.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God made Man, Prince of Peace, the Light of the World, we come to Him. We gather round the crib in our churches and in our homes praying for and with each other. Maybe you might light a candle for all who need the Light of Jesus through the uncertainty of life.

This Christmas and for the coming year, may we, our families and all we know and love at home and abroad, experience the blessing, protection, strength and peace of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family.

Fr. Kieran.

## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES

For those who have an abundance of love, a bounty in heart and home, keep them mindful of the world's poor, lift their voices often to you in gratitude, loving God.

For those who carry hurts and angers and other heartaches, help them to feel the peace which only you can give and the grace to let go of long burdening memories.

For those who struggle with the lack of this world's riches, those who know what unemployment and empty pockets feel like, gift them with a counting of blessings which are often hidden and far more valuable than earthly treasure.

For those whose faith has grown dim and whose sense of you seems far away, raise in their hearts a great yearning for you that will not cease and a desire for the truth that cannot be ignored.

For those who are tired, weary, worn from a constant generous giving of their lives in love, be their energy and enthusiasm, be a great and deep spark of light and happiness within them.

For those who grieve the goodbye of a loved one and whose hearts are very lonely this time of year, touch them with dear memories and transform the inner missing and heartache into a vision of what lies far beyond this time and space.

For those whose lives speak of growing old, bless again and again with peace and serenity, let them know what gentle witnesses they are to all of us who still ponder the meaning of life and growth.

And finally, Saviour God, for those with young eyes, keep their hearts full of wonder and thank you for slipping some of their delight and simplicity into our own hearts each time we celebrate the Christmas moment.. Amen.

### God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
30th December.

First Reading:  
1 Samuel: 1:20-22

Psalms: 83

Second Reading:  
1 John 3: 1-2

Gospel:  
Lk 2: 41-52

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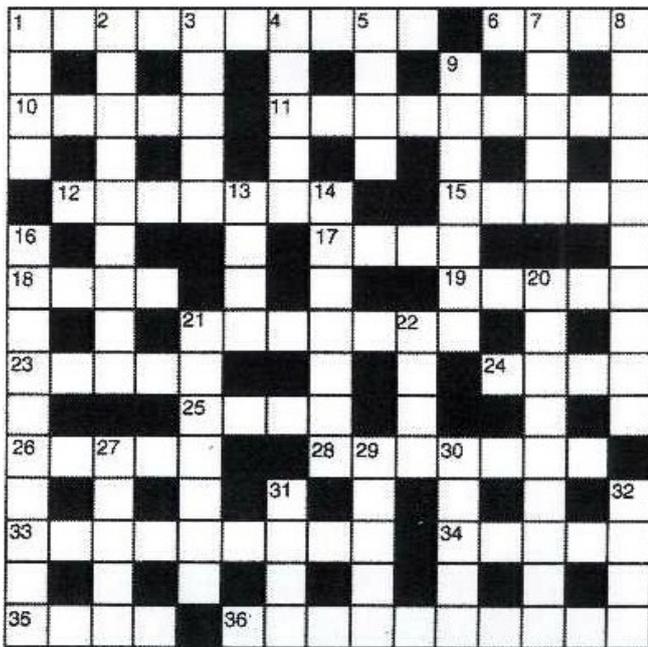
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**REMINDER - RECONCILIATION SERVICE TODAY - SUNDAY AT 5.00PM**



# CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

by Portia

### Down:

1. It's a conspiracy to put your plants here. (4)
2. Take care. Lookout has finished his session. (5,4)
3. Such ceremonies sound like entitlements. (5)
4. This is above board. (5)
5. It holds things together and it's at your fingertip. (4)
7. It's tough with love inside to stockpile. (5)
8. It's like this because the explanation given is incomprehensible. (5,2,3)
9. This is mean, to try to get in on the act. (7)
13. Long ago it was you. (4)
14. It is not a good thing to be green like this. (7)
16. Bearded man loses his cover, it's a near thing. (5,5)
20. Changes everything - like somersaults. (9)
21. To inform, but sounds like to get an award! (7)
22. Not at all evident, but Jacob's son is concealed there. (4)
27. New York and London in short create a twentieth century fabric. (5)
29. An appetite of any size holds something small in France - and tasty with fours. (5)
30. Mixed up Norma is Italian! (5)
31. Roundabout way of communication, like 34 across. (4)
32. Our beloved friend here in his usual place. (4)

### Across:

1. This is something you can grow in the garden to supply electricity. (5,5)
6. A tailless bird is so stylish. (4)
10. The tenth month in short and French make music. (5)
11. He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you: ... .. (2,2,5) Lk. 7 (Jerusalem Bible)
12. To call the dog, or end the game. (7)
15. Architectural style from old England. (5)
17. Ignoramus holds the girl. (4)
18. Form of taxation with which we have become only too familiar! ... (4)
19. Old measure can be obscene. (5)
21. Ida turns blue but can still be heard. (7)
23. Bossy Rupert is all sweetness inside. (5)
24. Study this to pick your choice of course. (4)
25. Pure translation for South American city. (4)
26. Your man from Italy. (5)
28. If you can lift them, you should be happy. (7)
33. If that's the way it is, then where was St. Anthony? (3,2,4)
34. You need signals for this one. (5)
35. The last of the dungeons for ages. (4)
36. At the end of the day it's an event of many colours ranging from grey to glorious red. (7,3)

*Entries to Parish Office by Sunday, 6th Jan. please.*

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### Mass Times for Christmas Season

**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 & 6.15pm

**Monday: 31st & Tues 1st Jan:** 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: Epiphany:** 9.00, 10.30 & 12.15pm

**Weekend Psalm:**

*First Sunday of Advent - Year B*



God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Patrick Killeen