

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

6th January, 2013

The Epiphany 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  
13th January.

First Reading:  
Is 40 1-5, 9-11

Psalms: 103

Second Reading:  
Ti 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7

Gospel:  
Lk 3: 15-16 21-22

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## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



From the beginning God chose Israel to be his very own people, through whom He would reveal himself and his message of salvation. The word Epiphany is from the Greek word meaning "a manifestation or appearance".

In the fullness of time, Jesus was born in Bethlehem in a stable, lovingly watched over by his mother Mary and Joseph. St. Luke (2.1-14) tells us of the terrified shepherds when the Angel of the Lord appeared to them. The Angel said, "Do not be afraid. Listen I bring you news of great joy, today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord. You will find him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger". It was to those poor humble shepherds that God's invitation was first extended.

The Three Wise Men from the East represented the Gentile nations (now Jews) and came to Jerusalem seeking "The Infant King of the Jews" (Mt.22). King Herod cannot help them but following their own "star" they arrive in Bethlehem and locate the Holy Family. With great joy they pay homage to the Prince of Peace, "offering gold to proclaim Christ's Kingship, frankincense to adore his Godhead and myrrh to acknowledge his mortality".

Both Joseph and "The Wise Men" receive angelic instruction through their dreams. God uses whatever means He can to communicate with us. The Wise Men return to their own land in safety and Joseph and Mary escape with the child to Egypt. In (Mt.2.13-18) we read how a furious Herod realising that he had been outwitted by the "Wise Men", orders the killing of all male children who were two years old or under in Bethlehem and the surrounding district.

When we reflect on the situation in the modern world and as a New Year begins, Christ has again become "hidden", wrapped with the shadows of indifference, misunderstanding and distraction. Wise men still find their way to him, others choose to ignore him. Innocent children are still dying at the hands of modern Herods.

We have seen a manifestation of God's glory to become part of the Epiphany and allow His light to shine into the shadows of our own lives. We do this in the hope that we can grow and mature in faith by cultivating a prayer life, reading the Scriptures and receiving the Eucharist with an ever increasing sense of awe, adoration and love.

*Arthur O'Callaghan.*

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## NOTICE BOARD:

### Christian Meditation Group:

The Christian Meditation Prayer Group meetings will resume on Thursday, 10th January. The morning meetings from 10.30am to 11.00am and the evening meetings from 7.00pm to 7.30pm. All welcome.

### Thursday Playgroup:

The group will resume in the Crypt on Thursday 10th January 2013. Parents, grandparents and childminders are invited to attend. For further information contact Gosia at (086) 2165634 or just come along to the Playgroup on Thursdays.

### Bishopstown Senior Social Centre:

Will re-open on Monday, 14th January, 2013 at 2.30pm in Wilton Park House.

### Community Employment Vacancies:

Are you in receipt of a social welfare payment or do you know someone who is? Are you available to work 19.5 hours per week? Do you have skills that you want to enhance or do you want to learn new skills? You may be eligible for a position on a Community Employment programme!! Community employment is an employment programme which helps long-term unemployed people to re-enter the active workforce by breaking their experience of unemployment through a return to work routine. For further information contact Claire or Ber at 4228100.

### Bishopstown Meals on Wheels:

Cooks urgently needed for the Bishopstown Meals on Wheels. The commitment is just 2 to 2½ hours one day every third week. If interested please contact Pat Harrington on (086) 3183950 or Sheila O'Brien on (021) 4343575 for further information.

### Rest in Peace:

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of parishioners who died during the Christmas period:

**Denis Keily**, Leeddale, Model Farm Road  
**Padraig Cronin**, Woodlawn, Model Farm Road  
**Juie Murphy**, Hilltop, Model Farm Road, Cork.  
**John O'Connell**, Lima Lawn, Cork  
**Ann O'Toole**, Liam Lynch Park, Cork.

### In Sympathy:

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Maura Commins**, Laburnum on the recent death of her father, Patrick Murray, Carrigrohane.

## REMINDER!

The 2013 Collection Envelopes are available in the Parish Office after all Masses this weekend for those who have already signed on and those who wish to do so for 2013.

A member of the Finance Committee will be available to answer any questions you may have.



We ask God's blessing on all your homes and families for the coming year. May the Holy Spirit guide us for the future.

*Fr. Kieran, Fr. Tom, Fr. Denis*

### Some New Year Resolutions:

- TO FORGET PAST MISTAKES AND PRESS ON TO GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS.*
- TO MAKE MY WORK A JOY.*
- TO SPEND SO MUCH TIME IMPROVING MYSELF THAT I HAVE NO TIME FOR CRITICISM OF OTHERS.*
- TO BE KIND TO ALL.*
- TO TAKE EVERY DISAPPOINTMENT AS A STIMULANT.*
- TO SMILE.*
- TO TALK AND WALK WITH GOD.*

### Week-end Psalm:

*Epiphany A,B,C*

Patrick Killeen

