

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

1st December, 2013

First Sunday of Advent

No: 1196

## MASS TIMES

### Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

### Weekdays

9.30am only

### Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

### Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &

7.30pm

## ADVENT 2013

### “A RE-RUN OR A NEW BEGINNING”



Preparations are underway to celebrate Christmas, the coming, the advent of Jesus. The continuing good weather and the looming threat of an electricity strike may make this Advent time different in some ways from last year. But there are other ways in which it needs to be very different or otherwise the celebration will be so commonplace that the real wonder of Christmas is lost under the pressure of exploitative marketing, routine rituals and extravagant expectations.

The coming of Jesus is about love. Christmas is really about a deepening awareness of God's love for each one of us and the power He has given us to love one another. To be effective, Advent must awaken and deepen within us an appreciation of these intertwined loves. It is an opportunity to allow the heart to be moulded by the Spirit of the living God.

What Advent offers is unique to each one and is tailored to each one's life situation. Age, faith, health and family circumstances will all influence how we experience God's love in Advent 2013. But there are some basics common to us all. There will be no growth in God's love:

- ◆ unless there is a peeling back of the layers of self protective fear that block our generous service to others.
- ◆ unless we really want to be healed, strengthened, enlivened, forgiven and forgiving.
- ◆ unless there is priority time to nurture friendship and family bonds by love given and received.
- ◆ unless there is sacred space to savour who God is and to grow in faith.
- ◆ unless we make the right choices.

We cannot risk settling for a re-run. Together we can make new beginnings.  
***The time is now.***

*Fr. Tom*

Please take a copy of the Bulletin home  
or give it to a friend or neighbour

## God's Word

Readings for **Sunday 8th**  
December, 2013

First Reading:  
Is 11:1-10

Psalms: 71

Second Reading:  
Rm 15: 4-9

Gospel:  
Mt 3: 1-12

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## NOTICE BOARD

### First Friday:

Next Friday, 6th December, 2013, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next Friday, 6th December, 2013 after the 9.30am Mass to 7.30pm followed by evening Mass.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

Monthly meeting will be held on next Thursday, 5th December, 2013 at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre.

### Communion Pyxs:

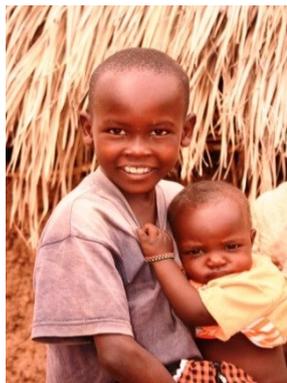
Are you in possession of a Pox that you no longer use? If so, could you please return same to the Sacristy during Mass times.

### "My Faith, My Life"

This Booklet is a collection of faith experiences of our Parishioners. It was compiled by Parishioners as a way of marking the Year of Faith and is available at Mass times at a cost of €2.00.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Are looking for volunteers for the monthly Mass collections at Dennehy's Cross Church. For further details contact the Parish Office at 4344452.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2013  
FOR OUR  
SISTER PARISH IN  
TURKWEL, KENYA

**Cards/gift vouchers  
available in Parish Office  
after each Mass this  
Saturday and Sunday and  
after 9.30 Mass on weekdays.**

## YEAR OF FAITH

Marking the closing of the Year of Faith in our Parish last Sunday, 24th November, was a very beautiful Liturgical Ceremony. It was conducted with such dignity and expressions of our Faith through symbols, song and dance. It concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a commission for us all to go out and be witnesses of our faith.

Thanks to all who organised and participated in the Ceremony.

Our Sympathy to:

**Catherine Duggan, Wilton Gardens, on the death of her mother, Nora Fitzgerald, Douglas.**

May she rest in peace.



### ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

(in Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit,  
Dennehys Cross )

On

Today Sunday 1st December @ 7pm.

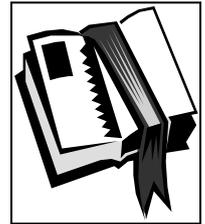
All are welcome.

## ATTENTION MINISTERS OF THE EUCCHARIST

There will be a meeting with Fr. Bertie in the Crypt on Tuesday, 3rd December, 2013 at 7.30pm. All Ministers are requested to attend.

## BIBLE CORNER

### ST. MATTHEW



St. Matthew was one of the upper class apostles. Certainly, he would have been financially much better off than the fisherman disciples, Peter, James and John. But, once Christ called him personally, Levi, as he was then called, left his job as a tax collector and followed Him. He is best remembered through the Gospel named after him. This Gospel will be read on the Sundays of Advent and on most Sundays of 2014. The main thrust of this Gospel is to show that Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah, the Saviour promised to the Jews.

A key figure in announcing the coming of this Saviour was John the Baptist who is central on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of Advent. But on the 1st Sunday, there is a red alert, a warning that we could miss or ignore the coming of the Lord. The 4th Sunday is a factual report of the birth of Jesus.

Fr. Tom

### Weekend Psalm:

Advent 1 - Year A

Patrick Killeen



I re - joiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'