

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

22nd December, 2013

Fourth Sunday of Advent

No: 1199

## 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

## OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

### “A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE”

Pope Francis is an inspiration in what he does and says. We thank God for the gift he is to the Church. One of the things he asks us to do is to keep Christ at the centre of everything, in what we think, say and do, so that we will think as Christ would think, speak as Christ would speak and act as Christ would act. To do this we need to reflect and pray. If this is true for a Christian right throughout the year, it is even more imperative at Christmas time. Christmas without Christ is a mess.



To keep Christ at the centre of our lives this Christmas, we are given the opportunity to be reconciled to God with our Reconciliation Service this Sunday at 5.00pm. Pope Francis says, “don't be afraid to go to confession where you will meet Jesus who forgives you”. Can we invite somebody to come with us and pray for those who are afraid of confession. The joy that follows a good confession is wonderful.

The other great help to keep Christ at the centre is when we attend Mass as the Pope reminds us “ the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak”. There we hear the Word of God which carries with it the power to fulfil itself and so we hear at Midnight Mass, “those who walk in darkness have seen a great light”, “Emmanuel—God is with us”, “the Word was made flesh and lived among us”, “for a child is born for us, a son given to us”.

May Christ be at the centre of your life this Christmas and for the New Year and may He bring joy and hope to you and yours at this time.

Fr. Bertie.

## God's Word

Readings for **Sunday**  
**29th** December, 2013

First Reading:  
Eccles (Sir) 3:2-6,12-14

Psalms: 127

Second Reading:  
1 col 3: 12-21

Gospel:  
Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23

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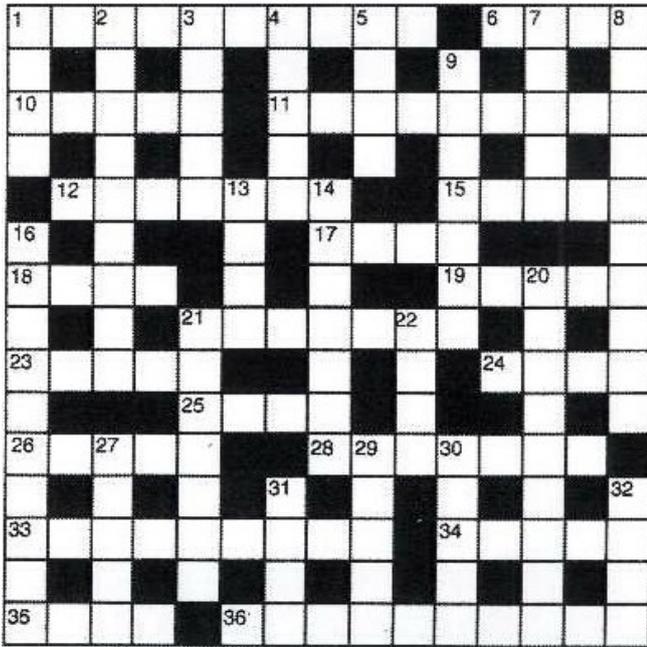
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## REMINDER

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE THIS SUNDAY 22nd AT 5.00PM**

Gift Certificates available in the Parish  
Office after all Masses this weekend  
21st/22nd December

E-mail: [holyspiritparish@eircom.net](mailto:holyspiritparish@eircom.net)  
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## CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

by Portia

### Down:

1. English river sounds like to seep. (4)
2. Honourable institution that was almost done away with! (3,6)
3. Such achievements can sound like many foots. (5)
4. Why am I stuck between two inverse negatives? Makes me weep! (5)
5. With hesitation it's a figure, and so unfeeling. (4)
7. No, it's not a sore foot. This small nut has great potential! (5)
8. When a hero is toppled, having these might have been the problem. (4,2,4)
9. On the contrary, while at the same time, although....(7)
13. American greeting surrounded by ducks—in America (4)
14. Mockery from American Uncle holding broken down cars. (7)
16. He took his partner and his baby for a morning walk and got back to find evidence of a break-in and the intruder asleep in baby's bed! (6,4)
20. Things to sit on, but only sit on one! You might fall! (3,6)
21. No, not the conclusion of a story, but the conclusion of the dog! (4,3)
22. Not us! (4)
27. Expressive, could be outspoken! (5)
29. In short, this person is free now. (2,3)
30. This is how the porridge was found in 16 Down (5)
31. Messing about with this group could cause a riot. (4)
32. Here, as always, we remember our dear friend, with affection. (4)

### Across:

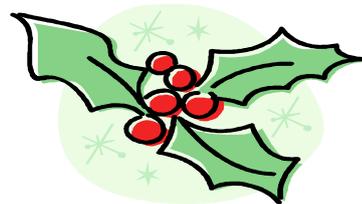
1. Sounds like not having enough for Sunday dinner, but it's not good when it affects one's nose (3,2,5)
6. In Ottawa I found a pathetic little person (4)
10. Biblical land where renowned queen was musically welcomed by Handel (5)
11. Many will come using my name and saying (1,2,3,3) Lk.21 (New Jerusalem Bible).
12. Christmas is one of these times (7)
15. A musical circle? (5)
17. Daze, you can chop it and then chop with it. (4)
18. It's already open, but sounds like something that may be hard to open (4)
19. Old Mexican culture (5)
21. Mat cost big change for out-all-nighters (7)
23. African animal, looks a bit like a dog, & a bit like a cat. Good for a laugh anyhow (5)
24. Letter from Greece—such a small thing (4)
25. Her beauty is in the eye of the beholder (4)
26. Turn a lever around and enjoy! (5)
28. It reminds me repeatedly not to change. (7)
33. Being alternative, it's odd! (9)
34. The voter must re-adjust to find the treasure. (5)
35. As a general practice, this should keep things straight. (4)
36. Sounds like an early greeting to my boy, but it's what we all hope will greet us. (7,3)

*Entries to Parish Office by Sunday, 5th January, 2014*

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### MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

#### TUES. 24th—CHRISTMAS EVE:

9.30am, 6.15pm (Family Mass) & 12 MIDNIGHT.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY:

9.00, 10.30am and 12.15pm

#### DAILY MASS:

9.30am

#### WEEKEND MASSES: Vigil Mass: 6.15pm (Saturdays)

Sunday: 9.00, 10.30am and 12.15pm.

#### FIRST FRIDAY: 3rd Jan.—9.30am & 7.30pm

Exposition: after the 9.30am to 7.30pm

#### 6th January: Feast of the Epiphany:

Extra Vigil Mass on Sunday 5th at 6.15pm

Mon. 6th Jan—9.00, 10.30am and 7.30pm

### REMINDER: - WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

THE 2014 COLLECTION ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE PARISH OFFICE AFTER ALL MASSES ON WEEKEND 28TH AND 29TH DECEMBER AND SUBSEQUENT WEEKENDS AFTER.