

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

14th December, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

No: 1237

## 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

## God's Word

Readings for **Sunday**  
**21st December, 2014**

### First Reading:

2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14

**Psalm:** 88

### Second Reading:

2 Rm 16: 25-27

### Gospel:

Lk 1: 26-38

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## CHRISTMAS EVE 1914 – THE POOR CLARES ARRIVAL

The Poor Clare Sisters have become part of the religious texture of Cork since they arrived 100 years ago. Pope Pius VI has described the Poor Clares as "living witnesses of the civilisation of love". Their monastery on College Road has always been, and remains, a powerhouse of prayer for countless families and individuals who have called or written, seeking the prayerful intercession of the sisters.

The Poor Clares form a community of prayer under the inspiration of their founder, St. Clare. Acutely aware of the deeper meaning of life, they have developed an intense awareness of the presence of God, particularly in the Blessed Sacrament. As contemplatives, they embrace solitude - solitude in prayer is not the absence of people - it is the presence of God.

The story of how the sisters came to Cork is remarkable. When Sr. Maria Dwyer joined the Order in 1908, and after her profession in 1913, she moved to a monastery in Belgium. Her father, Walter Dwyer, was a wealthy businessman in Cork. The Dwyer family owned several factories in the city, including "Sunbeam Wolsey", the "Hanover Shoe Company" and the "Lee Boot Factory, employing hundreds of men and women. Walter was known as a good employer who paid decent wages. He supported many local charities and was president of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for many years.

Walter was a widower and now approaching old age, was very sad and upset that his daughter was now in Belgium. Meeting his good friend, Fr. Willie Doyle, a Jesuit and regarded as a saintly man, Walter suggested the possibility of the foundation of a Poor Clare Monastery in Cork, offering to fund the total cost of the new foundation. Firstly, permission for the monastery had to be granted by Bishop Thomas O'Callaghan O.P. of Cork. The Bishop was only too pleased to give permission. He had been praying for years that contemplatives would come to the Diocese. Now, his prayers had been answered. Sadly, Fr. Willie Doyle was killed attending a wounded soldier in Belgium.

The monastery was ready on Christmas Eve 1914, when Mother Angela Tait as Abbess and Sr. Maria Dwyer moved into the new house. Later that night, Fr. Gill blessed the building and celebrated the three Masses for Christmas, followed by Benediction and Exposition. The Dwyer family were all present that night. It was that same Christmas night when the shooting suddenly stopped on the western front in Belgium and "Silent Night" was sung. The soldiers climbed out of the trenches and met in "no mans land" to greet each other.

Walter Dwyer died on the 2nd September, 1925 and his daughter, Sr. Maria died on the same date forty years later in 1965. We are truly blessed to have the Poor Clare community in our parish.

Arthur O'Callaghan.

**To mark the centenary of the foundation of the Poor Clares  
Community, Midnight Mass will be celebrated at 12 midnight on  
Christmas Eve, 24th December, 2014.**

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### MIDNIGHT MASS:

Please note that there will be Midnight Mass at 12 midnight on Christmas Eve, 24th December, 2014, in this Church.

### NOTICE BOARD

#### N.B. St. Vincent de Paul:

The Christmas collection in aid of St. Vincent de Paul will take place at all Masses this weekend.

#### Bulletins to the homes:

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the Parish next weekend.

#### Rotas:

Please note that the Rotas for Ministers of the Eucharist and Word are still available in the Sacristy. Kindly collect same.

#### Donations for flowers for Christmas:

Donations would be more than welcome for flowers for the Christmas altar. A box will be placed on the altar rails for offerings during Mass times only. Thanking you.

#### Sacristan:

There is a vacancy for a part-time Sacristan at the Bon Secours Hospital, Cork. Applications are invited for this position from suitably qualified candidates, the successful candidate will have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, previous experience as a Sacristan desirable and be a commissioned Minister of the Eucharist or commit to undertake training. Applications to Stephanie Dwyer, HR Dept. or by e-mail [sdwyer@bonsecourse.ie](mailto:sdwyer@bonsecourse.ie). Closing date 5th January, 2015.

### Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.15pm

On Monday, 15th December, 2014 at 3.00pm, we will have a gathering in the Church of schoolchildren who wish to take part in the Christmas Eve Mass.

All children are more than welcome to take part.

Please contact Mercedes at 4544113.

### RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Dennehy's Cross:	Sunday, 21st Dec @ 5pm
S.M.A. Wilton:	Tuesday, 16th Dec @ 7.30pm
Curraheen Church:	Wednesday, 17th Dec @ 7.30pm
Sacred Heart:	Wednesday, 17th Dec @ 7.30pm

### Weekend Psalm:

*'Magnificat' - Advent 3 - Year B*

Patrick Killeen



### Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of our parishioner, **Brendan Buckley**, Lima Lawn, who died recently.

### In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Patsy Teahan** on the death of her brother, P.J. Cummins.

## Christmas Concert

Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

December 2014

@7.30pm

Featuring young musicians from local schools, World as one Choir,

Polyphonics Barbershop Chorus, Champagne Cork,

Special Guest: Siobhán Doyle (Violin)

Admission Free Exit Donation:

**Brú Columbanus**

Hosted by Jubilee Bells Handbell Choir

### Brú Columbanus

Cardinal Way, Wilton, Cork.

Brú Columbanus is an independent charity that provides "home from home" accommodation for relatives of seriously ill patients in any of the Cork Hospitals and the Hospice.

It was established in 2005 under the auspices of the Knights of St. Columbanus. It provides 26 en-suite family rooms with a supporting kitchen and lounges, where families can meet other families who are in similar situations and can lend support and understanding to each other.

The Brú is very dependent on **Voluntary Contributions** in providing ongoing support and practical help for those in genuine need.