

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

21st December, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent

No: 1238

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**
28th December, 2014

First Reading:
Gn 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3

Psalms: 104

Second Reading:
Heb 18: 11-12, 17-19

Gospel:
Luke 2: 22-40

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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES:

CHRISTMAS 2014

Recently in the Liturgy Group, we chose the theme "freedom" for our Christmas Reconciliation Service. Incidentally, it will be held this Sunday, 21st December, at 5.00pm with help from priests from other parishes. The theme "freedom" is also a wonderful notion for Christmas—Jesus came to free us from darkness, sin and the fear of death. Jesus has made us free to become his sisters and brothers and heirs to eternal life. We are now free to go to heaven. No wonder John the Baptist said "Prepare a way for the Lord" and Mary said "Be it done to me according to your Word" and so the Word became flesh and lived among us.

I am reminded of a young French boy who was baptised and made his First Holy Communion in Farranree. After his First Communion, he was on his way back to Model Farm Road to celebrate. His father was driving and in the back seat was a young French man who was a professional golfer. His father asked the first communicant how he felt and in one word he answered "free". The golfer heard the answer and said this is what he was looking for since he was very young—to be free from the anger he felt against his father and the other things that weighed him down. He wanted to be free to live and look to the future with hope. He began to look for that freedom and brought other young people on the search with him. He wanted to be free from and free for. He wanted to apply to himself our mystery of faith when we say after the consecration "Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free".

This is the freedom Christ has brought us by his birth and continues to bring us. We can avail of this freedom by confessing our sins and being forgiven by God. It is a wonderful experience. We can also give a freedom to others by forgiving them and in the process receive freedom ourselves. "When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free" (Gal. 5.1).

May you and yours experience a little of this freedom this Christmas and may all of you be rewarded for your help and support during the year.

"Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to people of good will".

Fr. Bertie.



REMINDER: RECONCILIATION SERVICE THIS SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER AT 5.00PM



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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES:



Wed. Christmas Eve ... (Dec. 24th) 9.30am,
6.15 (Family Mass) & **12 midnight.**

Thurs. Christmas Day ... (Dec.25th) ... 9.00am, 10.30am & 12.15pm

Fri. St. Stephen's Day ... (Dec. 26th) ... 9.30am.

Saturday(Dec. 27th) ... 9.30am & Vigil 6.15pm

Sunday(Dec.28th) ... 9.00am, 10.30am & 12.15pm

Mon. to Thurs. (Dec. 29th to 1st Jan) 9.30am

First Friday (Jan. 2nd)9.30am & 7.30pm
(Exposition after the 9.30am Mass to the 7.30pm Mass)

Saturday (Jan. 3rd) 9.30am and Vigil 6.15pm

Sunday (Jan. 4th) 9.00am, 10.30am & 12.15pm

Monday(Jan.5th) 9.30am & Vigil 6.15pm

Tues. Feast of the Epiphany .. (Jan.6th) - 9.00am, 10.30am & 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS:

Christmas Eve (24th Dec) : 12noon to 1.00pm and 3.00pm to 4.00pm

REMINDER—WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The **2015 collection envelopes** will be available for collection from the **Parish Office** after all the Masses on the weekend **3rd/4th January, 2015** and subsequent weekends after.

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND, 20TH/21ST DECEMBER.

Christmas Message from the Pastoral Council

The home is the centre of the family especially at Christmas time. It is the special place where Santa visits, families, friends, neighbours and those who travel from far away gather and celebrate. In the past year many people will have experienced many changes both good and bad. On the good side, the birth of a baby or a wedding. On the other side, circumstances might have changed in many homes due to death, emigration, unemployment and various pressures and stresses brought about by financial woes. As a Christian Community we must always be open to change and be ready to support one another in both our joys and sorrows.

The Pastoral Council wishes to thank all those people who contributed in any way during the past year, those who contributed to our sister parish in Turkwel and those in Turkwel who gifted us a magnificent crucifix, enhancing the faith and celebration in our Church and Parish. We thank the priests of the parish, Fathers Bertie and Tom, for their leadership, constant hard work, help and encouragement. As we look forward to a New Year let us resolve to continue to support one another, to build on the achievements of the past and pass on the values we so believe in to those who come after us.

Beannachtaí na Nollag agus Ath Bhlíam shona daoibh go léir

The staff and pupils of Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh would like to thank parishioners who attended our Christmas carol service at the vigil mass on the 7th December for their extraordinarily generous response to our SVP Christmas Food Appeal. It was a pleasure and a privilege to be invited to worship with you and to enrich the celebration with our readings, song and music.

Michael Sexton, Principal

Weekend Psalm:

The Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass A,B,C

Patrick Killeen

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I will sing for - ev - er of your love, O Lord.