

Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

29th November, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

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MASS TIMES

Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays

9.30am

Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &
7.30pm

God's Word

Readings for **Sunday**
6th December, 2015

First Reading:
Bar 5: 1-9

Psalms: 125

Second Reading:
Phil 1: 3-6, 8-11

Gospel:
Lk 3: 1-6

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Today begins the holy season of Advent when we joyfully anticipate the celebration of Christmas. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin "Adventus" which literally means "Coming". Our pilgrimage through Advent invites us to re-visit and partake in the drama and the events surrounding Jesus' first coming, his birth and entry into human history when the Word became flesh among us. Since the beginning, Advent has been a season when we reflect on the coming of Jesus, but also think and prepare for the second coming.

Christmas is a time for us to reflect and renew our faith in the second coming of Christ, which will usher in the definitive establishment of the Kingdom in power, in glory, in triumph and in strength. Since the beginning, the Church has taught us that we should pray for it, long for it and even groan for it, because it is imminent. We join in the cry of the Church through all the ages, "Come Lord Jesus, Come".

We live today in the age between the two comings of Christ. This Advent let us be expectant that God will renew, refresh and re-invigorate us in our faith hopeful that we will experience and change of heart, and interior softening to the power of the Holy Spirit, turning away from sin and darkness and bringing us to a living sense of God's love and forgiveness.

However, amid the many challenges we encounter as we journey towards Christmas, only one thing is needed in our rush to buy, to prepare, to party - and that is we carve out time to be with the Lord, to pray and ponder on our Saviour's birth, for this is the true meaning of Christmas.

"Let us keep the flame of faith alive through prayer and the sacraments, let us make sure we do not forget God." (Pope Francis).

Arthur O'Callaghan.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday:

Next Friday, 4th December, 2015, is the first Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Next Friday, 4th December, 2015, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9.30am Mass to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 3rd December, 2015 at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Rotas for Ministers Eucharist & Word:

Rotas are now available for collection at the Altar rails during Mass times. *Please come and collect your rota for the coming year.*

March for Climate Justice:

On today Sunday, 29th November at 2.00pm beginning from the Grand Parade, Cork. Send a clear message to world leaders attending the Paris UN Climate Change by joining with millions of people marching in cities around the world in what will be the largest climate change mobilisation in history.

In this parish an hour of prayer and reflection will be held in the Crypt from 5pm to 6pm on today, 29th November.

All welcome.

L'Arche Christmas Fair:

On Sunday 6th December, 2015 from 10.00am to 4.00pm in the L'Arche Day Service, Togher (in between school and Church on Togher Road). Music, gifts, cake sale, book sale raffle and lots more In aid of people with an intellectual disability. Admission free!

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat:

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between ages 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from the 18th to 20th December at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Booking is essential. For more information see www.youth2000.ie, Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page or tel. no: (01) 6753690.

Christmas Lights:

On Thurs. 3rd Dec. at 7pm, Bru Columbanus, Wilton will officially switch on their Christmas lights and launch their "Sponsor a Light" Campaign. Lights can be sponsored from now until Christmas and will shine throughout the festive season. The switching on of the lights will be performed by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Chris O'Leary. Further details contact (021) 4345754.

Autumn Dues Envelopes

With the indispensable help of our voluntary distributors, the envelopes have now been distributed. If you have not received one and would like to contribute, please contact the Parish Office tel. no. 4344452.

In these difficult times, some people may have to reduce their usual contribution, while others may not be able to afford anything. so whatever you can afford will be much appreciated.

REST IN PEACE

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives, neighbours and friends of **Mary Lyons**, Farranlea Grove who died recently.

May she rest in peace.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2015 FOR THE FEEDING PROGRAMME IN OUR SISTER PARISH IN TURKWEL, KENYA

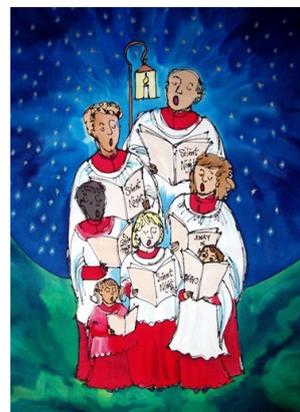
Christmas Cards and gift vouchers are now available in the Parish Office after 9.30 Mass on weekdays and after all weekend Masses on 5th/6th and 19th/20 Dec.

If you would like to share the joy of Christmas by buying a gift for a child living in direct provision in Cork city, please pick up a gift card with the child's name and age from one of the Church entrances this weekend, and bring back your wrapped gift to the parish office any weekday morning, or after any of the weekend Masses on 5th/6th or 19th/20th Dec. The recommended price range is €15 -€20.

Thank you!
Faith in Action Group



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



The Annual Advent Carol Service will take place on **Sunday, 6th December, 2015 at 7.00pm** in the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork.

All welcome.

Weekend
Psalm:

First Sunday of Advent - Year C

Patrick Killeen

