

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

6th December, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

No: 1275

## 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**  
**13th December, 2015**

First Reading:  
Zeph 3: 14-18

Psalms: 12

Second Reading:  
Phil 4: 4-7

Gospel:  
Lk 3: 10-18

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## THE YEAR OF MERCY

8TH DECEMBER, 2015 - 20TH NOVEMBER, 2016

Pope Francis has described the most salient features of mercy, focusing primarily on the theme of the light of Christ's face. He has said that "mercy is not an abstract word, but rather a face to recognise, contemplate and serve".

"We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace. Our salvation depends on it. **Mercy**: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. **Mercy**: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. **Mercy**: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. **Mercy**: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness".

Pope Francis has also said that, "It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the **corporal and spiritual works of mercy**. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. Let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these **corporal works of mercy**: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead. Let us not forget the **spiritual works of mercy**; to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill and pray for the living and the dead."

In this Extraordinary Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has dedicated it to living out in our daily lives the mercy which the Father constantly extends to all of us. He says, "let us allow God to surprise us and may the Church echo the Word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid and love. May she never tire of extending mercy and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman and repeat confidently without end: "Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old" (Ps. 25:6).

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

on  
**Tuesday, 8th December, 2015.**

### Mass times:

Monday, 7th December, Vigil Mass - 7.30pm  
Tuesday, 8th December, - 9.00am, 10.30am & 7.30pm.

## Opening of Holy Door—the Jubilee Year of Mercy

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join with Bishop Buckley as he opens the Holy Door in our Diocese for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This will take place on Saturday, 12th December at 6.30pm Mass at St. Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork.

## NOTICE BOARD

### St. Vincent de Paul:

The Christmas collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place at all Masses next weekend, 12th/13th December, 2015. Your generosity would be very much appreciated.

### The Alzheimer Society of Ireland:

Next Carer's Support Meeting on Wednesday, 9th December from 3pm to 4.30pm at the Bessboro Day Care Centre, Bessboro, Blackrock, Cork. All welcome. Contact: (021) 4972504.

Saturday Club Meeting: on Saturday, 12th December, 2015 from 2pm to 4pm at Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock, Cork. There will be Carol Singing with the Monkstown Chamber Choir. Light refreshments & mince pies provided. Free admission. All welcome. Contact: (021) 4972504.

### Rotas for Ministries of Word and Eucharist:

Please collect your Rota from the altar rails during Mass times for the coming year.

## ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



Our Annual Advent Carol Service will take place on today, **Sunday, 6th December, 2015 at 7.00pm.**

**All welcome**



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 9.30am Mass on weekdays and after all weekend Masses this weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## JUBILEE BELLS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

at  
Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit  
on

Thursday, 17th December, 2015 at 7.30pm

featuring  
Liam O'Leary, winner over 60's competition  
Polyphonics Barbershop Chorus  
Champagne Cork.



Hosted by: The Jubilee Bells.  
Free entrance : Exit donation to Cork  
Simon Community

## REMINDER !!!

The gifts for children in direct provision can be returned after the weekend Masses today (5th/6th Dec.) or weekend (19/20th Dec.) or can be handed into the Parish Office any weekday morning.

Thank you!  
**Faith in Action Group**

Weekend  
Psalm:

*Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time - Year B*

Patrick Killeen



What mar-vels the Lord worked for us! In - deed we were glad. —