

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

**20th December, 2015**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**No: 1277**

## 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**  
**27th December, 2015**

First Reading:  
1 Sm 1: 20-22

Psalms: 83

Second Reading:  
1 Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24

Gospel:  
Lk 2: 41-52

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## “WE CELEBRATE THE LOVING KINDNESS OF OUR GOD, MADE HUMAN”

Christmas celebrates family, friends and faith; faith in ourselves as God's family, as people capable of receiving and giving love in enriching, enduring friendship. Christmas is a reminder that we come to God through the human. That is why Jesus came to us through Mary to enable us to come more securely to our God.

Christmas is often criticised for its unreasonable extravagance. Maybe, God should take some of the blame. His merciful forgiveness is extravagance beyond all our imagining. We are invited to receive it and imitate it. Try both this week.

This evening (Sunday), we have a Service to celebrate the awesome wonder of our merciful God. The focus will be on God's love, on thankfulness for his friendship. “I call you friends”, says the Lord Jesus. Sometimes when our selfishness blocks our vision, we neglect that friendship. We may need to acknowledge that failure formally to release our hearts into a fast take off into the space of his kindness. Reconciliation is like a stunted plant breaking into new life and joyful love. Experience it this weekend.

Join our celebration of praise, thanks and joy. Come as a family, bring a friend.

Fr. Tom.

**SERVICE OF PRAISE, FORGIVENESS AND JOY  
ON  
*SUNDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 2015 AT 5.00PM.***

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**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS TIMES**



- Thurs: Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th) .....** 9.30am, 6.15 (family mass) & **12 Midnight.**
- Fri: Christmas Day (Dec. 25th) ....** 9.00am, 10.30am & 12.15pm
- Sat: St. Stephen's Day (Dec. 26th) ....** 9.30am & Vigil 6.15pm
- Sun: (Dec. 27th) ....** 9.00am, 10.30am and 12.15pm
- Mon. to Thurs: (Dec. 28th to Dec 31st .) .....** 9.30am
- Fri: (Jan. 1st) - First Friday ....** 9.30am & 7.30pm  
(Exposition after the 9.30am Mass to 7.30pm)
- Sat: (January 2nd) .....** 9.30am and Vigil 6.15pm
- Sun: (January 3rd) .....** 9.00am, 10.30am and 12.15pm
- Mon: (January 4th) .....** 9.30am
- Tues: (January 5th) .....** 9.30am and Vigil for Epiphany 7.30pm
- Wed: (January 6th) - Feast of the Epiphany...** 9.00am, 10.30am and 7.30pm

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**CHILDREN'S MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT 6.15PM**

There will be a practice in the Church on Monday, 21st December at 3.00pm for schoolchildren who would like to take part in the Christmas Eve Mass. All children are more than welcome to take part.

Forgiveness Freely Given



Forgiveness can only happen among people between whom there is a bond of friendship and trust. It is the renewing of a relationship that has been damaged. Forgiveness is a two-way thing, it is given and received. It begins in the goodness of the forgiver.

Most of us have experienced the forgiveness of a parent who came to meet us long before we were ready to ask for it or even before we realised we needed it. Forgiveness cannot be earned. It is not a deal we work out with one whom we have offended. It is a reaching in love by the forgiver that evokes a response in the forgiven. One is sorry because one is forgiven rather than one is forgiven because one is sorry.

**Fr. Tom.**



We extend a warm welcome to **The Lee Singers** with Musical Director, Ann Healy-Mayes and Accompanist, Ann Mannix who will sing at the 6.15pm Mass this weekend.

A huge thank you to all who responded so quickly and so generously to our appeal for Christmas gifts for children in direct provision. If you have not already done so, please return your gift immediately so that the child you have chosen will be assured of a gift on Christmas morning.

**Faith in Action Group.**



**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 the 9.30am Mass on weekdays and after the Masses this weekend—19<sup>th</sup>/20 Dec.

**Weekend Psalm:**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C*

Patrick Killeen

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God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.