

# Ballineaspig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Christmas & New Year

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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**  
**3rd January, 2016**

First Reading:  
Eccles 24: 1-2, 8-12

Psalms: 147

Second Reading:  
Eph 1: 3-6, 15-18

Gospel:  
Jn 1: 1-18



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Our community is formed by families. At Christmas we remember as family and community. As family we recall the events of the past year and they bring us sadness or happiness - the sadness of losing someone who was significant to us or the happiness of welcoming a new member into the family. There were also other important events which come to mind at Christmas time. Pope Francis said "Come to me, families from around the world - Jesus says - and I will give you rest, so that your joy may be complete. Take home this word of Jesus, carry it in your hearts, share it with the family".

As community during the year we lost some very great parish workers - people who had helped in different ways to build and sustain our parish. We remember them this Christmas time and their families who miss them. It is also a time to say thank you to all who planned, financed and carried out the renovation of our beautiful Church. This was undertaken by parish groups and individuals. To all we say thank you, God bless you and may the Holy Spirit give the gifts of peace, joy and love to you, your families and community this Christmas. May Mary, our mother, bring us closer to Jesus on this his birthday.

*Fr. Bertie.*

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## BLESS MY FAMILY AT CHRISTMAS

There is so much joy in presents and gifts at Christmas.

But the most precious gift comes from you, Lord, the gift of your love.

This is the gift I ask you to bestow on my family this Christmas.

Bless each and every one of them, keep them in your love and keep them from harm.

Bless all our loved ones, departed too, those we miss so much. May they know your peace.

And may your peace reign in all our hearts so that your love may always be at the heart of our family.

Amen.



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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**

## Christmas Message from the Pastoral Council (2015)

Once again the home will be the centre of Christmas as it always is. It is the place where Santa visits, families, friends, neighbours and those who travel from far away gather and celebrate. Let us not forget the lonely and poor who do not look forward to Christmas as it magnifies their loneliness and poverty.

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 who contributed to the redecoration of the Church which we can all be proud of and which will be on show to our returning emigrants this Christmas. We are at the beginning of the Holy Year of Mercy as designated by Pope Francis. Let us use it as a prompt to reconcile with an estranged family member or neighbour.

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.

**Pastoral Council**

## WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The 2016 collection envelopes will be available for collection from the **Parish Office** after all Masses on the weekend of the **2nd/3rd January, 2016.**

It would be very much appreciated if you would collect your box of envelopes early in the year.



## Silent Night, Holy Night:

It was Christmas Eve in the Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, Bavaria, Germany.

The year was 1818, when it was discovered that the church organ was beyond repair and music was needed for the Christmas services. In a moment of sheer inspiration, Joseph Mohr, the Church Vicar, wrote some verses of a Christmas carol and Franz Gruber, the organist, set them to music, accompanied by a guitar. Almost two hundred years later, we know that carol as "**Silent Night, Holy Night**", one of the true treasures of Christmas.

Arthur O'Callaghan