

Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

27th November, 2016

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**
27th November, 2016

First Reading:

Is 2: 1-5

Psalm: 121

Second Reading:

I Rm 13: 11-14

Gospel:

Mt. 24: 37-44

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we begin the holy season of Advent, during which we enter a time of preparation, reflection and renewal. The Advent Wreath, with its single candle burning, symbolises the absolute truth that Jesus is the light of the world, who has come into our world to dispel the darkness of sin and evil. The prayer, "Light of Christ guide me" is frequently used as an aspiration to combat life's trials and tribulations.



Since the beginning, Advent has been a season in which we reflect on the first coming of Christ, but also prepare for His second coming at Christmas. The deepest longing is expressed in the cry, "Come". The prayer of the Holy Spirit and the Church will always be "Come Lord Jesus, Come"

The birth of Jesus changed the history of the world. Our problem is this - while the season of Advent is a time of contemplation, in actual fact there seems so little time. Our stress level increases, the never ending shopping trips, presents and gifts to sort, Christmas cards to post and the intensity of last minute preparations.

Advent is, however, a wonderful opportunity to examine our relationship with Jesus. Perhaps our life of prayer could be deepened. Prayer is the oxygen of the soul. Neglect of prayer over time can result in us becoming spiritually impoverished. Pope John Paul, now a Saint, once strongly advised that "We must take time, we must make time to be with the Lord in prayer".

Recently, eleven year old Tony Foley, son of the late Anthony Foley, international rugby player, appealed at his dad's funeral and on Facebook that people would honour his father and all those who needed prayers by going to Mass each Sunday until Christmas. Tony's plea has been met with huge support across Ireland and beyond. One of the local Priests, Fr. James Grace, of St. Finnan's Church, declared that "people are responding greatly, ours and neighbouring churches were packed - it was like Christmas morning".

Artists have painted it and musicians have given voice to the rapture of the Angels Song. No other event in history has quite captured the attention like the birth of this tiny infant.

"Come Lord Jesus, Come"

Arthur O'Callaghan.

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CHURCH MINISTRIES: Word & Eucharist.

Would you like to become a Minister of the Word or Minister of the Eucharist here in our Parish Church?
If so, kindly give your name and contact number to the Sacristy or Parish Office.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday:

Next Friday, 2nd December, 2016, is the first Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration will take place after the 9.30am Mass to 7.30pm followed by Mass on next Friday, 2nd December, 2016.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

Please note that there will be no meeting of the Group in December and meetings will resume in the New Year.

Faith in Action:

The next meeting of the Faith in Action group will be held on Tuesday, 29th November, 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome!

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Medugorje Centre:

Our next Mass is on Thursday, 1st December, 2016 at the chapel in the Bons Secours Hospital, College Road, Cork at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Curraheen Road Library Reading Club:

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 1st December, 2016 at 6.30pm in the Bishopstown Library.

Concert in Togher Church:

On Friday, 2nd December, 2016 at 8.00pm. Four choirs will perform. Donations at the door - L'Arche Community Cork and Enable Ireland are the benefiting charities.

REFLECTION:

Lord, hear me knocking at your door.
Open and listen to the prayers I bring:
Petitions in words and prayers unspoken,
The hopes, the gifts and the pains of my every day
life.

Too often I begin the day without a thought for you.
Too often I travel without asking for your protection.
Too often I lose courage and patience because I have
not asked for these in prayer.

I know you are listening when I pray to you in words,
And when my feelings are too deep for words I know
you understand.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives, friends and neighbours of our parishioners who died recently.

Nicholas McCarthy, Wilton Avenue
Edwin Cussen, Bishopstown, Cork

May they rest in peace.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



Our Annual Advent Carol Service will take place
on
Sunday, 4th December, 2016 at 7.00pm

All welcome.

Annual Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas concert will take place at the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork on this

Thursday, 1st December, 2016 at 7.30pm featuring local artistes and schools.

Free admission - exit donation to Cork Simon Community.

Hosted by the Jubilee Bells Handbell Choir.



CHRISTMAS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Liam Lawton in Concert
at
The Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne
on
Thursday, 8th December, 2016
at
8.00pm
supported by the
The North Cathedral Choir.

Tickets €20

Available from Pro-Musica or Cathedral Sacristy.

Weekend *Advent 1 - Year A*

Patrick Killeen

Psalm:



I re - joiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'