

# Ballineaspaig Bulletin



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

8th January, 2017

The Baptism of the Lord

No: 1319

## 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  
15th January, 2017

### First Reading:

Is 49:3, 5-6

Psalm: 39

### Second Reading:

1 Cor 1:3

### Gospel:

Jn 1: 29-34

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# 2017

## HOPE AND ANXIETY



In so many aspects of life, there is a growing anxiety. It is sometimes very obvious, other times hidden, but always very real. On the world stage, terrorist attacks, climate change, fundamentalism, all awaken anxiety. Closer to us, homelessness, a creaking health service, the plague of drug abuse, violence on the streets, political uncertainty all tend to surreptitiously undermine our peace of mind. Such anxieties often evoke a sense of helplessness that engenders destructive fear. Such fear can suffocate hope. Without hope there is no vision and without vision love dies. A visionary sees things not only as they are now but as they could be for the future. We need such visionaries.

### *THERE IS HOPE.*

The generous care that people reaching out to others showed over Christmas is one foundation stone of our hope. For example, the Vincent de Paul Christmas collection here was the largest ever (thank you). The sheer variety of other concerned groups, Simon, Share, Penny Dinners, Edel House, Meals on Wheels and many others is wonderful to see. The ongoing consistent service they give throughout the year is a constant reminder of the love to which the human spirit can aspire.

True enough there was extravagance over Christmas, but that is to be expected when celebrating the birth of the Son of an extravagant God. Our God is so extravagant that He not only gives all we are and have but gives us himself continuously in the Eucharist to bind us together in love as one family. Of course, there was waste too, but we are beginning to realise that our unthinking waste deprives others of the food and shelter they need and may hasten the demise of our planet.

### *KEEP HOPE ALIVE.*

Do not just curse the darkness, light a candle of hope filled love everyday in somebody's heart; indeed, in the heart of everyone you meet. Be a carrier of hope rather than fear in 2017.

Fr. Tom Clancy.

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# NOTICE BOARD

## Bulletins to the homes:

Bulletins will be delivered to homes in the parish next weekend, 14th/15th January, 2017. Can distributors please collect same on Friday, 13th January, 2017.

## Pastoral Council:

The first meeting for the new year will take place on Monday, 9th January, 2017 at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre.

## Liturgy Group:

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 10th January, 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

## Diocesan Needs:

The quarterly collection for Diocesan Needs will take place at all Masses next weekend, 14th/15th January, 2017.

## Heart Throbs:

The Bishopstown & Ballincollig Cardiac support Group next meeting on Monday, 9th January, 2017 in the Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre from 11am to 1.00pm. Further information contact: (087) 2874106.

## Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Cork Branch, Saturday Club:

Next meeting on Saturday, 14th January, 2017 at the Bessboro Day Care Centre from 2pm to 4pm. Free admission with light refreshments provided. All welcome.

## Making it Simple: A Course for Musicians & Vocalists :

This graded course for cantors, church musicians, choir directors and those who offer music for occasions of weddings, funerals etc. will be offered at St. Mary's Pope's Quay over three weekends in February (Friday evening/ Saturday morning) by Fr. Fergus Ryan OP and others. Cost €95 or €45 for students/unwaged. For full details contact fergusryan@gmail.com or the Pastoral Development Office at 021)4537601.

## Medjugorje Pilgrimage:

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork on 31st May to 7th June, 2017. Daytime flights—Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Corkery — cost €719 on a half board basis. Deposit €200 secures a place - 15 places left on the pilgrimage. For further information contact Sean O'Shaughnessy (086) 2959380 or medjugorjecork@icloud.com

# REST IN PEACE

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

**Lena Field**, Leesdale, Model Farm Road.

**Leo Hannon**, Laburnum Lawn.

**Finbarr Minihane**, Summerstown Road.

**Vincent Murphy**, Mt. Desert View, Model Farm Rd.

**Betty Murphy**, Wilton Avenue.

**Pat O'Shea**, Carrigrohane.

*May they rest in peace.*

## WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The 2017 collection envelopes are still available for collection from the **Parish Office** after all the Masses **this weekend, 7th/8th January, 2017**. You might kindly collect your box early in the year, as it helps to keep records in order.

Thanking you.

*Hold fast to dreams  
For dreamers see tomorrow,  
Keep safe your wishes  
Wishes can come true,  
Let faith be strong  
To hold you in the sadness,  
Reach out for love  
And love will see you through.*

*Be light of heart  
The world is full of wonder,  
Go bravely on  
Whatever comes your way,  
Have hope and courage  
Life has much to offer,  
Reach out for love  
And love will light the day.*

*Iris Hesselden.*

## Weekend *Baptism of the Lord - A*

### Psalm:

S D D R M R D L D Patrick Killeen

The Lord will bless his people with peace.