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CHRISTMAS DAY

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## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It is fitting that we would celebrate the feast of Christmas in a spirit of generosity. It is a good thing to give gifts at Christmas; they should be a sign of the love and Christian affection which we have for our families and friends, and a sharing with others who may not have the necessities and comforts which we enjoy.

Nowhere has the command to love your neighbour more meaning than in the home, because it is there that the nearest neighbour lives. That nearest neighbour can make the greatest demands on your love and generosity, while at the same time providing the greatest opportunity of helping others.

In looking at the feast of Christmas, let us take note that God's gift to us at Christmas was not wealth or fame or fortune, but a person, a humble child in a stable in Bethlehem. He gave us a person. Perhaps, our greatest gift to our families this Christmas could be ourselves: The husband or the wife, the son or daughter, who stay at home, rather than go to the party or public house; making time for the family. Rather than compensating with material things for our absence; the extra effort made to be home earlier or more often, to share ourselves with those who need us, though it may interfere with what we want; declining that last drink – a course which will probably benefit all. That extra prayer and devotion with the family will help to keep in mind that the feast which we are celebrating is a religious rather than a secular one.

We wish our parishioners every blessing, happiness and peace for Christmas and the New Year, and we pray that the year 2010 will bring much improvement and prosperity.

A special remembrance for our Missionaries and all our people who are away from home who may be in need of our prayers at this time. We place them all under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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## Kalemunyang Clinic, Turkwel, Kenya



Fr. Ollie Noonan, SMA, parish priest of Turkwel, visited us here at Dennehy's Cross on Sunday 6th December and gave a very interesting and uplifting account of the building of the health clinic in Kalemunyang. Using slides, he gave us a clear picture of the building process and the enormous difference that it would make to the lives of the people in rural Turkwel. Through the generous sponsorship of the people of this parish, a health clinic with a laboratory, examination rooms and other patient care rooms has been built along with a small accommodation block for staff, and a toilet block.

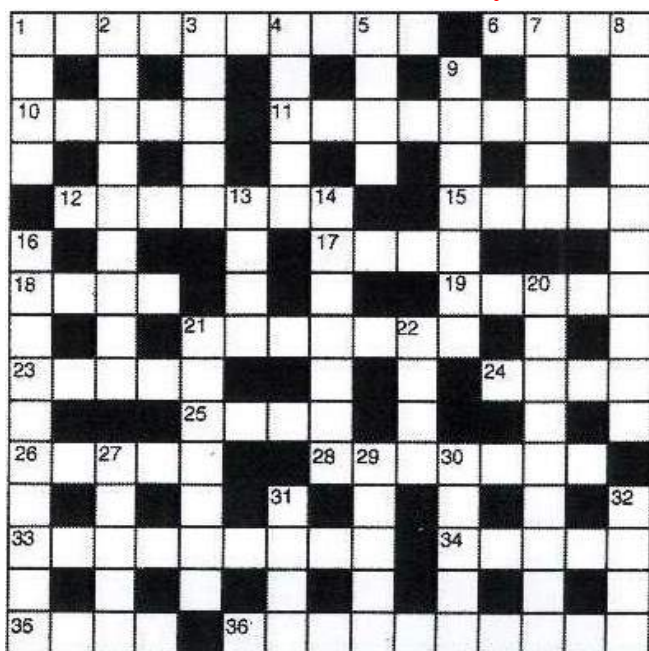
Sr. Pascillia, from Kenya, (in the picture) will be in charge of the day to day management and operation of the clinic with back-up support from Sr. Margaret Twomey, Sister of Mercy, St. Maries of the Isle.

On behalf of the people of Turkwel Fr. Ollie expressed his sincere thanks to all the people of this parish and presented Fr. Tom with a candlestick made from camel bone, so that anytime this candle is lit in our church we will hold the people of Turkwel warmly in our hearts. **Alakara. Ejok noi** (*Thank you very much in Turkana language*).

### SINCERE THANK YOU

*Happy Christmas to our much appreciated parish team, Monsignor O'Callaghan, Dean O'Connor and Fr. Tom Clancy, who work so hard throughout the year on behalf of their parishioners.*

### CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD by Portia



#### ACROSS

1. Unfair division of spoils, but who would dare to argue with the beast! (5,5)
6. One could be allergic to be so daring. (4)
10. Our church will soon be celebrating these years. (5)
11. Night must surely follow this. (3,6)
12. Remakes several pieces and discloses. (7)
15. Highly revered cleric, though not one of ours. (5)
17. This of course will solve all our problems. (4)
18. There's a stringed instrument inside - absolutely. (4)
19. What an explosive noise! Unearthly. (5)
21. Sounds like cutting a bit off the dog - just a little bit. (7)
23. Exhausted, could be broke! (5)
24. O friend, you are a gem. (4)
25. Bring up, at the back. (4)
26. Duckie, it's your husband. (5)

28. Ions etc. can be broken up and remade into one part. (7)
33. Drove crow mad to fit in too many. (9)
34. It's the beat of it that keeps us going. (5)
35. Mercy! This girl loved her mother-in-law. (4)
36. Herod was furious when he realised he had been outwitted by...Mt.3 (3,4,3)

#### DOWN

1. Upper room - could be for the pigeons. (4)
2. A bit too much to the left...or to the right. (3,6)
3. Manner, in which one might assess fashion. (5)
4. To evaluate it we count the stars. (5)
5. Regrets this sounds like a trick. (4)
7. A burning desire fulfilled? (5)
8. Blow it like this! No consistency. (3,3,4)
9. Scouts a reformation to become a reject. (7)
13. And that's the end of it. (4)
14. They make sly derisive comments as they target you from afar. (7)
16. This is behind which we don't know what's going on. (6,4)
20. Modern translation of "Of course I can." (2,7)
21. It's one's own fault if one has to do time like this, and drag it out. (7)
22. Definitely not a case of making a long story short. (4)
27. Do this to make sure it won't happen. (5)
29. Finish with a cry of pain, to give so. (5)
30. All sorts, and does office work. (5)
31. With 'er this is trouble, the two of them. (4)
32. And this corner is always reserved for one in our midst who is so much respected and loved by all. (4).

Entries to Parish office by Sunday 10th January please.

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