

Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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CHRISTMAS 2020

Because of the Covid-19 situation and regulations, we have had to make new arrangements for the Christmas Masses. The revised Mass times are as follows:

Christmas Eve: 2.00pm, 4.00pm, 6.15pm and 9.00pm

Christmas Day: 9.00am, 10.30am and 12.15pm

St. Stephen's Day: 9.30am, 12 noon and 6.15pm

Sunday 27th: 9.00am, 10.30am and 12.15pm.

Because of the limited numbers allowed at each Mass, both the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are **strictly ticket only**. As there are still some tickets available, these will be given out on Monday, 21st December at 6.00pm in the Church.

We would ask you to put your name, phone number, address or email address on the reverse side of the ticket for tracing purposes only. **Please have this completed before coming to your Mass.** The stewards at the door will show you to your section and take the ticket from you. Each ticket has the section you have been allocated to printed on it. Tickets for Section A will enter at the door nearest the Model Farm Road, tickets for Sections B and C will enter by the main front doors and tickets for Section D will enter at the door at the ramp side (mortuary). These doors will be sign posted.

A sincere thanks to those who helped with the distribution of tickets and the stewards who keep people safe when coming to the Church.

With regard to visiting the Crib, the Church will be open each day from 9.00am to 6.00pm to make a private visit. For your safety, we would ask that you exit the Church directly after the Mass, so that the Church can be sanitised before the next Mass begins.

All our Masses now are live streamed by Church Services and are also available through our Parish Website www.dennehycrossparish.ie.

This time last year little did we think that year 2020 would turn out as it has. We have seen Churches closed, no public worship allowed and then Masses being allowed again but under strict conditions. It is important for us to remember that these rules and regulations are imposed to keep us healthy and safe. We thank you all for your patience, kindness and co-operation in these challenging times. Our stewards and all who helped in preparing the Church deserve our gratitude. We have been forced to make our Christmas Masses ticket only for our security and to abide by the law.

As we look forward to 2021, we will hope for better conditions. In the meantime, we are very aware that this Christmas brings sadness for many families who will be unable to have their loved ones with them.

On behalf of Fr. Tom and myself, we thank you for your generosity and support during the past year and we want to wish you and yours every grace and blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

Fr. Bertie.