

# Church of The Holy Spirit

DENNEHYS CROSS, CORK.



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Blood Transfusion Service

A Blood Donor Clinic will be held at Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh on this Monday, 8th July, from 3.00 - 5.00 P.M. and 7.30 - 9.30. The service needs 2,600 donations weekly. Since stocks are always low during the summer holidays, you are specially asked to give your blood and help the service to cope.

## Change of Missalettes

From next Sunday (July 14) to the end of 1985, missalettes that include the entire Mass text will be provided. Then we will switch back to the type currently in use. This is in accordance with the vote taken earlier in the year which showed equal enthusiasm for the two types of missalette.

## Our Last Bulletin - until September

The next bulletin to be printed will be produced in early Sept. The editors have decided that they need a break!

## Main Feasts

11th July....St. Benedict.  
25th July..St. James the Apostle.  
6th August..The Transfiguration.  
10th August....St. Lawrence  
15th AUGUST..ASSUMPTION OF B.V.M.  
24th August..St. Bartholomew.

## No Community School Mass

The 9.30 A.M. Sunday Mass will be resumed in September.

## Emergency

If you need a priest urgently ring 932906.

## Au Revoir

The editors wish you God's blessings until we meet again.

*Sally Mathews & Bernard Lohan C.C.*

**TIME** was is past—  
Thou canst it not recall.



**TIME** is thou hast—  
Employ thy portion small.



**TIME** future is not—  
And may never be.



**TIME** present is—  
The only time for thee,

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

## Introduction

"For it is when I am weak, that I am strong" ... this sums up today's liturgy. We come to mass with few successes to offer to God. We turn to God and ask for his strength.

## Penitential Rite

Each of us has a vocation. You meant us to serve others in our own way. I confess that my gift is too small even for me.

Father in Heaven, I haven't always used the gifts you have given me, Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you didn't let failure stop you preaching. For all the times I haven't done my job properly, Christ, have mercy.

Heavenly Father, your hand is at work in the ordinary events of life. I have closed my eyes to this and gone my own way, Lord, have mercy.

## First Reading

We are told that the prophet Ezekiel receives his call to preach "whether they listen or not". God doesn't need our worldly success. He wants us to do our job well and leave the rest to him.

## Second Reading

This reading comes from a passage in which St Paul is "boasting" of the revelations he has received. He tells of "a thorn in the flesh". Whatever that thorn was, for Paul it was like a second conversion. He learnt that God can work through the weakest instruments.

## Third Reading

This gospel reading shows Jesus' preaching being rejected by his own people. This failure didn't stop him continuing to do God's will.

MY GRACE IS  
ENOUGH FOR YOU.

2 COR. 12/9



Each one's life uniquely valuable  
Your life is unique. You and only you can answer the call God has given you. In following that voice you may do amazing things.

Even prophets get frustrated  
Ezekiel, Paul, and Jesus were all destined to leave a trail of glory behind them. The basis of their lives was hard slog at a daily grindstone. Did they stop work? Turn in on themselves? Or think of others? Yet today's readings show them frustrated.

Will Irishmen today surrender to weakness?  
Our own country faces an uncertain future. We can escape into alcoholic dreams. Or face our weakness? And out of weakness build anew. Which way will we go?

In Christ we trust  
At the eucharist we break bread together. Christ is here, a source of strength and hope in our frustration.