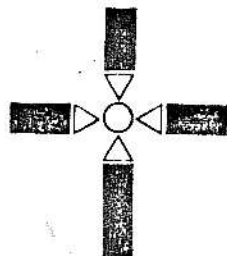


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● SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, '85 ●

Church of the Holy Spirit Dennehy's Cross, Cork.

PASTORAL TEAM

PRIESTS:

REV. DENIS O'CONNOR P.P.... 42972

REV. TADHG O MATHUNA S.C... 41572

REV. BERNARD COTTER C.C.... 41814

*EMERGENCY NUMBER..... 932906

SISTERS:

REV. SISTER FRANCES..... 41376

REV. SISTER BRENDAN..... 41376

MASSSES

SUNDAYS:

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS - 7.30 P.M.

SUNDAY - 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15.

WORKING HOLYDAYS:

EVE OF HOLYDAY - 7.30 P.M.

HOLYDAY - 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15, 7.30 P.M.

WEEKDAYS:

9.00, 10.00 AND 7.30 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAYS:

12.00 - 1.00, 7.00 - 7.30, 8.15 - 9.00.

EVES OF HOLYDAYS:

7.00 - 7.30, 8.15 - 9.00

WEDNESDAYS & EVES OF FIRST FRIDAYS:

8.00 P.M.



JUBILEE DAY BIRTHDAY PHOTO OF MR. WALDRÓN (from Cork Examiner)

PAPAL AWARD FOR SACRISTAN

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A Time to Celebrate

So before our Jubilee Year draws to a close one final celebration must take place. And all are invited to share in this unique event. Tickets are just £1.00, on sale after Mass next Sunday. So come along and join us as we honour Michael Waldron - his medal is truly 'Benemerenti' - well merited!

YOU
ARE
INVITED
to a
SPECIAL MASS
and
PRESENTATION
of
BENEMERENTI MEDAL
to
MR. MICHAEL WALDRON
at the
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
on
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th,
at 7.30 P.M.
and to a
GRAND PARISH SOCIAL
at
ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL
afterwards.

To cover the cost of light refreshments and a band, tickets will cost £ 1.00 Available after all Sunday Masses next weekend.

NOTICES



Parents please!

A note received from the Medical Health Officer of the Southern Health Board is about measles. He reminds parents that free measles vaccination is offered to every child over 15 months and under five (who hasn't yet been vaccinated or had an attack of measles.)

He says that your family doctor will provide this free of charge up to 31st December. We urge you to do so - the effects of letting it go can be tragic.

Christmas Party

The Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Party is on Sunday 8th December at 6 in the GAA Pavilion. Enquiries to Helen O'Hea of Farranlea Park at 46167, Nora Fitzpatrick of Woodbrook at 46358, or Liz O'Donoghue of Sheare's Park at 941399. It promises as usual to be a night of fun.

Cakes for all

CASA (Caring And Sharing Association) looks after non-institutionalised handicapped children. They are trying to acquire a 'breakhouse' in Cork, to give both parents and kids A BREAK. Hence the cakesale. It's on next Sunday after Masses in the Crypt. Ita O'Connell promises me a big cream cake for putting a good ad in the Bulletin!

Happy New Year!

This week is the last in the Church's year. We begin again next Sunday with Advent, the run-down to Christmas. This Sunday we celebrate Christ the King, a somewhat triumphant ending to the old year. Next weekend sees the Advent wreath reappearing, a sign that Christmas is just around the corner. So as we bid 'farewell' to another year, let us pray for the grace to start afresh this Advent.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Very important meeting this Monday night at 8.00 P.M. Eamon Nash will be there to help you with your ministry. Anyone interested in getting involved in this ministry is welcome to come along. A FULL ATTENDANCE OF CURRENT MINISTERS IS VITAL.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

A reminder that the December meeting is Monday week at 8

COLLECTORS

Annual meeting takes place this Tuesday evening after 7:30 P.M. Mass in the Sacred Heart Aisle of the Church. The rota will be reviewed, and arrangements for next weekend will be made.

CHOIR NEWS

We thank the Senior Choir for agreeing to sing at the Mass to honour Mr. Waldron. We hear that the folk choir 'Karisma' are to sing at the midnight Mass this year

Church of The Holy Spirit



SOLEMN MASS
OF
THANKSGIVING

AND

CONFERRING
OF
BENEMERENTI
MEDAL

ON

MR.
MICHAEL
WALDRON

BY

BISHOP
BUCKLEY

ON

4TH
DECEMBER,
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"WELL DONE,
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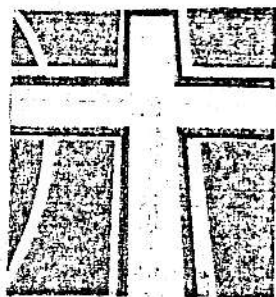
AS THE BISHOP AND PRIESTS MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE ALTAR,
ALL STAND AND SING TOGETHER:-

Praise my soul the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who am I his praise to sing?
Praise him! Praise him! (2)
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him! (2)
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
ev'ry thing in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him! (2)
Praise with us the God of grace!

ALL KNEEL AND MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.
BISHOP: PEACE BE WITH YOU.
ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.



THE PENETENTIAL RITE FOLLOWS.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

MEMBERS OF THE WALDRON FAMILY READ THE
FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.
THE THEME OF BOTH READINGS IS 'THANKSGIVING'.
THE GOSPEL FOLLOWS.
THEN CANON DENIS O'CONNOR PREACHES THE HOMILY.

CONFERRING CEREMONY

THE BISHOP COMES TO THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR.
THERE HE READS THE 'BENEMERENTI' CITATION,
FIRST IN LATIN AND THEN IN ENGLISH.
THEN HE PRESENTS THE MEDAL TO MR. WALDRON.

IOANNES PAULUS II PONT. MAXIMUS

aureum nomisma

cuique constitutem singulariter

de re Christiana

BENEMERENTI

D.NO michaeli waldron

decernere ac dilargiri dignatus est

eidem facultatem faciens

sese hoc ornamento decorandi.

Ex Aedibus Vaticanis,

die XVI Septembris MCMLXXXV.

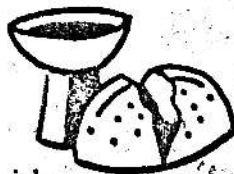
JOHN PAUL II, SUPREME PONTIFF,
has deigned to honour and graciously confer
on MR. MICHAEL WALDRON
the gold medal "BENEMERENTI" -
"well-earned" by the one on whom it is bestowed
for outstanding contribution to the Christian cause
and hereby gives him the right to adorn himself
with this decoration.
Given at the Vatican,
16th September, 1985.

THE PREFACE has 'THANKSGIVING' as its theme:

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

You have no need of our praise,
yet our desire to thank you is itself your gift.
Our prayer of thanksgiving adds nothing to your greatness,
but makes us grow in your grace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In our joy we sing to your glory
with all the choirs of angels:



Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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During Holy Communion, the choir sing

'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.'

The Closing Hymn is sung by the Choir - "CREATION HYMN".

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE 'HIS EVENING'S CELEBRATION POSSIBLE. THANKS
ESPECIALLY TO THE SENIOR CHOIR FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION, AND TO THE
COLLECTORS FOR ALL THEIR HELP. AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. WALDRON,
AND TO HIS FAMILY, ON THIS PROUD DAY FOR THEM ALL.

THE SOCIAL AT ST. CATHERINE'S IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS MASS, AND ALL ARE
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So, one December evening, the whole parish celebrated and celebrated in style!

A Bishop's Blessing

Priests who had served in the parish joined Bishop Buckley for a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving. And the Senior Choir sang. And the parish priest preached. Everything was 'just right'. The right words were spoken, the right English translation of the Benemerenti citation was used by the Bishop at the appropriate moment.

Night of Speeches

Later, over two hundred packed into St. Catherine's School Hall to hear

Michael Waldron speak. Without a note, he was clear and sincere and humble, expressing thanks and affecting. His words impressed all who heard them.

ONE MAN'S TIME...

- Michael Waldron — born Derrymore, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo — 25th September 1898
- Took part in struggle for independence — member of Ballyhaunis Co. Old I.R.A.
- Joined Garda Force — February 1923
- Stioned Galway City 1923 - 25
- Promoted Sergeant — transferred to Ballydesmond, Co. Cork 1925 - 28
- Union Quay, Cork 1928 - 33
- Sergeant in charge Victoria Cross (Dennehy's Cross) Barracks 1933 - 1963
- Sacristan Church of Holy Spirit 1963
- Presented with 'Benemerenti' in presence of large gathering of parishioners and clergy who served with him in Parish.

The Presentation and Congratulations from Bishop J. Buckley to Mr. and Mrs. M. Waldron



(Photo: G. Healy)