

* ***** ADVENT VIGIL / CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE *****
 Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross.
 NEXT SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER AT 8.30 P.M.

* * Ballineaspig Senior Choir *
 * Gilabbey Singers *
 * Togher Church Choir *
 * School of Music Brass Ensemble *
 * "Madonna and Child" sung by Noirin Cronin *
 * Mini-recital by Church Organist *

WITH PRAYERS AND READINGS +++ ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND +++

Christmas Flowers.

THE LADIES OF the Altar Society need your help. They hope to have their usual magnificent display of flowers this year. You can help by dropping your donation into the box on the Altar Rails during the week.

Or you can donate fresh flowers. We would be grateful if you would leave these in the sanctuary on Monday or Tuesday of Christmas week.

Some red-berry holly would also be welcome. For Christmas, our Advent wreath will be transformed into a holly wreath, with the Christmas candle at the centre. So your holly would be most welcome.

"Carol Fantasia"

THE SACRED HEART CHURCH plays host to carol singing this Wednesday night at 8.30 P.M. 'Cor Bhaile an Easpaig' and the 'Cantairi Mhuscraí' will sing, joined by St. Catherine's School Band.

We're told that admission will be free, but that a collection will be taken up in aid if the children of Lota.

For Young People

FATHER JIM O'KANE tells me that an All-Night Vigil will be held next Saturday night to pray for the needs of young people.

It begins at 9.00 P.M. and ends at 5.30 A.M. with Mass. Throughout the night there will be Prayer Services in many different styles. The Vigil is geared particularly towards young people.

So St. Joseph's Church in Wilton is the place to be next Saturday night.

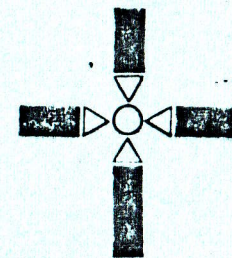
For Medugorje Fans...

A FILM SHOW will take place in St. Finbarr's GAA Pavilion this Wednesday at 8.00 P.M. Admission £1.50 - proceeds to C.A.S.A.

A Feast of Music

HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH' will be performed at Cork City Hall next Saturday at 8.00 P.M. Students and OAPs get in for £2 - other tickets range £4 to £6. All profits go to the Irish Kidney Association.

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● SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER '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

MASSES

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.

Third Sunday of Advent

Lonely voices

John's was a voice crying in the wilderness,
a lonely voice that many of his contemporaries ignored.
The voice of the prophet
is not the only voice that is ignored.
There are many lonely voices in our world
that go unheeded.

Somewhere at this moment a child is crying —
crying for love or maybe simply for bread.

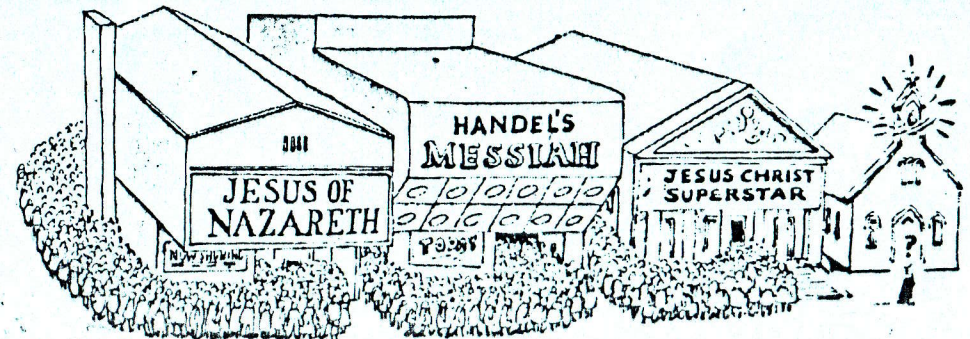
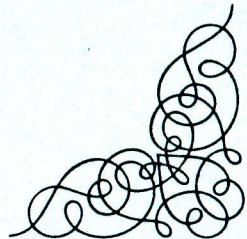
Somewhere a young person is crying —
crying for a listening ear
or an understanding heart.

Somewhere a deserted wife and mother is crying —
crying for the support of a husband.

Somewhere old people are crying —
crying for a word from their children.

There are a thousand lonely voices,
a thousand unheard cries in our world,
coming from the victims of injustice or neglect.

Lord, help us to listen to these voices.
Above all, help us to listen to your voice
whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts,
telling us that we are loved by the Father,
and that we are to love one another.



ADVENT - YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE RECONCILED

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION
MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER AT 7.30 P.M.

- * THE WORD OF GOD
- * EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE
- * CHOICE OF PRIESTS FOR CONFESSION



***** BE RECONCILED WITH THE LORD THIS CHRISTMAS! *****

Communion for the Housebound
WE HAVE OVER sixty Ministers and
ex-Ministers of the Eucharist
in our parish. Each may bring
Holy Communion to the sick and
housebound. Yet less than half
a dozen people receive Communion
from Ministers on a weekly
basis.

We think this is a pity.
So we issue a special invitation
to sick people to receive the
Lord from the hand of a Minister
this Christmas. And to continue
to receive Communion each
Sunday in the New Year.

It's very simple to
arrange. A Minister may call
to offer his/her services. Or
you can get in touch with one
of the Priests or Parish
Sisters. Or with one of your
local Ministers of the Eucharist.

Naturally, the priests of
the parish will continue to call
around the First Friday. We
would love you to feel part of
our parish community every
Sunday as well. Hence our
invitation, for Christmas and
the New Year.

Mercy Gesture to Cork 800
RELIGIOUS BOOKS AND TAPES will be
available at the Library to be
opened at St. Marie's of the Isle School.
The official opening is this
Tuesday at 11. All are welcome

We're getting help
OVER CHRISTMAS TIME Father
John Vaughan will be giving us
a hand here at Dennehy's Cross.
Fr. Vaughan was ordained this
year for an American diocese.
However he must have some
experience in the ministry
before the American authorities
will let him in. We welcome him
and look forward to working
with him over the next few weeks.

Christmas Presents
CHRISTMAS BRINGS WITH IT the
annual search for 'the right
gift for the right person'.
This unfortunately leads to
people using Christmas Mass
Bouquets to fill gaps.

Many priests have tales
to tell about the hazards of
Christmas Mass Bouquets. Like
people looking for 'cut-price
Masses' or 'two for the price
of one.' Sad, isn't it, almost
sacrilegious.

So please, this Christmas,
don't do anything to devalue
the Mass we all love. Maybe your
sincere promise of Rosaries or
other prayers might mean more
than a Mass card. Or maybe you
might arrange with the priest
to be part of the Mass. Either
way, let your gift be personal.