

# NOTICE BOARD

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK



Sunday St. Brigid. Although Sunday takes precedence in the Liturgy, we might like to remember St. Brigid, Muire na nGael, one of the principal patrons of Ireland. Her foundation of a religious community at Kildare gave her the right to be called the one who began religious life for women.

Monday - The Presentation of the Lord. (Candlemas day) To-day we celebrate the close of the Christmas festival of light. Candles are blessed and carried in procession to welcome Christ.

Wednesday - St. Blaise.. The blessing of throats.

## St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The monthly meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will be held at the Christian Pursuit Centre on Thursday 5th February at 8 pm.

## FOUND

A pair of glasses in a black case were found near the Church. The owner can collect them in the sacristy.



# Welcome

The Parish welcomes back our priests from The Renewal Course. We are looking forward to benefiting from the fruits of their labour.

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NO. 68

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

## SUNDAY MASSES:

7.30 (SAT.), 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 & 12.15.

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

9.00 A.M., 10.00 A.M. & 7.30 P.M

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**URGENT CALLS:** RING 362906 ANYTIME.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

*The Beatitudes*



*Blessed are the peace makers,  
for they shall be called sons of God*

All notices to the Editor before Thursday, please!



IN RECENT WEEKS, Mass-goers at Dennehy's Cross have been expressing concern about the Church-gate collections. People have been annoyed by aggressive collectors, and by collectors blocking their path into the Church. In response to such demands, we have decided to take action to curb over-zealous collectors.

IN FUTURE, anyone proposing to hold a 'Church-gate' collection, with Garda permission, will receive a letter from the Parish Priest.

His letter will make the following points:-

1. Garda permission to hold a collection is valid only outside Church grounds.
2. Collectors may use Church grounds, on the following conditions:-
  - (a) No aggressive selling.
  - (b) No collectors in doorways, on steps, or confronting people in the vicinity of the steps.
  - (c) Not more than two collectors at the Main Entrance.  
Not more than one collector at the Model Farm Road side.

We hope that this step will relieve the situation. Naturally, those who do not apply to the Parish Priest will not be allowed collect on Church grounds. And those who violate the conditions given above will not be welcomed back in future years!

WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT in implementing these new directives. We invite you to remind collectors of them, if they seem to be out of step with the directives. And if you have any complaints, do not hesitate to approach us with them.

P.S. Those who wish to distribute leaflets of any sort after Masses will be expected to follow the same procedure. (Except, of course, the Parish Bulletin!)

## At Home with God Forever

*We were saddened to hear of the untimely death of Helen Coughlan of Dunreeth Wilton Road. The cheerfulness and courage with which she bore her handicap was an inspiration to all who knew her. We extend our sincere sympathy to her mother and brothers. May she rest in peace.*

*Residents of Wilton Road were saddened at the unexpected death of Mr Livingston one of our Jewish friends. He was an example in his fidelity to his faith. May he rest in peace.*

## Thank You

*We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Father Jim O'Kane and Father Owen McKenna and all the priests of St. Joseph's, Wilton for helping the parish to run so smoothly in the absence of our own priests.*

## MONEY REPORT

25/1/87 ..... £993.

## Beatitudes

for friends  
of the aged

Blessed are they who understand  
My faltering step and palsied hand.  
Blessed are they who know that my ears today  
Must strain to catch the things they say.  
Blessed are they who seem to know  
That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.  
Blessed are they who looked away  
When coffee spilled at table today.  
Blessed are they with a cheery smile  
Who stop to chat for a little while.  
Blessed are they who never say,  
"You've told that story twice today."  
Blessed are they who know the ways  
To bring back memories of yesterdays.  
Blessed are they who make it known  
That I'm loved, respected and not alone.  
Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss  
To find the strength to carry the Cross.  
Blessed are they who ease the days  
On my journey Home in loving ways.

How blest are those who show mercy;  
mercy shall be shown to them.

Matthew 5:7