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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. John writes

It is a charming fiction that the man in the pulpit "has it made" because before him sits a ready-made captive audience. Granted the people are there, but common sense forces me to make a distinction. (Our theology professor used to say with a wry smile, 'Seldom admit; never deny; always distinguish'.

So here is the distinction. If by 'captive' one means that there are a certain number of bodies out there, arranged in long rows who will never jump up and cry 'objection!' or never walk out in protest, I concede. But if anyone thinks that these same people have flung out a red carpet so that my words can gracefully walk into their minds, I deny.

My experience tells me that the congregation is not there, shoulders tilted forward expectantly, as in a class room where the teacher is confiding the topics for the forth-coming examination. They are not probably thinking about anything religious at all. Their thoughts range over a thousand other things, from what causes the rattle they noticed that morning in the car, to wondering how long it will take to get an appointment with the eye specialist.

At the beginning of another school year, when a bit of regularity returns to life, I am aware of the challenge to flag down the attention of the faithful with the few words on Sunday morning. I hope that my few words will be to encourage and to praise - if they are interesting as well, that will be a bonus.

Fr. John



TOM DEENIHAN, who was ordained a Deacon in Maynooth last Spring, is working with us in the parish for September.

A native of Blackpool, he now lives at Dublin Pike. He will be ordained a Priest for Cork and Ross in June, 1991, D.V.

And what does a deacon do? He reads the Gospel at Mass, may preach the homily, assists at the altar, conducts baptisms, marriages and funerals and presides at various other liturgies.

We sincerely hope that Tom enjoys his time with us and that it helps him on his way to priesthood.



Rest in Peace

CLIFF MOLLOY, Cherryfield, Wilton Road, died after a comparatively short illness. Though he was a man who never enjoyed robust health, and not withstanding the best efforts of his relatives, he really went into decline since the death of his mother Agnes a few years ago. May he rest in peace.

JOHN O'RIORDAN, The Ridgeway, was a highly respected member of the Pharmaceutical profession. A native of Macroom, his business interests were in Cork city for many years. He had health problems for some time, and died at the Regional Hospital after a lengthy illness. The sympathy of the community goes to his wife Mary, and their family.

PATRICK O'SULLIVAN, Maryville, Laburnum Park, never really got over the death of his dear wife Kitty, and he followed her to heaven just a year later. Paddy was well known as a commercial representative, and his gentle manner endeared him to his many business associates, as well as his relatives - notably his cousin Louis and wife Irene, who lived next door and with whom he enjoyed a lifelong friendship. We extend sympathy to his family, at home and abroad, and his relatives, especially Irene.

BILLY WALSH, Wilton Gardens, died after a period of ill-health. He is remembered by his neighbours and friends as an upright and kind man. He had a word for everyone he met. His witty and cheerful character brightened the day for many. Our sincere sympathy to his family.



WE WELCOME those who were recently baptised into our community:

CIAN MICHAEL CONNOLLY, 11 Lima Lawn, son of John and Alice.
IAN CHARLES SHELLARD, 1 Woodford, son of Stuart and Margaret.
GRACE MARY WALSH, 20 Merlyn Lawn, daughter of Gerard and Anne.
SHANE JOHN FINNEGAN, 43 Wilton Gardens, son of John and Camella.

IN SYMPATHY

WE EXTEND sincere sympathy to the following:

MADGE HANLEY, Laburnum Lawn on the death of her sister.
To MICHAEL MURPHY and TOM MURPHY, Kenley Drive, and ANNE HORGAN, Cherry Grove, on the death of their mother.
To the people of THE BELFRY on the death of their neighbour and dear friend, Eric Bolt.





COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

IF YOU ARE asking me, "Am I a religious person?", the answer is, "No!" If you are asking me, "Did I pray?", the answer is, "Yes!" So said Brian Keenan at his most extraordinary Press Conference.

I won't attempt to categorise him as pious or religious, but he most certainly epitomises all of the best Christian values of hope and fortitude, tolerance and lack of bitterness.

Let us wish him a total healing after his ordeal and a fulfilment of his wish for the release of all hostages.

HOW INFLUENCED are we by the media? Do we have opinions of our own? Or do we allow other people to do our thinking for us? Do we feel less intelligent than those who form so much of public opinion? Are we so conditioned by the media that we no longer think for ourselves?

ONE SUBJECT being given an airing currently is pornography. Many people are against censorship of any kind. But surely society must be protected against depravity? It has to be said that much that is patently pornographic or extremely violent is depraved and will deprave and corrupt the reader and/or viewer, more especially the young.

The intellect can be fed a diet of sound moral values, or it can be titillated with a mish-mash of violence and eroticism. Can there be any doubt which of the two will create the better society? Does society not owe it to itself to have the choice of which diet it deserves?



Lima Lawn Notes

We received the following happy news from Lima Lawn Residents' Association:

- 1) the arrival of new neighbours, Donal and Angela McCarthy.
- 2) the birth of a son to Pat and Aidan Nevin, Douglas (formerly of Lima Lawn).



WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME - MT 18:20



Newsnotes

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Beidh Aifreann dhátteangach a cheiliúradh an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Mar chabhair daoibh beidh bileog an Aifrinn ar fáil an mbaidin sin.

A Reminder

Bulletins will be delivered to the homes in the Parish as usual next week-end, the third week-end of the month. Thank you to our ever reliable distributors.

Library Staff



A temporary rota is presently in operation. A general meeting will be called later in September. See next week's bulletin for details.

We would ask any of our borrowers who have books out since last season to return them. Thank you. Opening hours are - Mon - Fri mornings at 10.30. Saturday night after Mass and Sunday morning after 9, 10 and 11 Masses.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastoral Council

First meeting of the season will be held on Monday next 10th in the C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

CHORAL
SINGING



Are you interested in Choral Singing? Cór Bháile an Easpaig is a Bishopstown based choir who take part in various competitions and recitals. They are resuming practice in Bishopstown Community School on and from 18th September at 7.45 p.m.

Contact Frances Linehan at 963241 between 6-9 p.m. if you would like to enrol.

Enrolment Dates

If you would like to be part of any of the evening classes at Bishopstown Community School, come to the school on Wednesday 12th September between 7 and 9p.m.

Thanks!

Two Thank You's

Margaret O'Sullivan of the Irish Cancer Society thanks us for the £260 collected at our church gate earlier this year.

And Pat Behan of Rehab. acknowledged receipt of £189.84. She adds:

"If any of your parishioners would like to see our facilities in Douglas or Hollyhill, we would be delighted to show you around."

A nice touch!