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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
CLARENCE CROSS, CO. DK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
The Dean writes

NEW HEATING SYSTEM IN CHURCH

For years, parishioners have been aware that our Church had an inadequate heating system. To remedy this situation - within reasonable installation and running costs - proved very difficult. Our Parish Finance Committee sought all the professional help available, as well as seeking reports on different heating systems in several large churches throughout Ireland. The present system is the result. We hope you will find it acceptable, especially when its optimum operating programme is attained.

The costs involved are as follows:

1. Heating unit and silencer
£19,965.00
2. Ducting £ 9,572.81
3. Builders costs £4,562.80
4. Gas Co. £440.00
5. Professional fees (estimated)
£1,860.
6. Total - £36,400.00 (all prices
incl. of V.A.T).

Of this figure £15,400 was paid before 31st December from current income. We would need a figure of approximately £17,000

to clear the debt - and leave a modest sum in Parish funds to meet contingencies. We would hope for a once off subscription of average £20.00 per household.

Obviously, not every family will be in a position to respond in these times, but we respectfully request that you put what you can in the envelope delivered with this Bulletin (or any envelope), hand it up with the collection at Mass on Sunday - or to the sacristy, the C.P. Centre, or any of the priests.

Thank you.

My help.

COMFORT IN SICKNESS

(on behalf of Parish
Finance Committee)

Making Decisions

*Lord, it is so hard to know
which way to choose,
which way to go.
But you know how
my life can best be spent;
lead on, then, Lord,
and I will choose
to live in you,
and only walk
where you would have me go.*

HONOUR FOR PARISHIONER

On Sunday, 29th December, Eddie Hogan, "Jasmine", Laburnum Drive, received the rare honour of being presented with the "Bene Merenti" medal from Pope John Paul II.

As always, this presentation was made for outstanding service to the Church - in Eddie's case for his loyalty to church choirs and music. He started at the opening of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in his native Ballinlough in 1938. Later he served at St. Mary's and Ss. Peter & Pauls, before joining St. Augustine's in February 1951.

The presentation ceremony took place during concelebrated Mass and was conducted by Fr. Michael Leahy, O.S.A. - an old family friend. This Parish was represented by Dean O'Connor.

Eddie and his wife Breda received many congratulatory messages in the annex of the Glengarriffe Hotel on Monday and January, at 8.30 p.m. New members very welcome.



Rest in Peace

Finbarr Dundon, 8 Leesdale, died recently after a brief struggle with failing health. He began his working career with the Merchant Shipping and later worked as an engineer in the Blarney Woollen Mills. He was very committed to his Union and held the post of Secretary. A native of the Middle Parish, he returned there for his Requiem. Our sympathy to his daughter, Veronica, son-in-law Harry, their family and his relatives.



We extend sincere sympathy to SISTER GERARD, St. Columba's Convent, on the death of her sister.



Wool Gathering

We have received the following note from Noreen O'Flynn, P.R.O. "The Committee of the National Council for the Blind wish to thank most sincerely the many parishioners who responded so promptly to the appeal in last week's Bulletin for knitting wool for the Blind. The large amount received will enable us to continue our Craft Class for the visually impaired for quite some time to come. May God reward the donors for their generosity."



I know your light may hurt
as it shines in my darkness;
but shine anyway, Lord,
and give me courage
to repent.



CONVERSATIONS WITH A FRIEND

"Lord, we don't hear much about sin these days. Was there too much fear in the past? Or have we become too complacent?"

"Are you asking me if sin is out-dated?"

"No, Lord. I know the rules are there but so many things have changed. We had lists before: the Ten Commandments, the Six Precepts of the Church, the Seven Deadly Sins. It was all so neat, if a little frightening. Now one hardly knows where to begin."

"How about beginning with love?"

"Love, Lord! I thought we were talking about sin?"

"Well, think about sin as the absence of love. The whole thing revolves around this. If you love Me and if you love your neighbour, then there's no room for sin."

"But, Lord, that's much too

simple surely? What about ... ?"

"Hold on! You asked Me where to begin. I'm telling you. You begin with love. Love Me as I love you. Totally. Unconditionally. No holding back. The problem begins when you put other things before this love."

"Things, Lord? Like what?"

"Money. Greed. Selfishness. These are the things that cause the problems. Put these before your love for Me and you threaten our relationship. Love Me with no ifs and buts and sin will never feature in your life."

"You make it sound so simple, Lord."

"No, it's not simple. But it's possible. You won't do it on your own. But you will certainly do it with My help."



COMFORT IN SICKNESS

Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow; the same Everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.

(St. Francis De Sales)



Christian Unity Week

Monday, 20th January: Interdenom-
inational Service of Worship at
Honan Chapel, U.C.C. at 5.15 p.m.
Wednesday, 22nd:

Lecture: "Eucharistic Sacrifice"
by John Macquarrie, Emeritus
Professor of Divinity, Oxford
University. Room G1, Science
Building, U.C.C. at 8 p.m.
(John Macquarrie is author of
"In Search of Humanity", "In
Search of Deity", "Mary for all
Christians")-

Throughout the week Prayers led
by a different denomination each
day at U.C.C. Chaplaincy, College
Road, at 1.10 p.m.

An Ecumenical Prayer Service
will be held at 3.30 p.m. on
Sunday, 19th, at Our Lady of
Lourdes Church, Ballinlough.

Fine Gael

Model Farm Road Branch monthly
meeting will be held in annexe of
Glengarriffe Hotel on Monday 20th
January, at 8.30 p.m. New
members very welcome.



Library

According to our files FORTY-
SEVEN books have not been
returned! As our library is not
immense, this leaves quite a gap
on our shelves. Also, some of
these books have been requested.
Please look around and see if YOU
have any books out and save us
the embarrassment of having to
phone you. Even if you've had
them since 1989 we promise not to
say one word of reproach. Just
bring them back and all will be
forgiven.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will be call-
ing to homes on Model Farm Road
during the next few weeks.



Music

Haile an Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The January Recital on next Wed-
nesday, 22nd, will be given by
Eddie Hogan at 3.00 p.m. sharp,
in the Crypt of the Church of the
Holy Spirit. Glorious music
guaranteed. Everyone is welcome.



Music of the 60s Night

Bishopstown Scouts (SAI) Friday,
24th January at G.A.A. Bishopst-
town. Ticket at door £3.

Terminators Foroige Club

Meet every Wednesday at 6.15 p.m.
to 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt of the
Church of the Holy Spirit, Denn-
ehy's Cross. All new members
welcome. Age group 12-18 years.
Susan Lilley P.R.O.

Volunteer Stroke Scheme

Public Meeting at Southern Health
Board Buildings, Grattan Street
(behind St. Francis' Church) on
Thursday, 23rd January at 8.15pm.
Two videos - "Stroke: Could it
Happen to You"; "Stroke:
Causes and what Follows...."