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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
DENNEHY CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

YOU ALL know the story so often told at Mission time - This "good" man died and arrived at Heaven's gate - where he met the Lord. "Lord", he said, "even though I say so myself, I'm a very good man. I never missed Mass on a Sunday, never swindled or robbed, nor lied or cheated. Look, Lord, my hands are clean." "They're clean alright," said the Lord, "but they are empty."

There is a motto over the vesting bench in the sacristy of the Poor Clare Chapel - it reads: "Priest of God - say this Mass as if it were your last." It underlines the urgency of doing good. Just to jog

your consciousness - things like these:

- 1) Giving time and attention to aged parents, relatives or neighbours.
- 2) Giving time and encouragement to each other in the home.
- 3) Welcoming new neighbours - school or work mates.
- 4) Offering a helping hand in my Parish or Community.
- 5) Helping to make people feel wanted and accepted.
- 6) Asking and offering forgiveness.

You probably do these things already. But if any of us were told we had only one more chance to do any of these good deeds, we would most likely do them with great love and sincerity.

We are blessed and privileged to have the opportunity - let's grasp it - and not put off 'til tomorrow what we can do today.

*Denis O'Connor P.P.*

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council held their meeting on Monday, 14 September. At the meeting a discussion took place on ways and means of involving parishioners in the parish.

One area which arose was the visitation of the elderly who live alone. The Council would like to set up a register of these people who would welcome a regular visit.

Another area of concern was the welcoming of new residents in our parish and making them aware of the various ministries in the parish.

A further item of interest which came up at the meeting was the running of a pre-marriage course in this parish in conjunction with Wilton parish after Christmas - details from Fr. Finbarr.

## St. Finbarr, Patron of Cork

Accounts of St. Finbarr's life abound in legends and myths, but there is an outline which is substantially true.

Soon after his father came to Cork from Connacht, Finbarr was born at Farranes, near Bandon. He was saintly in his youth and went to Kilkenny with some monks to study and live as a hermit. He returned to Cork to found a monastery at the lake of Gougane Barra, where many disciples joined him.

From this spiritual retreat he travelled east along the course of the River Lee through Inniscarra and made his greatest foundation. This increased and flourished and the diocese and city of Cork began.

Finbarr spent 19 years as bishop, preaching teaching and building churches. On a visit to one of his churches he fell ill and, surrounded by many followers, he died in 623. With great reverence he was brought back to Cork for burial.

His feast day is on 25th September and each year special ceremonies in his honour take place at the Island and Oratory of Gougane Barra.

### Family Prayer Movement

During the month of October the entire list of booklets from the "Family Prayer Movement" by Peter Byrne, C.Ss.R. Limerick, will be available from the book-racks at the doors of our church. More information in future Bulletins.

## Retirement

The retirement recently of Choir-master and Conductor, Joe Holly of Wilton Road, from St. Augustines Church Choir was reluctantly accepted by all the choir members. Joe gave 37 years of loyal and devoted service to the Augustinians and was held in the highest esteem by everybody there.

He was an outstanding teacher of choral music and also a composer of distinction. At a dinner in his honour presentations were made to Joe and his beloved wife and many tributes were paid to them both.

A few years ago, Joe was honoured by Pope John Paul with the Papal Gold medal, Bene Merenti.

May his retirement be a long and happy one.

E.L.F.

## Rest In Peace

We pray for KIT COSGRAVE late of St. Clare's Avenue, who died in August. She was ill for a long period of time, but all who knew her never heard her complain, only to thank God for the blessings that she shared with her husband John and family. Kit was a woman of great faith and loved by all her neighbours in St. Clare's Avenue for her good humour and kindness. We extend our sympathy to her husband John and family.

## IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to DENIS O'LEARY, 25 Parkway, on the death of his sister.

To MARGARET O'DEA, 8 Parklea Court, on the death of her grandmother.

To FRED ANDERSON, Model Farm Road, on the death of his brother.



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## A LAND OF SKELETONS

LAST weekend, John O'Shea of GOAL claimed that the current famine in Somalia is an indictment of the rest of the world for its neglect. He spoke of famine victims dying as they waited in line to be fed. He called Somalia a Land of Skeletons. It is a land where man's inhumanity to man is being played out in all its stark brutality.

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LAST weekend, too, Bishop Joseph Cassidy spoke out (as did the other bishops in the West) about the appalling unemployment situation. He claimed that we have all become complacent about the matter. There is an accepted inevitability about the ever-rising unemployment figures, he said. There is no sense of outrage any longer.

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IN recent months the media has voiced concern in the matter of juvenile crime, especially drug-related crime. Again, there seems to be an inertia in facing up to the matter, or a confusion in dealing with it. Punish the culprits? Reform them? Create a society where there would be no need for crime?

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PERHAPS the key word in all of these situations is OUTRAGE. We SHOULD be outraged when anyone, anywhere in the world, dies needlessly, whether due to famine, disease, violence or neglect. We SHOULD be outraged when anyone is deprived of the dignity and the opportunity to work. We SHOULD be outraged when our young, for whatever reason, are driven to crime.

We SHOULD be. But we're not. Our social consciences have become blunted. From affluence? From the "I'm alright, Jack" syndrome? From a decline in moral standards?

For whatever reason, we seem to be shock-proof. Incapable of being outraged. It is surely time we were - before it is too late.

## EMIGRANT SUNDAY

Sunday, <sup>3rd</sup> 4th October is Emigrant Sunday. If family member has emigrated, we invite you to write the name below and bring it to Mass by the 4th October. There will be boxes available at the church doors and the names will be brought up to the Altar during the Offertory Procession at all Masses.

We would ask you to remember in your prayers our emigrants who may be finding it lonely and difficult away from family and friends.



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS ABROAD: \_\_\_\_\_



### Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue visiting at Wilton Avenue/Bishopscourt during the coming weeks.

### Engaged Couples Course

A course will commence at the College of Commerce, Morrison's Island, on Wednesday, September 23, at 7.30 p.m. and will continue for six Wednesdays. It is organised by N.A.O.M.I. and will cover Relationships, Human Reproduction, Natural Family Planning, Family Planning, Conception, Pregnancy, Child Birth, House Purchase, etc. and Marriage is for Life. The course fulfils the requirements of the Church for Pre-marriage Preparation.

For further particulars contact N.A.O.M.I. 36 Washington Street, tel. 272213 office hours, Tuesday to Friday.

### Education Fund Collection

The annual church collection for the education of students for the priesthood will take place at Masses on 26/27 September.

There are 21 students preparing for the priesthood in Cork and Ross. Fees in the major seminaries are in the region of £4,000 per student, and the total cost of maintaining our seminaries is over £80,000 per annum. The diocesan collection must pay the greater part of this bill.

Your generous support would be much appreciated.

### The Irish Catholic

For the next six months the Irish Catholic each month will publish a special edition for the dioceses of Cork, Ross and Cloyne. This will include one page of news, photos and features from these dioceses.

### Family Placement

The Cork & Ross Family Centre also need to hear from families who would be interested in taking a pregnant girl into their home as a guest for the last few months of her pregnancy.

There is a need for families in and around the city in this regard. If you think you could help out in this area, phone 273213 or write to the Senior Social Worker, 34 Paul Street.

### Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

On Wednesday next, September 23rd at 3 p.m. sharp, our first recital of this new season will be given by Maighréad Ní Dálaich in the crypt of the Church of the Holy Spirit. You are all most welcome to this most relaxing afternoon.

### Cork Stroke Support Scheme

Talk by Liz Knipe, Clinical Psychologist on "Psychological Problems following a Stroke" will be held in the S.H.B. Buildings, Grattan Street, on Thursday September 24, at 8.15p.m. All welcome, free admission.

If anybody is sick in the parish and would like a visit from a priest, please contact one of the priests or parish sister.

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Fr. John Newman, C.C. 541572  
Fr. Finbarr Crowley, C.C. 343895  
Sr. Ursula O'Callaghan, 545549.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY  
NUMBER: 274888**