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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DEENAGHY CROSS, CO. RM



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

DO WE KNOW HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES?

Just lately, for some reason, I suddenly remembered a particular 'Meals-on-Wheels' which went out from St. Maries of the Isle long before the term 'Meals-on-Wheels' was invented. In fact, that dinner would be termed 'Meals-on-Foot' and I was merely a companion to the sister who delivered it.

It was Christmas Day and when the community dinner was cooked we went to the kitchen and packed two plates of turkey, plum pudding and all the trimmings into black cloth bags. With these under our long black cloaks we set out over Clark's Bridge and down to a boarding house near the Mercy Hospital. We met the landlady and asked for Mrs. Murphy (not her real name). We had, we said, a bit of Christmas dinner which we hoped she would accept. The landlady paused in thought for a moment and then said, "It's Christmas Day and I think you had better know the truth." She led us up to an attic at the top of the house. There we saw Mrs. Murphy and her

son sitting on two kitchen chairs. Between them was an empty orange crate covered with an Echo. On the crate were two jam jars of tea and two saucers with some bread and jam. I found it hard to keep back the tears. We delivered our dinners which were much appreciated, and came home.

What was so sad was that when Mrs. Murphy went out she wore a fur coat summer and winter - the relic of old decency which covered a multitude. She was a widow. Her husband, God rest him, had been a wealthy shop owner in the city. At one time she had wanted for nothing. When she entertained, her table had the best of linen, silver, crystal and bone china. When her husband died the business had not lasted and the family had fallen on hard times. Sr. Lourda had guessed that all was not well, but nobody realised how bad things really were.

In the end she had nothing but her fur coat and her pride, which kept her from either asking or receiving.

I should add that it was neither drink nor gambling but complete lack of business sense which caused the business to collapse.

I had completely forgotten the story until lately and I just thought that I'd share it with you. It's a true saying that one half doesn't know how the other half lives.



TAKE TIME

TO THINK

it is the source of power

TO PLAY

it is the secret of keeping young

TO READ

it is the source of knowledge

TO PRAY

it is the greatest power on earth

TO LOVE

it is the grace of God

TO MAKE FRIENDS

it is the road to happiness

TO LAUGH

it is the music of the soul

TO GIVE

it is the price of success

TO BE CHARITABLE

it is the key to heaven



*You have brought them abundant
joy and great rejoicing*

THANK YOU

MASS FOR HOUSEBOUND

A very sincere 'thank-you' to all who helped to make the occasion such a success. To our Contact people and others who baked and acted as drivers; to all those who worked so hard to arrange the room and clean up afterwards.

A special word of thanks to our young musicians - Lisa and Karen Griffin and Noreen O'Hea; our washers-up - Claire O'Sullivan, Ann Haslam, Lorraine Lehane and Maura O'Hea; and finally the Girl Guides who helped - Helen Moloney, Suzy Floyd, Lucy Healy-Kelly, Caroline Kelleher, Deirdre Coakley, Marguerite White, Kate Coakley, Claire Rooney, Alison Byron-Fahy, Noelle Kenny, Aoife Floyd, Terri Ranshan, Yvonne Kenny and Mairead McCarthy.

CHRISTMAS DUES

The priests would like to thank those who have sent in their envelopes.

If delivering direct to the priests' houses, please use the letter boxes on the inner doors of Fr. Finbarr and Fr. John's houses.

We sincerely thank the Collectors for their help.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to MARY COFFEY, 51 Wilton Gardens, on the death of her brother, Billy Barry.

To Sean O Broin, Woodlawn, Model Farm Road, on the death of his mother.



BISHOPSTOWN SOCIAL SERVICES

The Annual Christmas Dinner for Senior Citizens and friends was held at the Bishopstown G.A.A. Pavilion on Sunday, 13th December.

The event was a great success and the large attendance had a great time. 120 dinners were served on the night. After the excellent meal there was great entertainment with singing, music, dancing and a monster raffle for numerous spot prizes.

The organising committee wish to thank Bishopstown G.A.A Club for providing the facilities, and the Ladies Committee of the Club for the excellent catering. They also wish to thank all the singers and especially "Tir na n-Og", who provided the music. We also wish to thank those who provided transport on the night.

A special word of thanks is due to local business people and other sponsors who supported the event, especially our main sponsor, Bishopstown Credit Union. Apologies to anyone we have omitted.

Michael Haydon,
Secretary.

Coming in January.....

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Candlelight Procession and

CAROLA **CONCERT**

with excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*

Sunday 20th December
at 8.00 pm

**Church of the Descent
of the Holy Spirit,
Dennelly's Cross, Cork**

Córan Spioraid Naomh
Kinsale Chamber Orchestra
Bishopstown Chamber Choir
CSM Junior Concert Band
Carrigaline Singers
Mírlam O'Callaghan *Soprano*
Conductor Paddy Killeen

DON'T STOP NOW - YOU'RE ALMOST THERE!

Only five more spending days - including Sunday. Get out there and buy, stock up, fill that freezer, wash curtains, clean windows, wrap, label, make some more mince pies, one more fruit cake, just in case. Put up the Christmas tree, the lights, track down the dud bulb, find the decorations. Put another present under the tree in case Aunt Julia calls. Not the drawer liners - she gave us them. Phew....

Only one thing is certain. One week from now, as you sit, ragged, amidst devastation and chaos, eating your turkey and ham mousse à la diced spiced beef, you'll be saying, **WHAT WAS IT ALL ABOUT?** Come to think of it, that's a good question.



CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

MASSES

Monday 21st:
9.00 and 10.00 a.m.
No Evening Mass.

Tuesday 22nd:
9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 23rd:
9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 24th:
9.00 and 10.00 a.m.
Midnight Mass at 12.00.

Christmas Day:
8.00, 9.00, 10.00,
11.00 and 12.15.

St. Stephen's Day:
9.00 and 10.00 a.m.
Vigil Mass at 7.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Monday 21st:
Penitential Service at
7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 22nd:
Penitential Service at
S.M.A. Wilton, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 23rd:
12 - 1; 4 - 5; 8 - 9.

Thursday 24th:
11 - 1; 3 - 5; 7 - 9.

FIRST FRIDAY

1st January : calls to
the sick and housebound
on the usual days.

POOR CLARES CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve:
No Benediction
Mass at 12 Midnight

Christmas Day:
Masses at 8 and 10 a.m.
Benediction at 1.00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Day:
Masses at 8 and 10 a.m.
Benediction at 5.30 p.m.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will continue
his visitation on the north side
of Model Farm Road and Kenley
after Christmas.

Ministers of the Eucharist

New rota available on altar
rails. Please collect.

Ministers of the Word

New rota available on altar
rails. Please collect.

Offertory Procession

1993 rota available on altar
rails. Please collect.

Tuesday Coffee Morning

No coffee morning on 21 and 28
December. It will start up again
on Tuesday 5th January. Our
sincere thanks to Mary
O'Shaughnessy and Mary Casey.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
NUMBER: 274888**