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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
DENING'S CROSS, DORK

## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

*The Dean writes*

*"With someone like you, a pal  
good and true,  
I'd like to leave it all behind,  
and go and find  
Some place that's known to God  
alone, just a spot to call our  
own.  
We'd build a sweet little nest,  
somewhere out in the west,  
And let the rest of the world go  
by."*

A dream of Utopia - man never is,  
but always - to be - blessed.  
Could it ever happen that  
everybody would live in love and  
harmony? Certainly it hasn't  
happened so far. Is it possible  
that we are going the wrong way  
about it? St. John says that's  
exactly what we are doing - often  
trying desperately to love God by  
our own efforts - instead of  
allowing God love us. "This is  
the love I mean, not our love for  
God, but God's love for us."

We all know about God's love  
for us, aren't we half dead from  
having it preached at us. Yes  
indeed, we KNOW about it, but  
have we FELT it, EXPERIENCED it?  
If not, we don't know what we are  
missing.

The next question is - how do  
we experience the warming love of  
God in our lives? The saints

should know - their unanimous  
response is - PRAYER. Many  
people find they can pray best  
in a quiet reflective way; others  
with traditional vocal prayers -  
the rosary, etc. Others still  
find Group Prayer an enriching  
experience.

In many parishes people meet in  
small groups in each others  
houses each week or fortnight,  
and pray together.

If any group in this Parish  
would like to try this prayer  
method - give particulars to any  
of our Parish Team. Hopefully we  
can help, and will be only too  
glad to do so.

"We always mention you in our  
prayers, and thank God for you  
all. We know brothers that God  
loves you." (Second reading this  
Sunday).

## CHANGE OF MASS TIME

Option sheets were recently  
distributed regarding the  
time of Saturday/Holyday  
Vigil Mass.

On studying the results,  
the Pastoral Council has  
decided that the Vigil Mass  
will be at 6.15 p.m. for a  
trial period of four months  
beginning on Saturday, 6th  
November.



### FURTHER COMMENTS ON OUR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

"Here we were, people from different countries and cultures, but united in one common faith, gathered together in the hallowed sanctuary of Lourdes. This, for me, will remain one of the many happy memories of the pilgrimage."

Peg McCarthy

"We had concelebrated Mass in the humblest of Chapels - a sheep fold similar to the one in Bartres where Bernadette tended her foster mother's sheep. The stone floor and walls, the very simple altar, all devoid of decoration could only remind one of the simplicity of the Stable in Bethlehem. No piece written about our pilgrimage would be complete without a mention of Fr. Finbarr's inspiring homilies and his untiring dedication to every detail."

Judith Coffey



*Rest in Peace*

Annie McDonnell, Laburnum Park, slipped away to heaven ever so quietly on September 29th last. She never wanted to be a burden to anybody, and the good Lord granted her wish. We extend our sympathy to her daughters Aileen, Noreen and Irene, her sons Matt and Joe, her grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, relatives and friends.

### the editor writes....

Dear Bulletin Readers,

Many of you have congratulated me personally on our recent Bulletin award. I am very touched and gratified.

However, before all of this goes to my head, I feel I had better point out that there is a whole team involved in producing the Bulletin. So to all of them I now say thank you. And to yourselves, we all appreciate your interest and encouragement.

*Elsie Harris*

### ST. LUKE, THE GENTILE

Luke was a gentile; and he has the unique distinction of being the only New Testament writer who was not a Jew. He was a doctor by profession (Colossians 4:14) and maybe that very fact gave him the wide sympathy he possessed. It has been said that a minister sees men at their best; a lawyer sees men at their worst; and a doctor sees men as they are. Luke saw men and loved them all.

St. Luke's Feast Day is on 18th October.







# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## "AN ACT OF MORAL GRANDEUR"

Have you noticed how the media keep some issues alive? I am thinking particularly of that unholy trinity, abortion, contraception and divorce.

Members of the Legion of Mary will need no introduction to the good Cardinal. I would recommend the book also to those of you who might need a refresher course on Vatican II - or even an introduction to it for the younger reader.

I mention it here because of Cardinal Suenen's closeness to Pope Paul VI, that Pope who is currently being depicted by sections of the media as a kill-joy celibate who was totally insensitive to the needs of married couples, because of his Encyclical, "Humanae Vitae".

While not always agreeing with him, let me quote what Cardinal Suenens had to say about Paul VI:

"He loved the Lord passionately and served Him to the extreme limits of his strength - often in particularly difficult circumstances, in a troubled and torn world. He never missed an opportunity to speak out and to proclaim the Gospel. At the U.N. he begged his audience to put an end for ever more to fratricidal wars. In Italy he called on terrorists to put an end to the suffering of his friend Aldo Moro (Italian Prime Minister who was kidnapped and murdered by the Red Brigade).

He offered his own life in exchange for the freedom of hostages held in Mogadishu. Hardly the C.V. of an insensitive kill-joy?

Finally, lest we think that we are the last bastion of morality, Cardinal Suenens recalls what he refers to as "an act of moral grandeur" on the part of the late King Baudouin of the Belgians, when he refused to put his signature to a law allowing abortion. "It will be a landmark in history", Cardinal Suenens says, "to help men and women of all nations to understand that the witness of one man weighs more than the conformism of multitudes."

We shouldn't forget that in the days ahead.

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to JERRY O'SULLIVAN, Bishopstown Avenue West, on the death of his sister Mrs. Maggie Kelly, Kerry Pike.

To DAN HORGAN, 6 Cherrygrove, Model Farm Road, on the death of his mother.

## Think About It

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38,39





Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will visit remainder of Kenley and Model Farm Road in the coming weeks.

November - Wilton Avenue and Bishops Court/Merlyn Lawn.

**SPECIAL  
NEED:**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

As winter comes, we are forced to remind you that the poor of the parish need coal. Please give what money you can to our priests or any member of the society.



Cake Sale

To celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Senior Choir, we are bringing out a tape of Christmas Music. To help towards costs we are holding a Cake Sale and Raffle in the Crypt on Sunday 24th October after the 10, 11 and 12.15 Masses. Please come along and support us. Donations of cakes will be gratefully received on Saturday night from 7 p.m. or Sunday morning.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The monthly Recital on Wednesday next, 20th October at 3 p.m. sharp will be given by Jerry O'Callaghan in the Crypt. Do come along and enjoy a most relaxing afternoon.

**TAKE NOTE**

Change of Mass Time

The Saturday/Holyday Vigil Mass will be at 6.15 p.m. for a trial period of four weeks, beginning on Saturday, 6th November.

Art Classes for Beginners

Every Thursday 2.30-4.30 p.m. in Crypt. Fee £10 per course.

Wish to Join 'Karisma'?

Meeting every Thursday in Crypt at 8 p.m. to prepare for Sunday Mass.

**CHURCH MICE**

THE CHOIR PRACTICE IS JUST STARTING UPSTAIRS.

OH GOOD! I LIKE A BIT OF BACKGROUND MUSIC WHILE I'M EATING!



Readings for Sunday 24 October

Deut 30:15-20. Ps. 8:1 Jn. 5:5-13. John

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