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1st Sunday in Lent



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENHYS CROSS, COBK



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

OSCAR ROMERO was appointed to his position as Archbishop of El Salvador in 1977. He was a man seen by Rome as a 'safe' and conservative appointee, in the midst of the troubles in El Salvador. Three years later he was assassinated during Mass because he was an outspoken champion of human rights.

He said during his inauguration that "peace is a product of justice.... justice is not enough, but that Love is also necessary. The love that makes us feel that we are brothers and sisters is properly what makes for true peace. Peace is the product of justice and love."

I feel it's a worthwhile reflection for all of us during Lent, in a country where violence and unemployment are causing so much pain and suffering.

Lenten Action

NURTURE OUR WORLD

There is evidence of human destruction everywhere.

- * I will re-cycle all that I can.
- * I will not waste resources in the home, at work or at play.
- * I will drive with kindness and thoughtfulness.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Pastoral Council held its monthly meeting on 14th February.

The Council reviewed the trial period of the 6.15 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass. The 6.15 p.m. time appears to suit a greater number of our parishioners, as evidenced by the attendance. The Council have decided that the 6.15 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass should continue on a permanent basis. The Council, however, decided that all other evening weekday Masses, including Holyday Vigil Mass and Holyday Mass should be at 7.30 p.m. This is to facilitate our parishioners who are working.

(Continued next week)

WHAT AM I DOING THIS LENT?

"What I am doing for Lent are two things. One is to stop swearing the name of God in vain, and the other thing is actually going to Mass on Sundays instead of just hanging around outside by the door and not just looking in to see what priest is celebrating, and then going home and telling I went to Mass and saying 'Father X was celebrating.'" - EC

"I am going walking with Dad each evening and giving up chocolate." - RO'S.

Comment from 13-year-olds.

Rest In Peace

Chris Fleming, Wilton Road, spent a life of loyal service with the Health Board. For many years she co-ordinated the sensitive and important work of the Board in dealing with adoptions and fostering of children. She was in failing health for some months, and passed away at Rosenalee Nursing Home on 4th February. The funeral took place to the family burial plot in Bweeing.

Martin Studdert was a native of Kilkee, Co. Clare, and came to Cork as a member of the Garda Síochána. He served in West Cork for a brief period, but was attached to Union Quay for most of his life in the force. He was noted for his fair and compassionate manner in dealing with the public in the course of his duties. Martin was a popular member of St. Finbarr's Hurling & Football Club, and members of the Club formed a guard of honour at his funeral. Above all he was a man who was sincerely devoted to his religion. We extend sincere sympathy to his sons, daughters, and grandchildren.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to MARY WALSH, 6 The Grove, Orchard Road, on the death of her father before Christmas.

To EDDIE HOGAN, Laburnum Drive, on the death of his brother Ted in Dublin.

To CLARE O'LEARY, Leesdale, on the death of her father.

To CATHERINE WEEKS, Farranlea Road, on the death of her brother, Jim Mackey in Coventry.

THE PARISH FINANCIAL

INCOME	£
Sunday & Holyday collections	61,384
Poor Clares Chapel collection	3,027
Shrines	4,790
Bank Interest	472
Folds, Directories (Parish and Diocesan), Booklets	2,440
Refunds	642
Donations	685
Subs. and insurance for use of parish property.	555
Flowers and miscellaneous	154
Parish events (surplus from parish social and novena)	549
TOTAL INCOME:	74,698

Average Sunday Collection: £1,100

Average Holyday Collection: £ 872

SUMMARY

	£
Income For 1993	74,698
Expenditure	69,261
Credit Balance for year	5,437
Credit Balance for 1992	18,930
Credit Balance on 31/12/93	24,367

SPECIAL CHURCH

C.M.A.C.	£300
Holy Places	£274
Episcopal Commission	£474
Trocaire	£1,877
Peru	£1,500



**COMMITTEE PRESENT
REPORT 1993**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Curator's House,
Waterworks,
Lee Road

EXPENDITURE	£
Wages, salaries, PRSI	23,087
Heating and Lighting	7,409
8% levy to Diocesan Office	4,998
6% levy to Retired Priests Fund	3,798
Insurance	2,259
Poor Clares repair fund	2,000
Government levy on each parish child (586) attending Primary School	4,849
Paging system and C.P. phone	755
Church requisites (shrine lights, candles, breads, laundry, flowers, etc.)	4,521
Printing Bulletin, stationery and missalettes	4,343
Repairs and maintenance	6,636
Bank charges	365
Folds, Directories (Parish & Diocesan), Booklets	2,016
Sub. for Eucharistic Procession	400
Miscellaneous	1,825
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	69,261

Dear Editor,

Luke's Media Comment of 16th Feb. raised many questions of faith. The word alienation on the part of those offended by absolutes in Church teachings seemed to be central to his contentions.

In my view it is at this very point that ministry comes into play. I speak of the ministry of explaining truths. I feel that there is an urgent need for such a ministry, where the teachings of the church are explained. It is obvious that those who are only reached by the counsel of a world (which is becoming more and more alienated from God) shall inevitably find God's laws and the teachings of the church difficult.

There is nothing new in this. Jesus Christ alienated people, when He proclaimed Himself to be the bread of life, again when He proclaimed the indissolubility of marriage.

The church must proclaim what Jesus Christ taught. It cannot water His teachings down to accommodate my lack of understanding of certain matters.

Yours in Christ
Gearoid R. O Dubhtaigh

Memories of Lent

The FAST wasn't all that bad. We were allowed a cup of tea and one biscuit in between meals. So of course if you wanted a second biscuit really badly you had to make a second cup of tea! It's true - people did!

COLLECTIONS 1993

- Peter's Pence 55.60
- St * I will re-cycle all that I can.
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 - St the home, at work or at play.
 - P * I will drive with kindness and thoughtfulness.



SPECIAL NOTICE

Saturday Vigil Mass will remain at 6.15 p.m. on a permanent basis.

All other weekday evening Masses (except Saturday) including Holyday Vigil Mass and Holyday Evening Mass will be at 7.30 p.m.

Visitation

Fr. John will continue pastoral visitation in Lima Lawn and School Avenue, and Fr. Finbarr will visit Model Farm Road, beginning on north side.

St. Finbarr's Seminary, Farranferris

If you're interested in attending the above school, contact a priest of the parish immediately for further information.

MUSIC NOTES

The usual monthly recital of the Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle will take place next Wednesday 23rd February at 3 p.m. in the Crypt of the Church (heated) at Dennehy's Cross. The recital will be given by the eminent broadcaster Dan Murphy. Everybody is welcome to an afternoon of great music.

Can You Help?

Foster parents needed urgently for children of all ages in the Cork City area. If you are interested please attend our public information meeting at the Imperial Hotel on Wednesday 23rd February at 8 p.m. Any enquiries contact Abbeycourt House, tel. 965511, ext. 3815.

Cork Stroke Support Scheme

"Life After Stroke" the experience of the patient and the carer. Venue SHB Buildings Grattan Street, on Thursday 24th February at 8.15 p.m. Everybody welcome. Refreshments available.

LENT

MASSSES:

Monday - Friday
7.30 a.m. 9.00, 10.00 a.m.
7.30 p.m.

SCRIPTURE READING:

In C.P. Centre commencing
Tuesday 15th at 8 p.m.

TAIZE PRAYER:

Thursdays after 7.30 p.m.
Mass for 30 minutes.

BENEDICTION:

Sundays at 5.30 p.m.

N.B. Daily Exposition in
Poor Clares Chapel from
7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. with
Benediction at 5.30 p.m.

Trocaire Boxes available in
Church.

Hospital Radio 106 FM

Broadcast from Cork Regional Hospital

Request Line: 021-342117

Monday - Friday:

8.30 a.m. & 12 noon: Mass
2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.;
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday

12 noon: Mass
9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

7.15 p.m. Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday

8.30 a.m. Mass
10.00 a.m. Mass
10.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

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