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5th Sunday in Lent



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
DENMENYS CROSS, DORN



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Finbarr writes*

I saw the film 'The Deer Hunter' on 14th April 1979. I had been on retreat for the previous week in preparation for my ordination as a Deacon on the 16th. It is a film about a group of young men before, during and after their involvement in the Vietnam War. I vowed on leaving the film, if ever there was military conscription, I would be a conscientious objector. The film left me terrified - the violence, physical abuse, the psychological abuse of people have all left a lasting impression on me.

When we see, hear and read about what happens in Bosnia, the terror of the mortar blast in Heathrow Airport, the daily violence against millions of people living in Third World countries, the physical and mental abuse in relationships, I ask myself what makes people behave in this matter, would I be any different if I was the victim?

I feel two prayers must become part of our daily lives in order for hatred to end.

*"Lord, let me be an instrument*

*of your peace."*

*"Blessed are the peacemakers,  
they shall inherit th Kingdom  
of God."*

## NEW MASS TIMES

In response to the Bishop's Pastoral concerning Mass times, the Parish Council has decided that the most suitable times are as follows:

### SUNDAYS

Vigil 6.15 p.m.  
Sunday 9.00 a.m.  
10.30 a.m.  
12.15 p.m.

### HOLYDAYS

Vigil 7.30 p.m.  
Holyday 9.00 a.m.  
10.30 a.m.  
12.15 p.m.  
7.30 p.m.

These new Mass times will be commence on 9th/10th April.

N.B. All Evening Masses in this Church are at 7.30 p.m. except the Saturday 6.15 p.m. Mass.

*N.B. Please cut out the above notice and keep for reference.*



### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

As a member of the Church of Ireland and a long standing and grateful recipient of the Bulletin, I would like to express my appreciation of the parochial teamwork I observed leading up to and during the Women's World Day of Prayer Service at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Sister Ursula most efficiently co-ordinated all the organizations which were taking part. In the committee she sought all our ideas and there was complete unanimity. Dean O'Connor gave us tremendous support. The organist and choir members' contribution meant that all the congregation was able to partake in the singing of the hymns. The Sacristan's care in his preparation beforehand was greatly appreciated.

The congregation were invited for a cup of tea in the Crypt afterwards which was provided by the Friendship Club and other ladies in the Parish.

The guest speaker, Lady Fiona Hannon, travelled from Coleraine, and many people commented afterwards on her thoughtful and helpful address. Many people felt that the whole service was very worthwhile and they were so glad they had been able to attend it.

Elaine Gordon.



## *Rest in Peace*

We pray for the late Moira Curtin of Fernhurst Terrace, who died recently. Mrs. Curtin was a very independent woman with a great sense of humour. She followed the example of the Sisters in the Poor Clares who were her neighbours, by being a woman of deep faith. We offer our sympathy to her daughter and sons.

### IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to HELEN ROONEY, The Circle, Kenley, on the death of her mother.



#### Liturgy Group

Meeting of the Liturgy Group Monday 21st at 8.10 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

#### Readers in Holy Week

Copies of all the readings for Passion (Palm) Sunday and Holy Week are available in the sacristy for readers.

### Scoil an Spioraid Naomh Boys & Girls

**REGISTRATION**

WED 23rd - FRI. 25th  
MARCH

Tel. 543333

BOYS

Tel. 543305

Girls





# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## SPEAK BIG - DELIVER LITTLE

Bishop Murphy, in his recent radio interview, claimed that it was ironic that in the year that has been proclaimed International Year of the Family, our Government should be introducing divorce legislation.

While agreeing that Church and State should remain separate ("It is not good to be too close to Caesar", he said), he retained the right to uphold the Church's view on moral matters.

Despite the expressed desire of the Government to legislate for broken marriages, they do little in the area of providing support for these marriages when they need help most. In relation to voluntary counselling groups, "They speak big but they deliver little", said Bishop Murphy.

The late Dorothy Day had a say, "Don't call me a saint, I don't want to be dismissed that easily!" It strikes me that there are a lot of "saints" out there who are doing far more to support marriage and the family than those who profess to want to provide the magic wand "cure" of divorce for our marriage problems.

We will be seeing a lot of our politicians in the coming months. We should, perhaps, be asking them what they are REALLY doing for Irish families in this Year of the Family.

## Lenten Action

### Nurture Health

The human body is a miracle.. How often do we abuse this gift from God?

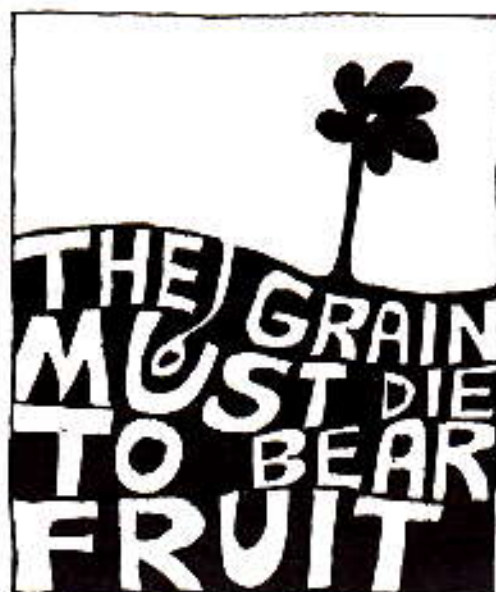
- \* What am I doing about getting enough exercise?
- \* What steps do I take to eat the right foods?
- \* Is my lifestyle healthy or am I too dependent on alcohol or drugs or junk food?

### Nurture the World

At the heart of our faith is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's worth getting to know it better.

- \* I will make time to read the gospel regularly.
- \* I will reflect on the gospel message, and try to relate it to my life and actions daily.
- \* I will practice building gospel inspired relationships.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent





## NOTICE BOARD

### Great Night's Entertainment

School Show at Colaiste an Spioraid Naoidh consisting of two newly-written plays (with music) takes place at 8 p.m. on Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March.

### Fashion Show

In aid of Life Pregnancy Care Centre, on Tuesday 29th March at Moores Hotel. Price £4. Tickets at 77 Grand Parade. Tel. 270445.

### Church Collectors

There will be a meeting of all church collectors in the C.P. Centre on Thursday next, 24th March, at 8 p.m.

### Curra Gaelge

At Mount Mercy, July 11th - 15th for boys and girls, 10-16 years, catering for fourth to sixth class primary and 1st to 3rd year post-primary. Tuition based on Junior Cert Course guidelines. Apply: Secretary, Mount Mercy College, tel. 542366.

### Can You Help?

The Share A Dream Foundation are holding a 12 hour Squash-A-Thon at Highfield on Saturday March 26th from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The organisers are looking for sponsors and for squash players to participate in this very worthy cause. A Social Night will be held in the Bar afterwards. Please contact Mary Redmond-Quinn (342801) or Linda Quinlan (543623) if you can help. You may also offer your sponsorship at the C.P. Centre.

### Year of the Family

Two talks will take place at St. Augustine's Priory, Washington Street from 8.00 - 9.00 p.m.

Wed. 23rd: "Family Life Cycle"

Wed. 30th: "Support systems which enhance Family Life".

### Ministers of the Eucharist

Due to the new Sunday Mass times commencing on 9th/10th April, would the Ministers on the 10.00 a.m. Mass please drop out until new rotas are prepared, and Ministers on the 11.00 Mass transfer to the 10.30 a.m. Thank you.

### Karisma Folk Group

Do you play an instrument or like to sing? If so, why not become a member. For more information contact Sarah Foley at 542106.

### Easter Bulletin

Notices for Easter Sunday Bulletin must be handed into the C.P. Centre by Monday 21st.

### Lost and Found

A new sliotar, marked with its owner's name, has been found in Farranlea Park. Phone 546812 to claim it.

### Gramophone Circle

The monthly recital of the Baile 'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle next Wednesday, March 23rd at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt will be given by Mary McDonogh. Everybody welcome.

### Readings for Sunday 27 March

Is. 50:4-7. Ps. 21. Phil. 2:6-11. Mk. 14:1-15:47 (or 15:1-39)

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