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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENNEHY CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Finbarr writes

Last Saturday, not just here in Dennehy's Cross but in many of our neighbouring parishes, hundreds of children received "The Bread of Life" as they call the consecrated host, for the first time. It was a day of joy, celebration and togetherness when parents, grandparents, godparents, family, teachers, and we the parish team shared with the children.

People comment how beautiful a ceremony it is, the lovely singing, the decorated church, but above all the sheer innocence of the children.

While we praise and thank those involved, the role of the teachers cannot be overlooked. The time and preparation they put into the occasion is something that I, as a priest, and the parents are most appreciative of.

Many people in our community give their time and commitment to others- to you all I say a big "thank you".

Fr. Finbarr

Holy Spirit Novena

Continuing this week, two sessions daily at 10 and 7.30 p.m. Reconciliation Night on Monday and Special Youth Night on Tuesday.

Annual Summer Outing

Bishopstown Social Services Outing for senior citizens and friends will take place on Thursday 19th May. The destination this year is Killarney. The outing will include a visit to Muckross House and Gardens and entry cost and evening meal at Abbey Hotel, Ballyvourney, is included in the ticket of £10. Latest date for booking is 16th May and tickets available from Nora Fitzpatrick 543658, Brid Hartnett 544693 or Michael Haydon 541638/541012. Coaches will depart at 1.00 p.m.

PARISH SOCIAL

Don't forget - big event!
It's on Thursday 26th May.
Time: 8.00 p.m.
Venue: Jurys.
Site down meal, Music by The Shades.
Great Value at £6.
Tickets available at C.P. Centre or from members of the Pastoral Council.



We pray for Joan Dowling (nee Whelton) late of Arklow and Bishopstown Park, who died during the week. Joan was pre-deceased by her husband, and during her ill-health for the past number of years was cared for lovingly by her only daughter Ruth. To Ruth, and Joan's brother Frank, who lives on the Model Farm Road, and sisters we send our sincere sympathy and prayers.



To TESS MYLES, Liam Lynch Park, on the death of her brother-in-law, Robert Scannell.
To KAY O'SULLIVAN, Liam Lynch Park, on the death of her brother, Dan O'Connor.
To ANDREW CASSIDY, Roger Casement Park, on the death of his brother Hughie.
To MARGARET O'DEA, 8 Parklea Court, on the death of her father.
To ALICE MOYNIHAN, 17 Leesdaile, on the death of her mother.

Parochial House,
Model Farm Road

Dear Editor,

Over the past few weeks several parishioners have written to the Bulletin complaining at the revised Mass times in our Church - more particularly that all times in the Bishopstown area are more or less the same - a valid point.

Why was there no consultation? Actually there was. At the end of the day our Pastoral Council decided that, given the recent Diocesan directive on the interval between Masses, the most acceptable times were at present.

For the convenience of Bulletin readers it may be helpful to list the weekend Mass times in our general area.

Saturday Vigil Masses

6 p.m. Curraheen
6.15 - Church of Holy Spirit
6.30 - Sacred Heart
7.00 - The Lough
7.30 - S.M.A. Wilton & Curraheen

Sunday Mornings

7.30 - Poor Clares and Wilton
8.30 - Togher
9.00 - Holy Spirit, The Lough, Wilton, Sacred Heart, Curraheen.
10.00 - Poor Clares, Bishopstown Community School.
10.30 - Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Wilton, Curraheen, The Lough.
11.00 - Ballincollig (Old Church)
11.30 - Togher
12.00 - Wilton, Sacred Heart, Curraheen, The Lough.
12.15 - Holy Spirit

Sincere thanks for your interest. We are always hoping to improve - perhaps we can - with your help.

Yours sincerely,
D. O'Connor, P.P.



ROGATION DAYS

Aesop, back in 550 B.C. said, "The gods help those who help themselves."

The media, and indeed the whole population, have been pre-occupied with the apparently never-ending cycle of wet weather. I recently asked myself, whatever happened to Rogation Days? And then I read a little piece in the IRISH TIMES tracing the history of Rogation Days.

In the Early Church, the Apostles and their followers met in fellowship and prayer. To begin with, there was a sense of loss. Then, as now, they turned to God.

Over the years this partnership developed. Out of it grew the pattern of asking for the people's needs to be met. These "asking prayers" took on a special status in the three days before Ascension Day. Three special days of prayer, Rogation Days, asking for God's blessing on our endeavours in producing a good harvest.

I suppose it takes a degree of humility, in this space-age world, to accept that God is still relevant. In a chapter of Fr. Joe Dunn's book "No Lions in the Hierarchy" he talks about the reconciliation that is currently taking place between theologians and scientists. Many of the latter are now beginning to accept the possibility of God's action within this complex and mysterious world.

I'm late with my update on Rogation Days (!) but maybe the good Lord has noted my intention. Hopefully, it WILL stop raining and the harvest and the flowers will bloom in God's good time.

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"



Letters

16 Tara Court,
Glasheen Road

Dear Editor,

Here is a post-script to the lovely prayer in the Bulletin, 1st May:

"Dear God, free me enough from my routine-worn use of words when I speak to and of You, so that I can give You whatever name that expresses and fulfils my need and love for You at a given time : Father, but also Mother or Child, Friend or Stranger, Loved-one or Self. Remind me no name will fit You perfectly. Stop me becoming fixated on one.

When I choose an adjective to express Your Otherness teach me not to limit You to one only of the elements You have given us: the Heavens (air, ether) but let me acknowledge Your divine presence and gift in all the others: fire, earth, water. After all, even if Wet God does sound funny (and who can say You don't have a sense of humour), when we're dry, and it does happen, then You are other.

Dear God, language-giver, teach me to vary my prayers. After all everybody in the streets, the shops, the queues, will be different, and a varied prayer will prepare me better to meet You there!

Yours sincerely,
Madeline MacNamara



Second Chance Education

21 years or older? Unemployed for at least 6 months? Lone parent? D.P.M.A. Recipient? Courses will begin next September at Scoil Stiofain Naofa, Tramore Road. Courses are full time and prepare students for qualifications and ability such as Junior Cert, leaving Cert. They are free of charge and entitlements and allowances will be paid while on the course. Public meeting at the school on Wednesday 18th May at 8 p.m. Entrance from Connolly Park.

Well Done!

To Marie Sweeney and all who helped and supported the latest fund-raising event held in the Glengarriffe Hotel for the people of Mostar Bosnia. £500 was raised, bringing the overall to £3,000.

Computer Courses for Students

One week courses in June, 9.00-1.00, Mon-Fri. Contact: Mike Foley, Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh, tel. 543790.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The retical on Wednesday next May 18th will be given by Jack O'Shea in the Crypt at 3 p.m. sharp. Everybody is welcome to this, our final recital of the season. We thank everyone who supported the circle.

Trocaire

Trocaire wishes to thank the parishioners of Dennehy's Cross for the magnificent total of £2,804 collected recently. Heavy demands are being made on funds at present in an effort to help out in war torn Rwanda.

A Message for Children

Would you stay 15 minutes once a week with Jesus? "Friends of Jesus" is a group of children who come on a rota basis, on Saturdays, to spend 15 minutes before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, at St. Joseph's Convent (Drishane Sisters) next to the Lee Garage on Model Farm Road. Children understand how much Jesus is hurt. In being with Him for these 15 minutes each week they make up to Him in their loving way for all the wars, suffering and hatred in the world. They pray for all our needs, and in turn they grow to love Jesus more themselves.

Parents are welcome to accompany their children. Leave your name and address on the list in the C.P. Centre and the Communications Committee will be in touch with you very soon. Thank you.

Booklets in Church

There are Booklets to suit everybody in the bookracks in our church. Marriage, Confessions, Prayer, Drugs, Fr. Damien of Molakai, St. Gobnait of Ballyvourney, Depression, Our Lady of Knock are some of the subjects covered. Come and see for yourself.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will commence visitation at Wilton Avenue/Bishopscourt next week.

Readings for Sunday 22nd May

Acts 2:1-11, Ps. 103, Gal. 5:16-25, Jn. 15:26-27, 16:12-15.

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