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DEVENNY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Finbarr writes*

Recently I spent a few days in Fatima. At this stage of my life, I have been fortunate to visit Guadalupe in Mexico, Fatima, Lourdes, and of course, Knock. People ask me why go on pilgrimage to these special places - can't one pray as much at home, with less expense and use the money for the needy in our communities.

Of course, people have a point. My answer is simple (at least for me). In our homes we all have a favourite room, chair etc. For prayer there are places that have an atmosphere about them that helps us to pray. For me, the Poor Clares Chapel is very special, or our own church here when the place is in darkness, with the lights focusing on the tabernacle.

I have found, especially in Lourdes, the emphasis on the infirm makes me thank God for my own health. It's a place that gives me a sense of gratitude that I have found nowhere else. A person said to me recently, "You cannot put a price on 'peace of mind'". How true that is. Places of pilgrimage, and for me, especially Lourdes, have always been of immense benefit to me in my life. I would suggest that we all seek a place where we can feel very much at ease and at one with God.

## THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY CONSECRATION



Special notice to remind single and widowed people, lest they would think otherwise, they too are part of our Parish Family, and as such will be taking part in the Consecration of Families to the Sacred Heart during the Family Mass on November 20th at 4 p.m. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

## Parish Council

### Parish Pastoral Council

The first meeting of the newly elected Parish Pastoral Council will be held in the C.P. Centre on Monday November 14th at 8.10 p.m. Michael Lehane, the chairman of the outgoing council will be the guest speaker.

### Day of Prayer for Prisoners

In memory of both prisoners and the victims of prisoners, we publish this short poem.

It is worth any sacrifice,  
however great or costly,  
to see eyes that were listless  
light up again;  
to see someone smile  
who seemed to have forgotten  
how to smile;  
to see trust reborn  
in someone  
who no longer believed  
in anything  
or anyone.

**Dom Helder Camara**



### Communion : Amen or Thank You ?

The words of the priest or Special Minister of the Eucharist uses when giving out Holy Communion ("The Body of Christ") with the response of the Communicant ("Amen") are very ancient, being found already in the writings of St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the East and of St. Ambrose in the West. The latter's comment is the best interpretation of the phrase : 'Not idly therefore do you say "Amen" for you are confessing that you receive the Body of Christ'. When, then, you present yourself, the priest says "The Body of Christ" and you answer "Amen", that is, it is true. What you confess with your lips, keep in your heart.



Cecil Hurwitz' new book entitled "*Bible Quiz - The Old Testament*", was launched during the week. In his introduction, Fr. Gearóid O'Sullivan described the book as a complete library in itself.

Appropriately, the book was launched by Mr. Fred Rosehill of the Cork Hebrew Congregation, an old friend of the authors. He spoke warmly of Cecil, and his great love of the Bible.

The book, with 1,324 questions and answers (yes, 1,324 !), is modestly priced at £4.95 and is printed in Cork. There is a copy in the C.P. Library. Examine it - then buy a copy for yourself or for your friends ! It would make an ideal Christmas present for someone.

*Rest in Peace* ✕

We pray for Sr. Agnes O'Riordan, late of St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road. Sr. Agnes spent all of her religious life, with the exception of the last five years in Drishane Convent, Millstreet. Despite her ill-health for the past number of years, her faithful attendance at her community mass was a great witness to the faith that she had in the Blessed Sacrament, a faith that also became very real with the nod of her head or word of appreciation for all that was done for her. To her brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces, and to all the community in St. Joseph's we offer our sympathy.



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

I didn't see the Channel 4 TV programme on Mother Teresa during the week. I suppose it is inevitable that some section of the media would attempt to pull down this good woman. Bishop Buckley referred to her as "*Love in action - the gospel at its best*". 'Her' nuns in their new convent in Blarney, prayed while it was shown. It strikes me that a lot of praying needs to be done to counteract some of the TV programmes being fed to us these days.

Sunday trading is once again being debated in the media. Phrases being used are "economic consequences", "shake-out", "major negative impact", "increased casualisation". There has been very little reference to the Lord's Day. Nor have I seen the word "greed" mentioned, either. Amid all the pre-election hype, it was edifying to see the consecration of the newly opened Greek Orthodox Church in Dublin. Conscious of the sadness of the schism between our two traditions, we still respect the centuries old rituals of our fellow-Christians, and pray that, one day, we may be all reconciled.



We extend our sympathy to Margaret Finnegan, Lynbrook, on the death of her brother, Derry Murphy, in Wexford.

## Northside Community Enterprises Ltd.

Anyone wishing to donate furniture which they find they have no further use for? Well, we are both willing and able to take it off your hands! This furniture will then be distributed to people who may be in need of same. Please contact Marion White at 307282 to arrange for collection.

## Readers



### Ministers of the Word

Please collect your copy of the hand-out from the sanctuary rail. The hand-out contains a Calendar of the Sundays and Holydays of the Year 1994-95, a guide for readers prepared by Billy Fitzgerald, and notes on using microphones. These issues were discussed at last Monday's meeting of the Ministers of the Word. The next meeting of the Ministers of the Word will be in the C.P. Centre on the first Monday of December (Dec. 5th) at 8.10 p.m. The topics for the meeting are; What to wear as a Minister of the Word, The Form of the Liturgical Year and the Advent and Christmas Readings.

### Readers at Daily Mass

The revised up-to-date rota is now available on the sanctuary rail. Please collect your copy. The Lectionary is available in the Sacristy and open at the appropriate page for a practice read before Mass. It is advised that you prepare the reading in the Sacristy before going to the Lectern to read in Public.



Visitation

Fr. Finbarr Crowley will conclude visitation on College Road this week.

Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to every home in the parish next weekend. Please let us know if you do not receive one.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Leifear Aifreann as Gaeilge an Domhnach seo chugainn ar a naoi a chlog. Tagaigí agus bígí pairteach linn.

Offertory Procession Rota

The new Offertory Procession rota is now available on the sanctuary rail. Please collect your copy.

Gospel of St Luke

Mini Weekend introducing the Sunday Gospels of Year C, with Fr. Wilfred Harrington O.P. on November 19-20. Further details from the Secretary, St. Dominics Retreat House, Ennismore, Montenotte.



Foróige Cake Sale

The Foróige Youth Club will hold a cake sale in the Crypt on Sunday November 20th after the 10.30 and 12.15 masses. 50% of the proceeds will be given to the Samaritans.

Foróige

The Foróige Youth Club meets in the Crypt on Monday nights from 6.30 to 8.00 p.m. All between the ages of 12 and 18 are welcome to join. Group Leader : George Mulcahy.

**Priests' Emergency**

**Number : 271551**

*Forty Years  
& Growing*

St. Anne's Adoption Society continues to serve people through its family services. Please continue to be part of this good work.

*Annual collection on  
19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> of November.*

Calcutta Fund

Vincent Jones and his group wish to thank all who contributed to the Calcutta Fund, and to those who helped in any way. To date, £54,000 has been raised. Vincent plans to return to Calcutta on the 18th of November. Anyone still wishing to make a donation towards alleviating the misery in Calcutta can send it to the Bank of Ireland, 70 Patrick Street. A/C No. 26132255

City of Cork Swimming Club,  
Churchfield

Tues & Thurs : 6-7 p.m.  
Friday : 8-9 p.m. (Adults only)  
Sunday : 11 a.m. - 12 noon  
Beginners to advanced. For further information, phone 293522

People of Faith

The People of Faith monthly Mass will be held on Friday November 18th in South Parish Church, Dunbar Street at 8.00 p.m. Theme : Forgiving & Forgetting.

Reading for next Sunday

The readings for Nov. 20th are : Dn 7:13-14, Ps 92, Rv 1:5-8, Jn 18 33-37.