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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DEWENYS CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Sr. Ursula writes

There was once a man who was convinced that the humdrum nature of his life was due to where, not what, he was. So he set off for Magical City where he felt all would be new and exciting. At sunset on the first day of his journey he found himself in a forest, so before he went to sleep he pointed his shoes to where he thought Magical City lay. During the night someone reversed the direction of the shoes, so that at the end of the second day of his journey he found himself back in familiar surroundings.

Even though he never arrived in the city of his dreams, he learned to see his own street, house and family in a new way and to realise that happiness is not always on the far side of the hill.

Not a bad story to think about at the beginning of a New Year!!

PASTORAL COUNCIL

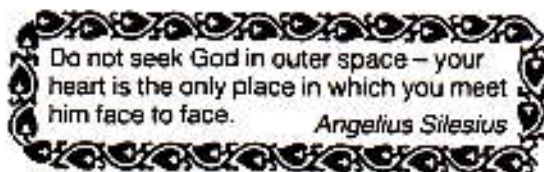
The new Pastoral Council held its first meeting in November 1994. The December meeting was addressed by Marjorie Kinsella who spoke of her vision of Parish and image of the Church as People of God.

The forthcoming Week of Prayer in May was discussed - more information later. Also on the Agenda for discussion was the Parish Social. The Council was very happy to welcome back Dean O'Connor after his recent illness.

Brian McCarthy was elected Chairman and Carmel Murphy was elected Secretary at the January meeting. Michael Lehane, outgoing Chairman, was thanked for chairing these meetings.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes in association with Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from Sunday 11th June to Friday 16th ex Cork. Price £355 approx. fully inclusive. Hotel Galilee Windsor, 5 mins. from Grotto. Deposit £60. Sixty places have been reserved for parish, so it is advisable to book immediately at Joe O'Reilly Travel Western Road, 270395, or Blarney, 385700.



Do not seek God in outer space - your heart is the only place in which you meet him face to face.

Angelus Silesius

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



We got a huge response to our crossword. Out of all the correct solutions, we drew the following for a prize:

- 1) Breda Scully, Laburnum Drive.
- 2) Una Scannell, 'Carraig', Wiltor Road.

N.B. Whatever became of our regular crossword entrant who like to comment "dead easy", "too simple", etc? No entry this time?



We offer our sincere sympathy to MISS FRANCES O'SULLIVAN, Kenley Avenue, on the death of her sister.

To MARCELLA O'MAHONY, Bendemeer Park, on the death of her sister. Our thoughts at this time go to BISHOP WARKE AND HIS COMMUNITY on the recent deaths in the tragic accident near Innishannon.

Answers to Teenage Quiz:

1. REM
2. Catriona McKiernan
3. Jim Carrey
4. 1936
5. Atlanta
6. Kathleen Lynch and Hugh Coveney.
7. Conchita Martinez
8. Southend United
9. Love is All Around
Wet Wet Wet
10. Al Gore
11. Steinbeck
12. Al Pacino
13. Oscar Wilde
14. Mayo
15. Michael Bradley
16. Labour
17. Kurt Cobain
18. Tom Hanks
19. The Rovers Return
20. Noel O'Mahony

Many almost correct solutions came in but only one all-correct which came from Oonagh Horgan, 22 Bishops court Road, Congratulations Oonagh!

Rest In Peace

We pray for the late Aodán Ó Donnchadha of Bishops court Hill who died recently after many months of illness. Aodán's faith was an inspiration to all who knew him and his sense of family was a source of admiration to all. Carmel's togetherness with him throughout his illness was a privilege to witness. A former Schools' Inspector, teachers came from far and wide to pay their last respects to a man who was straight, honourable and encouraging. To his wife Carmel and family we offer our sincere sympathy and prayers.



PARISH ENVELOPES

The weekly offering envelopes for 1995 have been distributed to the homes in the Parish. The basic thrust of this system of collection is that the envelope contains the family's contribution to the Parish for the week. Due to the increasing mobility of people, the connection between people's contributions and their parishes has been weakened. This means that some parishes are in debt while others have no reserve funds to which they could turn in the event of unforeseen expenses, such as repairs and renovations to buildings. The envelope system is designed to

help people make a conscious decision about their support of their local Parish.

It also spreads the responsibility for the funding of the local Church more widely by ensuring that the people who live in a parish fulfil their obligation to contribute regularly to that Parish. People's responsibility for the preaching of the Gospel to future generations will be fulfilled by ensuring the viability of their local Parish. Wherever people go to Mass they are still supporting their own Parish.

CHURCH UNITY WEEK

Church Unity Week commences on January 18 and concludes on January 25. Among other celebrations, there will be an Ecumenical Service at St. Michael's Church (Church of Ireland) on Church Road, Blackrock, at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday January 22. The preacher will be Fr. Michael Crowley, P.P. Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen Road. The theme for this service will be: "Called to Communion in God with One Another".

All are invited and welcome to attend where, as the Catechism says, "in the prayer of Christ for the Church, in the love of the Father for us, and in the power of the Holy Spirit", we may all be one.

Further information may be obtained by ringing Canon Bantry-White at 891539 or Rev. John Farris at 964742.

CONGRATULATIONS

GAVIN HURLEY DOES IT AGAIN!

Cork student, Gavin Hurley of Wilton Avenue, won the best individual Aer Lingus Young Scientist Award for the second time. A student of Colaiste an Spioraíd Naomh, he won the award this year for a project based on fireflies. Two years ago his study of how magnets behave at various temperatures won him the award.

An Taoiseach, John Bruton, presented Gavin with the Aer Lingus prize of £500, a perpetual trophy and a certificate of distinction. Gavin also wins a trip, sponsored by Pobairt, to a European Space Agency's Technology Research Centre and Space Expo in Noordwijk, Holland. Congratulations Gavin!



Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue visitation in Kenley during the coming weeks.



45 Cards

Will resume on Thursday, 19th January, at 2.30 p.m. in C.P. Centre. New members welcome.

Found

Lady's black purse with sum of money found in church. Please contact the Sacristy.



Friendship Club

Will resume on Monday, 16th January, at 2.30 p.m. in C.P. Centre.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

We resume our monthly Recital on Wednesday next, January 18th, at 3 p.m. in the Crypt of the Church. Jack O'Shea will give the recital and everybody is welcome to an afternoon of great music.

Christian Unity

Interdenominational Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at St. Michael's Church (Church of Ireland), Blackrock, on Sunday 22nd January, at 3.30 p.m.

People of Faith

January Mass will be held on Friday 20th January, in the S.M.A. Church, Blackrock Road at 8 p.m. The theme is "New Beginnings".

Holy Show

In Connolly Hall on Sunday 22nd January in aid of the Irish Kidney Association. Tickets £5 from J. O'Herlihy, tel. 541144, or Pro Musica, Oliver Plunkett Street. A great night's entertainment guaranteed!



OUR CHRISTMAS CRIB

We wish to thank all who contributed to the making of the crib - especially Brid Raftery, who painted the lovely background, and Nangles, who supplied the plants.

We hope that its simplicity was a support to all who prayed in front of it.

Priests' Emergency

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Readings for Sunday 22 January

22 Sunday Neh. 8:2-5,8-10. Ps. 18. 1 Cor. 12:12-30. Lk. 1:1-4. 4:14-21.