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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
PENANCE-CROSS CORK



## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

*The Dean writes*

ASH WEDNESDAY usually strikes a chord in the heart of every Christian - even in one who hasn't been "Gospel greedy". It's not that we like either ashes or Lent, but we feel we need them - mindful of our human frailty, our need for Penance and Forgiveness.

Forgiveness was one of the big themes in the preaching of Jesus, and is one of the beautiful and consoling aspects of our religion. "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." - "Grant pardon and you will be pardoned" - "Pray for those who treat you badly".

Two of the most touching stories in the whole Gospels are (a) The Forgiving Father - waiting and hoping for the return of the Prodigal Son, the one who did wrong, and (b) the sinful woman who washed the feet of Jesus with her tears and dried them with her hair - "many sins were forgiven her, so she loved much".

Forgiveness is twice blessed - it's blessed in the one who forgives, and in the joy it brings to the one who is forgiven.

This Lent I hope to make a start by forgiving myself (as God in his goodness has forgiven me, why not I?) - forgiving friends who let me down - forgiving anyone who hurt me.

Heavenly Father, help me to forgive and accept forgiveness in my heart.

*Denis D'Annunzio P.P.*

## RE FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

The obligation to do some form of penance on Fridays applies to all Fridays of the year, including Lent. This may take the form of:

- a) Abstaining from meat or some other food.
- b) Abstaining from alcoholic drink, smoking or some form of amusement.
- c) Making special effort to take part in family prayer - attending Mass - praying the Stations of the Cross.
- d) Helping sick, old, lonely, etc.
- e) Money saved in any of these ways be contributed to charity, e.g., Trocaire.

## EXTRA !

### Bishopstown Community Assocn.

The Annual General Meeting of the BCA will take place at Wilton Park House on Tuesday 7th March at 8 p.m. All welcome.

Caretaker Position. The Association has a vacancy at this time for the position of Caretaker at Wilton Park House. While the post is not a paid one, a comfortable apartment with telephone and a generous electricity allowance is offered to the successful candidate. The duties are not demanding and may suit a married couple currently with our without employment. Applications please to Bishopstown Community Association Ltd. Wilton Park House.

### Highfield Rugby Club

The opening of Highfield multi-purpose hall took place on 25th February last. It was the first phase of a three-phase project. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Ken Reid, President of the IRFU, and this was followed by an Ecumenical Blessing conducted by Fr. John Newman and Rev. Ken Todd.

Honorary memberships were bestowed upon eight members of the Club who have given a lifetime of assistance. Lunch was then served to 200 guests.

Mrs. Paula Kelleher of Woodleigh Park was the lucky winner of a weekend for two at Dromoland Castle which was sponsored by B.O.C. Gases, the Club's sponsors.

That afternoon Highfield won their league match against UCC, 6-5.

## Letters to the Editor

Hillcrest,  
Laburnum Park

Dear Editor,

I couldn't agree more with Margaret McCarthy (Bulletin 411), both on the question of the salvation of those babies who die without Baptism and in the matter of the rules of the Catholic Church.

Scripture is peppered with references to the response of Jesus to those Jews who kept the rules so rigidly but who were well down the line compared, for example, to the publican who proclaimed his unworthiness so humbly.

The Christianity I believe in is based on the Christ who, witnessing the case of the woman caught in the very act of adultery, stood by her. Meanwhile her accusers, having acted so judgementally to begin with, melted away. Christ turned to her, saying, "Where have they gone to?" Then He said, "Go, sin no more."

It's what Christianity is all about, isn't it? Affirmation. Love. Forgiveness. Reconciliation. Challenge.

Sincerely,  
Pat Lemasney



REMEMBER A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO? YOU PRAYED GOD WOULD BLOW ALL THOSE LEAVES AWAY? WELL YOUR PRAYER WAS JUST ANSWERED!



## Prayer Orientations (6)

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.  
 To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.  
 To reach out for another is to risk involvement.  
 To show feelings risks showing our true self.  
 To place our dreams before the crowd risks loss.  
 To love is to risk not being loved in return.  
 To try is to risk failure.

But risk must be taken, because ...  
 the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.  
 The person who risks nothing,  
 does nothing, has nothing, is nothing.  
 One may avoid suffering and sorrow,  
 but one simply cannot learn  
 ... feel ... change ... grow ... love ... live.  
 Chained by one's certitudes, one is a slave.  
 Only a person who risks ... is free.  
 Only a person who risks ... risks God.

 PLEASE PRAY *for*

### Deaths

Dan McCarthy, Farranlea Road, died at home peacefully. He is fondly recalled as a quick-witted, generous, gracious



## The New Catechism

2426 The Church has rejected the totalitarian and atheistic ideologies associated in modern times with 'communism' or 'socialism'. She has likewise refused to accept, in the practice of 'capitalism', individualism and the absolute primacy of the law of the marketplace over human labour. Regulating the economy solely by centralized planning perverts the basis of social bonds; regulating it solely by the law of the marketplace fails social justice, for there are many human needs which cannot be satisfied by the market. Reasonable regulation of the marketplace and economic initiatives, in keeping with a just hierarchy of values and a view to the common good, is to be commended. If you wish to comment, drop a note to the CP Centre.

## Bible Corner (6)



The newborn child was laid on its father's knees. By accepting it he legitimized it as his child. By laying it on its mother's breast, he expressed his will to preserve its life.

Cast figure, (1800BC) Staatliche Museen, Berlin.

Why did I not die at birth,  
 come forth from the womb and expire?  
 Why were there knees to receive me  
 or breasts for me to suck? (Job 3,12)



SEASON OF LENT

Daily Masses: Monday / Friday

7.30 am, 9.00 am, 10.00 am,  
and 7.30 pm.

Sunday Readings

Gen. 15:5-12, 17-18, Ps. 26, Phil.  
3:17-4:1, Lk 9:28-36

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue  
visitation in Bishops court,  
Merlyn Lawn during the coming  
week.

Cork Peace Week 1995

Will conclude with an  
Ecumenical Peace Service at St.  
Finbarre's Cathedral on Sunday  
12th March at 4 p.m. The  
preacher will be Fr. Neal  
Carlin, (Columba House of  
Prayer and Reconciliation),  
Derry. All are welcome.

*Join Us!*

Catechism Course

There is a short course (4 sessions on  
Tuesdays, 14, 21, 28 March, 4th April, 8.00  
- 9.15pm) on the *New Catechism* in the  
C.P. Centre. We read sections of the text  
and discuss its meaning and implications  
for everyday living. Register in the C.P.  
Centre (Tel. 344452) beforehand. Copies of  
the Catechism will be on sale. A fee of £5  
(unwaged exempt) for the course to cover  
tea, photocopying, etc.

Aerobic Classes

At Highfield Rugby Club, on  
Wednesday, 7-8p.m. commencing 8th  
March.

Art Classes for Seniors

Commence on Thursday next, 9th  
March, at 2.30 p.m.

C.M.A.C. Annual Collection

This will take place next weekend  
at all Masses. As well as  
directing pre-marriage courses,  
the services of C.M.A.C. include  
marriage counselling, individual  
counselling, fertility counselling,  
psycho-sexual therapy and  
family therapy, and also helps  
families to deal with domestic  
violence. All services are  
provided free of charge.

Ministers of the Word

Meeting this Monday, 8.10 pm in  
the C.P. Centre. Easter  
Readings.

Monastic Afternoon

At St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh,  
this afternoon, 3 - 5.30 p.m.  
Refreshments, Vespers, cloister  
crafts including home-made jama  
and chutney are available.