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Feast of the Most Holy Trinity



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DEMPSEY'S CROSS, CORK.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Finbarr writes

This weekend over eighty of our parishioners leave for Lourdes on pilgrimage, where we will join over 400 others from the Diocese of Cork & Ross.

All of us in life are pilgrims looking and searching for God. Many find and come to know God in their lives - they are blessed and privileged. Many others spend their lives searching.

When people ask me how would they search for God, the one line from the psalms that always comes to mind is "Be still and know that I am God". Finding time and space for oneself is a must for anybody who is searching for God.

Part of any pilgrimage is opening yourself to the Lord so that his spirit can touch you. I would ask you to pray for us who are on pilgrimage, that we will have a greater understanding of who God is in our lives, and I promise you that we in turn will be praying for all of you at home.

Sam Crowley c.c.

Corpus Christi

Next Thursday, 15th June, is the Feast of Corpus Christi and a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. and Masses on Thursday at 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m.

"If you do not eat



*the flesh of the
Son of Man and*



*drink his blood,
you have no*



life in you." (John 6:53)



We offer our sincere sympathy to
THERESE O'RIORDAN, Lima Lawn, on
the death of her mother.
To JANE QUINLAN, Cherrygrove, on
the death of her brother.
To JOHN KELLEHER, Farranlea Park,
on the death of his brother, Fr.
Dan.



Congratulations

To EMMA MURPHY, Kenley Drive, on
being No.2 in Ireland in U-12
Tennis.

Well Done

Congratulations to the girls of
St. Catherine's National School
on winning the 'Sciath na Scoil'
Roinn B. camogie title in Paire
Uí Chaoimh last week. Great
credit is due to the girls and
teachers on winning this
championship.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

LIVING IN SIN?

The television news headline asked the question: Is living in sin no longer a sin? A review body of the Church of England suggests that the Church of England should show greater tolerance and understanding towards couples who cohabit "without benefit of matrimony".

While the Church of England has not altered its belief that "the Christian practice of life-long monogamous marriage lies at the heart of the church's understanding of how the love of God is made manifest in the sexual companionship of a man and woman", the review body feels that the term "living in sin" is unhelpful.

Also during the week Pope John Paul II warned of the threats to the traditional family by the current social and cultural decay. The Congregation for Catholic Education has published a booklet promising radical reform in how seminarians are being trained in the area of family support.

Training will be given in the areas of unemployment, family income and rights, working mothers, the employment of children, new models of matrimonial life, changing family roles, women's place in society, emigration and leisure time.

The objective is to train priests to have the "human and Christian maturity" needed to support families.

In the light of the social and cultural upheavals of our times, it is not before its time.



A REPORT FROM OMAN - AN INSPIRATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

Dear Editor,

"Greetings to the Church of the Holy Spirit, Cork, Ireland, from the Church of the Holy Spirit, Ghala, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman"..... These words were conveyed to me a few weeks ago by the venerable parish priest - Fr. Barnabus, an Italian Capuchin who has spent 60 years as a missionary priest in India and the Middle East.

Mary and I were visiting our daughter, her husband and our grandchildren and our Sunday evening Mass (Sunday is a working day) in this lovely church was truly inspirational. The church - a little larger than the Sacred Heart Church and complete with the familiar altar mosaic of the descent of the Holy Spirit - was full to overflowing with a congregation of Indians, Pakistanis, Malaysians, Filipinos and a minority of Europeans, Australians and a few Irish - our family and two more we met!! One thing we noticed was the great spread of ages and the extent of family attendance.

The reason I say "inspirational" was that the fervour, devotion and prayerfulness displayed by the congregation was something to experience. The Mass was said in English, responses were given loud and clear; there was much congregational singing and almost all took communion with great devotion, with most people approaching with hands joined in the traditional prayerful manner.

Mary and I have travelled in England, Wales, America and throughout Ireland and this was one of those unique occasions when the universality of the Church became so evident.

Oman is a beautiful country and its enlightened ruler - Sultan Qaboos bin Saeed - has many positive policies including full worship by Christian communities.

Yours sincerely,
David McInerney

Point to Ponder



These Other Sins

IF YOU ARE A CYCLIST

- * Do you recklessly weave in and out of moving traffic?
- * Do you cycle at night without a light or reflectors?
- * Do you sail blithely through red lights?

IF YOU ARE A MOTORIST

- * Do you forget to dip your lights?
- * Do you force cyclists against the footpath?
- * Do you mark 10.00 on your parking disc when it's only 9.30?

IF YOU ARE A PEDESTRIAN

- * Do you jay-walk?
- * Do you endanger passers-by with your open (or closed) umbrella?
- * Do you jump the queue at the bus-stop?



NOTICE BOARD

Ministers of the Eucharist

Will current Ministers please hand in your certificates to the Sacristy or C.P. Centre for updating. Thank you.

Is It Yours?

A sum of money was found in the church during the weekend of 21st May. Please contact the Sacristan.

Annual Eucharistic Procession

Points to remember:

- 1) Date: This Sunday, June 11th
- 2) Time: Assemble at Church 2.45.
Leave promptly at 3 p.m.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to the Farranlea area who have been awarded second prize in last year's Tidy Districts competition, the results of which have just been announced. We especially commend those families in the area who came out in force to help tidy the roads and footpaths.

Bon Voyage

Many of our parishioners and choir members are travelling to Lourdes this Sunday. We wish all these pilgrims, and Fr. Finbarr who will be leading them, a happy and fulfilling trip.

National Sunflower Day

Will take place on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th June in aid of hospices throughout the country. As Thursday is the Feast of Corpus Christi, they will be sold by friends of Marymount Hospice after Masses.

Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend. Our thanks to the distributors.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

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

Something
To
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About



Trocaire

Trocaire acknowledge with sincere thanks the sum of £2,053 handed in by parishioners to this church.

Can You Help?

Could you meet the challenge of fostering a teenager? If so, why not consider the Southern Health Board teenage fostering project. We are looking for people from all backgrounds who can provide a positive family experience for teenagers who are unable to live with their own families. Training, support and generous allowance given. Information evening at Imperial Hotel, 8 pm. Thursday June 22, or contact Con Lynch or Frank Murphy at Abbeycourt House, tel. 965511.

18 Sunday 2 Sam. 12:7-10,13.

Ps. 31. Gal. 2:16,19-21. Lk. 7:36-8:3.

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