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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENMEETH CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Finbarr writes

People all over Ireland were delighted for Clare on winning the All-Ireland Hurling Championship. Thousands of words have been written about the passion and effort that the Clare team and mentors put in.

Recently I was present when my home town Bandon won the West Cork Junior Hurling Championship. It was an occasion full of passion and tradition, a victory celebrated more than others because of the huge effort everybody put into their victory after many years without success.

We all need passion, drive, the will to succeed in life.

For parents, priests, anybody in positions of authority, the obligation is on us to instil a sense of self-belief in other people's talents and gifts. The encouraging word, a sign of appreciation, help to bring the best out of people. It's one of the reasons why Christ was and is so popular.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER

Ballineaspaig Parish in conjunction with Cork Bible Society is holding a five-week programme called "Christians Together" on Tuesday evenings (Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Nov. 7) in the Crypt Room of the Church of the Holy Spirit, from 8.00-9.30 p.m. sharp. Guest speakers from Methodist, Presbyterian, Society of Friends, Church of Ireland and Catholic denominations will lead sessions of sharing, study and prayer. There is no fee but a small donation on the night is welcome.

Please sign the sheet in the C.P. Centre, or telephone 344452 between 10.00 and 12.30 p.m.



We extend a welcome to Fr. Liam Scanlon from the Kiltegan Missionary Fathers who is visiting the Parish this weekend.

Fr. Liam Scanlon



Parish Social

DON'T forget!

Thursday 5th October. Jurys.
Tickets available at C.P. Centre
or from Pastoral Council members.
£6 each.

Quotations from the Irish Catho-
lic bishops' pastoral letter to
mark Famine Remembrance Sunday:

"... to be condemned is the whole
sale destruction of the environ-
ment which serves the short-term
economic interest of a privileged
few, while increasing the vulnera-
bility to famine and hunger of a
great many."

"The delivery of financial and e-
mergency assistance to the develo-
ping countries is not enough.
What is also required is a poli-
tical response from governments
aimed at solving the deep struc-
tural problems which underlie
world poverty."

... "We must reject as fundamen-
tally unchristian any individua-
listic approach to the problem of
world hunger, which attempts to
suggest that it is not our busi-
ness to provide for others. We must
equally reject any attempt to
downplay the political dimen-
sions of the crisis."



If you were arrested for being a
Christian, would there be enough
evidence to convict you?



Letters to the Editor

Farranlea Road

Dear Editor,

May I reply to your
contribution in the Bulletin of
24th inst.

As stated, the Church on
Wilton Road is an oasis of peace,
etc. People do not require the
incentives mentioned to visit the
church; what they do need is to
feel safe in doing so.

The ills of our modern society
have decreed that even our
churches are not exempted from
unwelcome visitors.

Some will only visit the
church in company. It is also
true that a few have been forced
to close their doors during the
day.

Jane O'Leary

Psalm 78:1





COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE BRIGHTER SIDE

So much media coverage is concerned with controversy and catastrophe. 'Luke' tends to follow the same path. This weekend we'll concentrate on the brighter side.

In the unlikely setting of the RTE GUIDE was an excerpt from the diary of Ety Hillesum, a young Jewish woman who died in Auschwitz. Speaking of the misery she was experiencing in Auschwitz, she spoke of "walking with a spring in my step." She claimed that "life is glorious and magnificent. You have made me rich, O God; please let me share your beauty with open hands. My life has become an

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Homeless people in Ireland at any one time. It reaches out to them, caters for them in their

need, discusses "the alternatives" with them.

"Focus Point", says Maeve Binchy, "deserves its place in the sun." Happy birthday, Focus Point.



The following, taken from a Newbridge newsletter was sent in to us by a parishioner.

THE MASS AND YOU

The Mass is the gathering of the Community around the Lord's Table to recall what Jesus said and did. All who gather share equally in the Mass, all offer Mass together. It is not a private prayer but the prayer of the Community. The priest's role is to preside, to lead people into a deeper celebration of Mass. It is not the "priest's Mass", my "mother's Mass", but "our Mass". All present do in fact truly celebrate the Eucharist, though, of course, not all have the same role to play in it.

So essentially any participant in the celebration of the Eucharist has a share in the offering of the Mass. Remember, you too are a celebrant truly celebrating the Eucharist and Christ is as present to you as He is to the priest.



First Friday

Next Friday, 6th October, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

The monthly meeting has been deferred and will now take place on Thursday 12th October at 8 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.



Ministers of the Word

The Ministers of the Word meeting on Monday, 2nd October, is for new readers only, at 8.10 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Bishopstown Community Association

The next meeting will take place at Wilton Park House on Tuesday 3rd October at 8 p.m. Up-to-date news on issues of local interest will be available at this meeting.

New Publication: This month the BCA will publish a leaflet which deals with the historical aspects of Bishopstown Park. Presented as a walking tour this publication has been produced by local resident Mary Sleeman and through the kind sponsorship of local auctioneers McKenna/O'Donoghue will be available (free of charge) at banks, shops, garages and other public places from October 11th. Our sincere gratitude to all those who helped in the project.

Cork Against Divorce

Public meeting at Imperial Hotel on 4th October at 8 p.m. Speakers - Dr. Joe McCarroll, Professor William Binchy, Maire Kirrane (just back from Beijing) and chaired by Professor Des MacHale.



Your Attention Please

Senior Painting Class

Resumes in the Crypt on Thursday 5th October at 2.30 p.m.