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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DE MEY'S CROSS CORP.



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**  
*The Dean writes*

## WE COULD ALL DO BETTER

*"Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy."*

Ever since the first Easter morning the followers of Christ in every generation have kept the Sunday holy. The central act of worship in God's Church is the Mass. The Lord Himself ordained it so on the night before He died when He celebrated the first Mass and instructed His followers, *"Do this in memory of me."*

*"This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

It's a day of celebration - coming close to God - and, except for a serious reason, should not be missed.

In our church - usually filled from the back - the porch holds its own quota. Some are looking vaguely into the church, others exchange pleasantries. At last Mass the wall is lined with young people animatedly chatting, or reading the Sunday papers - their parents happy they have gone to Mass!!

Seriously though, we could all do

better - and we should - we owe it to God, and to ourselves.

Inside the Parish Priest begins his sermon. "My dear friends, in today's Gospel the Lord himself tells us....." The eyelids of the congregation droop, until a child down the aisle breaks the spell. When he comes to "We believe in God" most of his listeners would believe in anything at the relief that he has finished.

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## Parish News

Our congratulations to Sr. Colette Marie who made her final profession in the Poor Clares recently. 27 year old Sr. Colette Marie was formerly Aine O'Reilly from Templemore and is a UCC law graduate.

For those of us who consider such a vocation almost beyond comprehension, Sr. Colette Marie has the answer - "You might miss things briefly but you can cope with it.... I am 100% sure that this is where the Lord wants me to be."

May she be happy and fulfilled in her life with the Poor Clares.

## Mission Sunday - 22nd October

### Let Your Light Shine

Some people will go as far as to claim that missions are a thing of the past. This would deny what can be and is being achieved by many missionaries currently working in mission fields.

Missionaries are still imparting life and building bridges between people. They are prophets in a world that cares less and less about the poorest of the poor. Today, more than ever, they are the voice of the weak.

In the past year there have been Irish missionaries who gave their lives for the

been. Mission Sunday is our opportunity to show this generosity.

## Mission Awareness Week

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>:**

10.00 AM - 12.00 PM: All Congregations of Cork City Diocese

**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>:**

10.00 AM - 12.00 PM: Mission Groups in Cork City

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>:**

10.00 AM - 12.00 PM: All Congregations of Cork City Diocese  
1.00 PM - 3.00 PM: Mission Groups in Cork City

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>:**

10.00 AM - 12.00 PM: Mission Groups in Cork City

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>:**

10.00 AM - 12.00 PM: Mission Groups in Cork City

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

10.00 AM - 12.00 PM: All Congregations of Cork City Diocese  
1.00 PM - 3.00 PM: Mission Groups in Cork City

## COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

### A Little Battered

Wasn't it Shakespeare who said "Methinks the lady doth protest too much"? Am I alone in feeling that both sides in the Divorce Campaign claim almost too loudly that they have absolute truth and right on their side?

Am I right in believing that not even the Evangelists could completely agree on the matter of divorce? Am I right in claiming that the Eastern Church finds it impossible to accommodate divorce?

I am not the Devils Advocate. I am not attempting to cloud what is a very serious and intimidating issue.

But I do wish that those who use the media to promote their cause, on both sides, would give us all a little space to inform ourselves, to reflect quietly on the matter, to pray for guidance, and then exercise our franchise in the belief that (to quote Shakespeare again) "to our own selves we have been true."

I will try to be patient until then but, to be honest, I am beginning to feel a little battered already.

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer sympathy to Tony O'Riordan, Wilton Gardens, whose father died during the Summer, and to Maureen Nott, Farranlea Grove, whose mother died recently.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Sr Therese Murphy, St Joseph's Convent, on the death of her brother.





## NOTE OF Thanks...

### A Thank You To Our Postman

John Chris O'Brien was our postman for about 20 years. He was always in good humour, no matter what the weather was like. I suppose we take our postmen and women for granted very often. Our letters pop through our letter boxes and that's that. We rarely, if ever, think of the postpeople who are out there in rain and sunshine. He faithfully trudges through all kinds of weather so that our letters get to us. John Chris O'Brien has transferred to a different position within An Post and through our Parish Bulletin, we want to let him know that we appreciated his commitment, his great sense of humour and his friendliness. We want to thank him for all his years of service to us on the Wilton Road and Highfield areas.

Good Luck Mr. OBrien !



## Rest in Peace

We pray for the late Arnold McCarthy, 25 Kenley Close, and Ennis, who died recently. Arnold came to live with his daughter Nesta Costello a few years ago. His health has been failing for the past

his grandchildren.



### The Parish Steps Out !

"Wasn't it a great night !". That's what many of our parishioners said about the Parish Social. Right from the time that Sr. Ursula welcomed us officially until we faced into the stormy night at 12.30, it was good fun.

I could ask the question - "Where were all the men ?" - but when I suggested this to one lady, she said "Sure don't we enjoy ourselves better without them !". What can I say ? Except that men had better turn up next time or they will find they can happily be done without !

Our thanks to the organising committee for all their hard work. Thanks to all who contributed spot prizes and to all who went looking for them, and to Jurys Hotel who provided such a lovely meal plus service with a smile, all for just £6.00

As the Dean said, nights like this foster friendship among us.

"Party Girl"

## Congratulations !

### Marymount Hospice

We congratulate the children of the Ridgeway for their fundraising efforts totalling £33.15 for the hospice.

Congratulations are also due to Mrs Betty Murray of Leesdale and her helpers who raised £285 from the coffee morning held in the CP Centre last month.



**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

The new rota is available on the sanctuary rail in the Church this weekend. Please collect your copy. Sincere thanks to the 14 Ministers who have been reading for the past three years. Welcome to our new Ministers of the Word.

**CHRISTIANS TOGETHER**

The second presentation of the ecumenical course "Christians Together" will take place in the Crypt, Tuesday next, 8.00pm. The speakers are Eilis Dillon, chairperson of Comhlámh, Cork, and Mary Lehane, well known local retreat director. They will speak about their experience of being "Catholic" in today's world. Open meeting, everyone welcome.

Mrs Jean Ritchie gave insights into the Methodist tradition last Tuesday. Her humour and warmth endeared her to the large group in attendance.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Would you care to give a few hours work each week for the underprivileged of Wilton and Dennehy's Cross Parishes. Meetings every Monday night at 7.15p.m. in the CP Centre. We need you and they need you.

**Advent Journey**

The Sacred Heart Church, Western Road are holding a 4 week course in November exploring the scripture readings for Advent on Sunday afternoons from 3.30-5.00. The cost of the course is £10 and further details are available from Claire O'Halloran at 362206.

**Car Treasure**

The Irish Kidney Association is holding a car treasure hunt on Sunday October 15th at 2.30pm in the Imperial Hotel. A great way to see the city and county and support a worthy cause.

**Life Pregnancy Care Service**

Life are holding a Monster Bazaar in November and are in urgent need of good quality Bric-a-Brac, Books, Records, Tapes etc. If you can help, contact them at 270445

**From Peace to Reconciliation**

There will be a talk given by Judge Catherine McGuinness entitled "From Peace to Reconciliation - the work of the Forum" at the Imperial Hotel on Sunday October 22nd at 8.00p.m. Admission £2.

**Cork Council of Trade Unions**

The 2nd AGM of the Retired Workers Association will take place on Wednesday October 18th in Connolly Hall at 2.15p.m. New members are welcome.

**Ballineaspig Gramophone Circle**

Our October recital will be held on Wednesday October 18th at 3.00p.m. in the Crypt of the Church at Dennehy's Cross.

Vera Wellcome will present her choice of music and everyone is most welcome.

**Table Quiz**

There will be a table quiz in the Bishopstown GAA Pavilion on Friday October 20th at 9.00p.m. Sponsored and cash prizes. Table of four £10. Please support.

**Bridge the Gap**

Bridge sessions every Thursday afternoon from 2.15 until 5.00 at the Glengarriff Hotel. All are welcome - with or without a partner.