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Mission Sunday



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, COBK



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Sr. Ursula writes*

## Mission Sunday

On Mission Sunday this year I am very aware of the many missionaries, religious and lay from our own parish and the wonderful work they have done. I think it was Sr. Margaret's return to Peru on her retirement from St. Catherine's which caused this train of thought.

The tradition of missionary work has been part of our Irish Christian heritage from earliest times. Today we salute all missionaries, particularly our own and bring them with pride before the Lord in prayer.

I am conscious also that St. Therese, the Little Flower, is co-patroness of the missions. This young woman who died of T.B. at twenty-four years of age never left her convent house. She is the supreme example that God's work is done in many ways. Often suffering, borne silently and heroically for love of God, can be the greatest missionary work of all.

*Sr Ursula.*

### FAMILY MASS WITH YOUTH PARTICIPATION

When: Saturday 4th November.  
Where: Crypt, Dennehy's Cross Church.  
Time: 7.15 p.m.

We hope to have this Mass on the First Saturday of each month. Boys and girls who would like to take an active part in the Mass are asked to come to the Church on Thursday 9th October at 6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.

### NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS NOVEMBER 2 - 10

Envelopes are available at the Church doors. The three priests of the parish will each offer a Novena of Masses.



"DEAR MUM.... BEING A MISSIONARY  
ISN'T QUITE WHAT I THOUGHT  
IT WOULD BE...."



Model Farm Road

Dear Editor,

In regard to divorce, no one can claim to belong to an organisation and still vote against its basic and fundamental belief and teaching. Therefore, all Catholics are obliged to vote "No" in the coming referendum.

For Christians, Jesus Christ insisted on the original intention of the Creator who willed that marriage be indissoluble.

For society in general, divorce introduces disorder into the family and society. This disorder brings grave harm to the deserted spouse and to the children, who are often torn between the parents. The children are the real victims in divorce. Those looking for divorce plead for a second chance. What chance are they giving their children?

Having practised medicine for over 20 years in countries where divorce is available, it has become obvious to me that ; 1) The wealthy use divorce to trade in their spouse to get a new model.

2) The upwardly mobile use divorce to enhance their status and job promotion. 3) The poor use divorce to get rid of their responsibilities. 4) The very fact that it is available in these countries makes counselling, advice and discussion more difficult. 5) In these countries it is usual for the children of the first family to leave home at the earliest opportunity and they are left to the mercy of their creator. They lose contact with the children of the first marriage and in time they can and do get married to their closest relation without knowing it. Future generations of medical scientists will have to solve the medical anomalies resulting from consanguinity and double genes. For the average person the cost of divorce, the division of homes, property and business is prohibitive. 6) Divorce would be a civil right and could not confer the right to a sacramental marriage in the Roman Catholic Church.

Patrick Fitzgerald M.D. M.Sc. M.Ch.

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Glasheen Road

Dear Editor,

At the first of the *Christian Together* Tuesday evening meetings we heard Mrs. Jean Ritchie of the Methodist Church speak of her faith journey and of her Church. We learnt of John Wesley's great love for the deprived. A central element of the Methodist faith is a total commitment made to God as a personal friend, not relying on one's own strength but on that of Jesus on the Cross.

The perceived full inclusiveness of the Gospel message is manifest in practice by the effective social care and by the structures of the Church itself.

participation of lay people and ministers in decision-making, and of women and men in ministry. It was a joy and a liberation to be part, IN A PARISH SETTING, of a "grassroots" ecumenical Christian event of listening, speaking, reading, singing, praying, worshipping together. In one way a most common sense experience, but also one which, as Jesus said, so many people in past generations have vainly yearned for and hoped to see. Like old Symeon (or the prophetess Anna<sup>1</sup>), I feel very thankful at having received that sign of hope!

Yours sincerely,

Madelaine Mac Namara



# COMMENT



MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"  
AND Elsie

## SPIN DOCTORS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

I suppose it is a reflection on the priorities of the local media that, on Monday's Cork Examiner, the eye was drawn to a large photograph of the interior of St. Mary's Church on page two.

Ah! I thought: they've given a prominent position to the annual P.E.A.C.E. Mass for Industrial Peace and Job Creation, the seventeenth. Not at all! The accompanying two-column article had nothing whatever to do with the Mass.

The preacher at the Mass which was, as always, vibrant and alive, was an tAth Mícheál MacGreil, S.J. His homily was straight from the shoulder.

In a country whose economy is doing so well, according to the experts, why, he asked, are our unemployment figures so disastrous? Why, when so many people have good jobs, are they double-jobbing? Why, he asked do so many insist on overtime when jobs are so scarce?

At the conclusion of Mass, Cecil Hurwitz (that indefatigable man of peace) asked the question: why does our Government spend so much money (did he really say £14 million?) on advisers, whiz kids and spin doctors and the like when social justice demands that every punt is spent wisely?

Why indeed?...

On the Divorce Campaign:  
To the anonymous reader who sent me a Journal 'cutting' I would say that we probably agree more than he or she suspects. All I asked for was space to reflect. As the writer of the article says: "There is room in the little booth only for the voter and his conscience." That says it all, I believe.

## AN OCCASIONAL COMMENT

I felt rather saddened by what the Dean wrote in last week's bulletin. It's hard to believe that looking down the church the priest can see such apathy staring him in the face. But since he can see what we can't see (the sneaking look at the watch, the yawn, the faraway look...) I presume it must be so.

I would like the Dean to know there is another side to the coin. It is my opinion, and I know it is the opinion of many others, that the Dean's homilies are great! He always manages to hit the nail on the head. He makes his point with sincerity and humour and he is always worth listening to. To those who don't listen (and the Dean actually suggests that some don't!) I can only say, "You don't know what you're missing."

May I add, Fr. John and Fr. Finbarr have an equally high standard. They always have something of value to say and they say it, giving us something to go away and think about.

Thank you, Fathers, all three of you. We are indeed fortunate in our priests.

Elsie Harris

### PARISH TEAM

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Announcing

Attention School Leavers

Togher Community Youth Training Workshop Ltd. currently have a number of vacancies on their Catering, Manual Skills and Horticulture Courses, for girls and boys over the age of 15 years, who have left school. Those interested should apply to the Workshop at Southside Shopping Centre, Clashduv Road, Togher, tel. 311638, between 8.45 - 4.45p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 8.45-1.30 Fridays.

Thank You

On behalf of OXFAM, Edith Lyall would like to thank the residents of Woodlawn for their contribution of £65 recently collected.

Calling Girls between 6-11 years

Buion an Spioraid Naoimh Brigin Company welcomes new girls - fun, games, competitions, weekends and lots of laughter. Meeting takes place each Thursday night between 6.00-7.15 in the Crypt of Dennehy's Cross Church. For more details contact Miriam Geaney 310309.

Readers at Daily Masses

Please collect your rota at the Sanctuary Rails.

**Rest In Peace**

Mrs. Mary Mullins, Woodleigh Park, died in the Mercy Hospital on 12th October. A gentle and sincere woman, she was known to thousands of Cork people at St. Anthony's Stores, Liberty Street. Her funeral took place from St. Peter & Paul's Church on Monday 16th October. We extend sincere sympathy to her family and relatives.



We extend our sincere sympathy to CHRIS COLEMAN, Wilton Gardens, whose sister Ann Twomey died last week.

We pray for the late Maisie O'Callaghan of Orchard Road who died recently. Maisie had not been well for the past number of months, and was lovingly cared for by her sisters. Despite her age and illness, she was always glad to have visitors who would spend time with her and just have a chat. She was a great conversationalist on all topics. To her sisters we offer our sincere sympathy.

We pray for the late Edwin Brown of Model Farm Road who died during the week. A former teacher of Art in Mallow and indeed a most talented one, who took great delight as a cartoonist, Edwin will be best remembered for his gentleness, kindness and always the word of encouragement. At his funeral Mass, during the Offertory, a painting of the Madonna and Child painted by Edwin was brought to the altar, a testimony of his great faith. To his brother, sisters and relations we offer our sympathy.