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Third Sunday of Advent



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



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

Little Catherine Hamill captured all our hearts with her simple plea for peace. She spoke more eloquently than any statesman or orator could have done and those who had "ear to hear" heard.

Jesus came among us as a vulnerable child who was called Emmanuel, ie., God with us, and Prince of Peace. Peace, true peace, the peace which all of us would like to have can only come from the Lord. We can receive it in our hearts only when we have made the effort to turn those same hearts to Him and allow Him to come into our lives on His terms, not ours.

In the mad rush of next week it will be all too easy to be caught up only in the hectic preparation and celebration. How sad that would be; to celebrate and miss the whole point of what we are celebrating.

That is why it is so necessary to take time out. To take time each day from the busy schedule. To stop, for a while at least, running around in circles. Time, even a little time each day, spent with the Lord to prepare for His coming is time well spent.

There will be many hearts throughout the world this year as closed to His coming as there were doors closed on that first Christmas night. By taking a little time each day we can make sure that we are not among that number.

May we all have a very happy, peaceful and holy Christmas.

Sr Ursula.

An Appeal from St. Vincent de Paul

As Winter comes the needy in our parish hope for your support with our Coal Fund. Please send your donations, however small, to Sister Ursula, Priests or St. Vincent de Paul at C.P. Centre. We are most grateful for the wonderful gifts donated at the Children's Mass last week-end.



You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him.

James Miles

For your information

Sunday Collection Envelopes

Will be delivered to the homes in the coming days.

Thank You

Cork Spastic Clinic thank the residents of the Orchard, Farranlea Park for £54, the amount contributed by them in the recent collection.

Ministers of the Eucharist

New rota is ready for collection at altar rails this week-end.

Please note dates of duty and find a replacement if unable to attend.

Christmas Dues

Dean O'Connor, Fr. Finbarr and Fr. John would like to thank most sincerely all those who have returned the Dues envelopes, and a special word of thanks to those who distributed and collected them.

PARISH TEAM

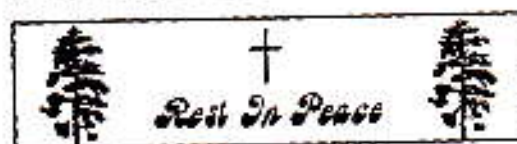
Dean Denis O'Connor, P.P. 542972
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Fr. John Newman, C.C. 541572
Sr. Ursula O'Callaghan, 545549

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
NUMBER: 271551**

Holy Baptism

We welcome into our Christian community the following who were baptised recently:

SEAN ANTHONY COLEMAN, 25
Greenfields, Model Farm Road.
RYAN PATRICK EAMONN O'LEARY, 25
Parkway Drive, Model Farm Road.



John Howard, Wilton Road, died on Saturday 9th December after a long illness. John was an engineering graduate of U.C.C. but exchanged his professional work as an engineer for a business career in Cork's North Main Street.

He was a sincere and devout man, with a sense of decency solidly based in his Christianity. We extend sympathy to his wife Maura, daughter Renee and son Donal, his brothers, sister and many relatives.



Joy and sorrow

*We look before and after,
And pine for what is not:
Our sincerest laughter
With some pain is fraught;
Our sweetest songs are those
That tell of saddest thought.*

P. B. Shelley *To a Skylark*



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

HOPE IN A FRACTURED WORLD

Why are people so quick to judge, to react, to resort to violence?

Daily we read and see in the media the conflict that arises when property rights are questioned. In the domestic area it leads to bad relationships for life, for generations even. In the international scene we see what damage it has done in our own country, in former Yugoslavia, in Cyprus and in so many other places.

I was reminded of this when I witnessed the outpouring of scathing and destructive language in response to Finola Bruton's speech in the National Gallery. Why cannot we have reasoned debate from those who would, presumably, claim to be opinion leaders?

But to end on a more hopeful note. I watched the television tribute to poet Seamus Heaney on BBC TV. There, in the beautiful setting of the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, we witnessed the tributes in words - spoken gently, proclaimed, sung - by artist friends of Seamus Heaney, including 'our own' Fiona Shaw.

It is so civilised, so welcome and, yes, so hopeful in a fractured world that is very much in need of such hope. We would be impoverished without such people. I admire them for using their God-given gifts with such skill.

May they continue to share their talents with us.



LETTERS

The Orchard,
Farranlea Park

Two Christmasses?

Dear Editor,

Could we have two Christmasses? First we could indulge in the usual binge of overspending, overeating, overdrinking, giving and receiving gifts about as useless as a "lighthouse in a bog" - to quote the Dean.

A couple of weeks later, when sanity has returned, maybe we could set a date when we would celebrate the birth of Christ.

Tom Harris

Hillcrest,
Laburnum Park

Dear Editor,

I managed, in my recent tribute to altar servers and those who support them, to omit from my list Fr. Finbarr Crowley.

Like everyone else in the parish I admire greatly all the great work Fr. Finbarr does in our parish. But I want to put it on record - and to say, sorry, Fr. Finbarr.

Sincerely,
Pat Lemasney



✂ *Please cut out and keep for reference*

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

MASSES

Christmas Eve - Sunday
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.15pm.
9.00, 10.30, 12.15
Midnight Mass at 12.00

Christmas Day
8.00, 9.00, 10.30, 12.15.

Tues. 26th-Fri. 29th incl.
9.00 and 12 noon
Please note change of times

Saturday 30th
9.00, 10.00, 6.15pm.

CONFESSIONS

Thursday 21st
Penitential Service 7.30pm.
Visiting Priests

Friday 22nd
12.00-1.00, 4.00-5.00, 7-8.

Saturday 23rd
11.00-1.00, 4.00-5.00
Before and after Vigil Mass

Christmas Eve
After morning Masses.
After Devotions at 5pm.

POOR CLARE MONASTERY CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve :
12 midnight

Christmas Day :
8.00 and 10.00 a.m.
Benediction 1.15 p.m.

St. Stephen's Day :
8.00 and 10.00 a.m.



FAMILY MASS WITH YOUTH PARTICIPATION

When: Saturday 6th January
Where: Crypt of Dennehy's
Cross Church
Time: 7.15 p.m.



24 Sunday

Is. 7:10-14. Ps. 23. Rom. 1:1-7. Mt. 1:18-24.