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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
OFFICERS CROSS CORN



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

I received a gift of a Japanese calendar this Christmas from Sr. Columba who is resident in St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road. On the January page it says on top, "First dream of the year". I didn't notice it until this week and it made me stop and think about my dreams and New Year resolutions I made and how was I responding to them.

The same day I visited a fifth year class in Mount Mercy and one of the questions I was asked was, "What will the Church be like in ten years time?"

The calendar and the question I was asked by the students have put me thinking: one's prayer life must reflect on one's every day experiences.

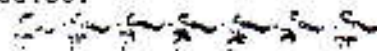
We have lost a number of our parishioners in the past few weeks. My prayer and dreams for the present and the future can be summed up in a reading so often read at funeral Masses from the first letter of St. John, where it says, "Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children, and that is what we are." If I can live and experience that same sentiment I count myself very blessed indeed.

K. Seamus Crowley CC

APPEAL TO PARISHIONERS WHO ATTEND MASS OUTSIDE YOUR PARISH

Please use the Parish Sunday Collection envelope. It will be returned here - as we send back all envelopes handed in here from other parishes.

We appeal to you especially if you have a child, or children, attending Primary School anywhere in this State. Your Parish of residence must pay a minimum of £10 per year for each one. Last year the cost to this Parish was £5,100.00.



A Prayer

For Daily Neglects

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all its love, all its sufferings and all its merits.

First—To expiate all the sins I have committed this day and during all my life. Gloria Patri.

Second—To purify the good I have done badly this day and during all my life. Gloria Patri.

Third—To supply for the good I ought to have done, and that I have neglected this day and during all my life. Gloria Patri.

A poor Clare, who had just died, appeared to her Abbess, who was praying for her, and said to her, "I went straight to Heaven, for, by means of this prayer, recited every evening, I paid all my debts."

Rest In Peace

Peggy Mahally, Liam Lynch Park, died peacefully at the University Hospital after a period of failing health. Peggy was a sporting, full of fun person in her younger days and was respected in her neighbourhood. Our sympathy to her son Philip, with whom she lived, and the rest of the family.

We pray for the late Joan Dunne of Model Farm Road, who died after a short illness. Many will remember Joan's simple and good humour in the Economy Shop. But her love for life was her greatest gift. A devoted wife and mother, the door always open with a warm 'Kerry' welcome for everyone, Joan took great pride in her garden where she spent endless hours, but her main concern was for Matt and the family. Those of us living at Dennehy's Cross will miss a great neighbour and friend. To Matt and family our deepest sympathy and prayers.

We pray for the late Ann Lane, The Belfry, Model Farm Road, who died recently. Ann had been seriously ill for the past number of years and one couldn't but admire her husband Pat's care for her during the long and trying illness. People have described Ann as a gracious, kind and gentle person. To Pat and his daughter Derva, we offer our sincere sympathy.

We pray for the late Violet White, formerly of Gianmire, who died in her sister's residence, Bishopscourt Avenue, recently. Violet had been seriously ill for the past number of years, but was lovingly cared for by all the O'Connor family, who showed great generosity and care to Violet. Despite her illness she made great efforts - a very courageous woman indeed. To her sister Rosaline and all the O'Connors our sincere sympathy.

Youth Table-Quiz

FRIDAY, 26th January at 7.00pm
in CRYPT of Dennehy's Cross Church
for 11-14 year olds.

FIRST PRIZE

£20 VOUCHER for the COLLOSEUM.
LOTS OF OTHER PRIZES!

COST: 50p (£2 per table of 4)
Book-in at Tel:541572 before 6.00pm on Friday 26th



COMMENT

LOVING BACK TO LIFE

In total contrast to the media-bashing being meted out to so many priests, it was refreshing to watch RTE's "Would You Believe" recently and hear the tributes being paid to Fr. Pdraig Green.

Heading up the progressive Family Life Centre in Boyle, Co. Roscommon, he and his team cater for those hurting from bereavement, separation, family suicide and other distresses of life.

Many of those helped go on to become volunteer counsellors and facilitators. The Centre is being further developed to cater for the lonely and the ill in the community. It is hoped to set up other such Centres in the county.

The TV programme spoke to some of those who had been helped. All spoke of the warmth of the welcome and of the return of their self-esteem. One lady compared it to the time of Jesus' ministry. "Jesus," she claimed, "loved people back to life." Her own sense of being loved back to life was tangible.

We are lucky to have in our parish and in our diocese caring people who can love those who are hurting back to life in the spirit of the healing Christ. If you are hurting, please contact one of our Parish Team: Dean Denis O'Connor, 542972
Fr. Finbarr Crowley, 343895
Fr. John Newman, 341572
Sr. Ursula O'Callaghan, 545549

or one of the Family Ministry Team in Paul Street, 273213.

Don't suffer alone when help is there for the asking.

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

Letters to the Editor

The Orchard,
Farranlea Park

Dear Editor,

There's a notice in the porch for Catholic Engaged Encounter. One of the items on the agenda under the heading of Marriage Relationship is: "To point out that happiness is not the ultimate goal of marriage."

ISN'T IT? I'm glad nobody told me this 40 years ago - I wouldn't have got married at all!

Sincerely,
Tom Harris

I came across this in a magazine and I think it is rather apt at this time.

"If you should find the perfect church,
Without one fault or smear,
For goodness sake don't join that church,
You'd spoil the atmosphere.
But since no perfect church exists,
Where people never sin,
Let's cease in looking for that church,
And love the one we're in."

Phil Moriarty



Announcements

Seminar on the Eucharist

Wednesday 31st January at 8 p.m.
Trinity Presbyterian Church.
Presentations on understanding of
Eucharist/Lord's supper will be
made on behalf of each of the
main churches - Catholic, Church
of Ireland, Methodist and
Presbyterian.

Bishopstown GAA

Under Age Section - AGM Wednesday
24th January at 8 p.m. at Club.
We cater for 400 boys. We need
adult help. Would you like to
volunteer? A few hours each week
is all we ask. If you are
interested please attend the AGM.
All welcome.

Irish Heart Foundation

Is organising a sponsored walk to
South Africa in October. An
information night will be held on
Monday 22nd January at the
Imperial Hotel at 8 p.m. All are
welcome.

Foroige Youth Club

Meets Monday nights from 6.30 to
8pm in the crypt. New members
from 12-18 welcome. Disco,
bowling, cinema, trips away.

Ecumenical Service

Of Prayer and Healing will be
conducted by the Rev. Ruth
Patterson of Restoration
Ministries, Belfast, at the Bon
Secours Chapel on Sunday 21st
January at 8 p.m. All welcome.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

We resume our monthly recitals on
Wednesday January 24th in the
Crypt of the church at Dennehy's
Cross at 3 p.m. We hope to see
old friends and new ones too, to
hear popular broadcaster, Frank
Rea present his choice of music
Bi ann gan teip.

Church Unity Octave

1. Ecumenical Service

Sunday 21st January at 3 p.m.
Church of the Immaculate
Conception, The Lough.
Preacher: Rt. Rev. Richard
Clarke, Dean of Cork.

Readings for Sunday 28 January
Zeph. 2:3.3:12-13. Ps. 145.1
Cor. 1:26-31. Mt. 5:1-12.

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Blessed is the man
who makes the Lord his trust,
who does not look to the proud,
to those who turn aside to false
gods.

Psalm 40:4