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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DUNMETH CROSS, DUBLIN



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

In Rossbrin, not far from the village of Ballydehob, there is a small pier jutting out into the water. At high tide that pier can take ten feet of water. When the tide is out, the steps at the front will take you right down into the mud and you might wonder about the pier's effectiveness.

I grew up overlooking that pier. I can still hear my father's prohibiting words: "Out of bounds" and my mother's caution "It is too dangerous". But it didn't lessen my fascination with the pier; quite the contrary, it added to its mystique. My parents could see me falling off the edge and drowning. Of course, I saw no such possibility.

Those early years I watched the small boats pull up and fishermen come and go, Jack and Paddy and Connie... a whole series of names I knew from a distance. They were my heroes going out beyond, away from the pier, out of the harbour, out of sight.

Piers still fascinate me. I find I never walk half way down a pier. I always feel a pull to go to the edge. And I can rest a long time looking into the water. And I can dream about new places, beyond. And when the sun is shining I can feel warm and happy. And when the sea is angry I can feel the fear and smell the old danger. And I can still see the heroes who have braved it out beyond the headland and left the familiar, safe places behind. There is no place like a pier to pull one to the edge, beyond.

Season of Lent

Masses Monday to Friday:

7.30a.m. 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30pm.

Half-hour quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after the Thursday night Mass.

Trocaire boxes available in the church.

LENTEN MEDITATIONAL THEMES

Week One - The Lord Leads

1. "The Lord gives justice to those denied it and food to the hungry." (Ps.146). In this tradition let us make Lent a time for others.

2. "The Lord raises up those who are bowed down." (Ps.146:8a). Let us remember those who are weighed down by the weight of injustice.

3. "The Lord loves the just." (Ps.146:8c). Let us remember those who work for justice.

4. "The Lord protects strangers." (Ps.146:9a) Let us remember those who welcome the stranger.

5. "The Lord shall reign forever." (Ps.146:10). Let us remember the words "Thy Kingdom Come".



Rest in Peace

Seamus Curtin, Victoria Village, died peacefully in the South Infirmary after a period of failing health. Seamus was well loved, a man's man with a great sense of fun and laughter, and a man who stood up for what he believed in. Our sympathy to his wife Bridie, four sons, and family.



Dept. of Politics,
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Dear Parishioners,

I regret that before my departure from Cork last week pressure of work prevented me from saying goodbye individually to those neighbours whom I had come to know during forty-four happy years at 5 Laburnum Lawn.

I am confident that the new owner of No. 5, Mr. C. Hennessy, and his family, will be made as welcome as were the O'Leary family during all those years.

To the Dean and the parochial clergy, who look after the parish so well, and to all the parishioners I extend my very best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,
Con O'Leary

P.E.A.C.E. MASS

The televised P.E.A.C.E. Mass last Sunday at St. Mary's Church, Popes Quay, was most uplifting. Special guests were Bishop Michael Murphy, Bishop Roy Warke of the Church of Ireland and Mr. Alan Haughton representing the Society of Friends.

Adding greatly to the liturgy was composer John Gibson's beautiful Mass for Peace. The organist was Angel Climent and Patrick Killeen conducted the combined choirs of the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Lionsea Chamber Choir and the children of St. Vincent's School. They were magnificent.

In his homily Fr. Simon Roche, O.P., reflecting on the return to violence, asked people to wear a white ribbon, hold peace vigils, march for peace, but, above all, in a single word ... PRAY!

A note for your diary:

The twentieth Concelebrated Mass for Peace and Reconciliation in Ireland is on Sunday March 3rd at 3.30 p.m. in St. Augustine's Church, Washington Street. All are welcome and, if you have not heard John Gibson's Peace Mass already, then you will have another opportunity on March 3rd.

On the following Sunday, March 10th, a United Peace Service will be held at the Church of the Way of the Cross, Togher, at 4.00 p.m. Again, all are welcome to come and pray for peace in Ireland.


CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Coláiste an Spioraíid Naomh on reaching the Munster Colleges Senior Football final.




LENTEN SUGGESTIONS


Cut out and keep




Lent means Spring



Pray for the food & water of life



almsiving for the good of your neighbor.



fasting for the good of your body

Lent.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Read to-day's readings.	Visit a lonely friend	Say sorry to someone	Think of someone you have hurt.	Do something you do not like doing	Pray for someone else	Do something for someone else.
Listen carefully to to-day's readings	Try to help someone	Try to be of service to someone	Pray for forgiveness	Look for a chance to be helpful	Take a minute or two to be quiet & thoughtful	Say a prayer for someone you love.
Ask yourself why you are at Mass.	Do something special for someone to day	Make an act of contrition.	Make an act of faith	Say a prayer for someone who has lost.	Pray for those you love.	Try to make to-day a family day.
What has made the most difference to your life?	Listen carefully to someone's day	Who is the most important person in your life	Think of your own responsibility	Think of your best friend	Pray for those who are ill	Think about what pleases you most in your life
Think about the times you've met a new person	Try to be pleasant to those you meet.	Who is the most important person in your life	Remember an old friend - pick up the phone.	Put your heart in something you do to day.	Who is the kindest person you know?	Show your love to your family.
Make to day's Mass an act of praise	Do something helpful for someone.	Try to be pleasant to those you meet.	Think about your own power	Think of a promise you made	Pray for your own or a friend's children.	Think of the good things in your life.
			Think of someone you let down.	Sit around the table and talk this evening.	Spend a few minutes in silence	Think of someone.

Easter Sunday - Be happy - Celebrate together



First Friday

Next Friday, 1st March, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Women's World Day of Prayer

At the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen, at 10.30 a.m. Friday March 1st. The Peace Women's group will travel from Belfast to join us in prayer. Please support this service - so vital now.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr continues visitation at Wilton Avenue, Bishopscourt and Merlyn Lawn.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Reminder to present and past Ministers of a special Mass on Tuesday next 27th at 8 p.m. in the Crypt.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection at Masses next weekend.

Your Sunday Missalette

At the request of some parishioners - made through your Pastoral Council - on and from next Sunday, on a trial basis, missalettes will be available at the doors as you enter. Please return them as you leave.



FAMILY MASS WITH YOUTH PARTICIPATION

When: Saturday 2nd March
Where: Crypt of Dennehy's
Cross Church
Time: 7.15 p.m.



CALLING ALL CONTACT PERSONS

Your Parish needs you

on

Monday 4th March 8 p.m.

at

The Crypt

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration for Peace continues each Wednesday in the Poor Clare Chapel.

Peace and Reconciliation

The 20th annual concelebrated Mass will be offered at St. Augustine's Church, on Sunday 3rd March at 3.30 p.m.

The 20th annual ecumenical Service will take place at the Church of the Way of the Cross, Togher, on Sunday 10th March at 4 p.m. The Preacher will be Anglican Bishop, Dr. John Austin Baker (England).

Eczema Society Support Group

Will hold a meeting on Monday 26th February in the ballroom of the Imperial Hotel at 8 p.m. The meeting will feature an illustrated lecture, the role of allergy in eczema and questions and answer session. Further information from Mary Steel 545394/902918.

Readings for Sunday 3 March

Gen.12:1-4. Ps.32.2

Tim.1:8-10. Mt.17:1-9.

Priests' Emergency

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