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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CO. DK.



## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

*Fr. John writes*

### THE LORD'S INVITATION IS OFFERED TO ALL

DECISIONS! DECISIONS! The menu at a Chinese restaurant can be overwhelming. And the growing menu of ministries in the church can be equally confusing. You have heard the inner call to go into the vineyard and do your bit. But how do you find your proper place among all the different labourers?

Sometimes it may seem more like a jungle than a vineyard - Minister of Word, Eucharist, Collector, Contact person, Bulletin preparation, Altar Society, etc. Selecting one calls for prayer and common sense. The choice can be even more difficult if the work to which you feel called is not even on the menu! You may simply be trying to respond to a need "out there" that is begging for a Christian response. This means you have to create a totally new ministry.

New and old are always part of the changing life of the church. The Lord's invitation is offered to all - the harvest is plenty.... come with me into the fields.

### SPECIAL NOTICE FOR COUPLES PLANNING MARRIAGE ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1ST, 1996

All couples getting married after 1st August must give at least three months' notice to the Civil Registrar of Marriages - for Cork City - at office in Liberty Street.

Please contact the Registrar, or the Priest with whom you are arranging your marriage.

### TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE IN THE C.P. CENTRE

Thank you to Mary Crean, May O'Connell and Dorothy O'Connell (not to mention Breda Scully who chips in when needed) for keeping this lively event going Tuesday after Tuesday. For any parishioner who hasn't yet experienced this very sociable gathering do drop in any Tuesday after 10 o'clock Mass for tea/coffee, biscuits, served with a smile, lots of brilliant conversation and plenty of laughs.

The ladies assure us that all are welcome.

## Letters to the Editor

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16 Tara Court,  
Glasheen

Der Editor,

I am truly glad to accept the advice recently given in the Bulletin and quoted in April's FOLD, not to join a perfect church, if I found one, for fear of ruining its perfection!

And so I come back to the subject of the "bored" absentees whose presence we have missed from our Sunday liturgies in recent times.

Ought we not to cease dismissing their "boredom" as an immature, unreflected, individualistic attitude? What if we began to acknowledge their courage in staying away from buildings and events where they perhaps feel that they can no longer find, build and celebrate Christian community.

I think that "bored" absence is a ministry in its own right. A quiet ministry, a silent ministry. Is that the reason why it seems to go unrecognised as such by the "present" community? I would call it a ministry of "encouragement to reforming change"!

How do we find, when we do take the courage required for our own ministry? What stops us listening to their "bored" silence?

Yours sincerely,  
Madelaine MacNamara

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to the Wilton United under-18 team who won the Cork AUL Youth League Championship by a clear margin.

## Pastoral Council News

Having reflected on Bishop Murphy's letter for Lent, "Ministry in the Church", the Council discussed the contents of the letter. We read that each person in the community has unique gifts given to them by God for the service of the community. More people will, in future, be taking responsibility for Ministry by the Church to its members in a range of situations and needs. We cannot depend on priests except for the sacraments, because there may not be as many priests. We are all on a shared journey which ends in God, this journey we all must undertake together.

As a celebration of the Feast of Pentecost (26th May) it is hoped to hold a floral tribute to honour the Holy Spirit, patron of the parish. Each area, through their Pastoral Council representative, will create an arrangement to decorate the Sanctuary in the Church. As this will be a community project, any financial contributions or gifts of foliage will be much appreciated.

Unite us Holy Spirit in Word and Deed, that we may sing your praise with thanksgiving and joy.

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Thank you to our friends at St. Catherine's for stapling and folding the Easter Bulletins, and also to Sr. Ailbe and their teachers. It's a tedious job and we do appreciate it.



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## GOOD NEWS HARD TO FIND?

It is hard not to assume that the world, if I remember my O'Casey, is "in a state of chassis"! Certainly that is the media perception. You would have difficulty refuting it. There have even been suggestions that God's hand is to be seen in answer to Ireland's sanctioning of divorce and the making available of abortion information. What a vindictive God that would be!

Putting aside the ugly side of life, let us, rather, celebrate the goodness that exists.

Ten years after the Chernobyl

disaster, Adi Roche leads a team which will accompany 34 ambulances, two medical cars and four 38 tonne trucks containing £2 million worth of medicines, clothes and other aid. This is real Christianity at work. "If Chernobyl happened here," she asks, "who would we turn to for help, who would take OUR children to safety or provide US with aid?" Who indeed!

Let us salute, too, those who are working for the Telethon People in Need drive to raise money for the many deserving causes they will support in the future.

Let us "light a candle" rather than "curse the darkness" and, if we are not active in the People in Need campaign, let us contribute as generously as we can. Who knows, one day WE may be the People in Need!

## PLEASE PRAY *for*

We pray for the late Michael Morrison, Bishops court Hill, who died peacefully during the week. Michael who hadn't been well for the past few years was never one to grumble about his lot in life.

He dedicated the past few years of his life to the care of his wife Helen. His commitment to his marriage vows was an example and inspiration to all who knew him. To Helen and family we offer our deepest sympathy and prayers.

Tommy O'Donovan, Parklea Court, Model Farm Road, died peacefully at Marymount on Saturday 13th April. A quiet, gentle man, he had been unwell for some time. Tommy was a native of Bandon, and spent many years as a driver with C.I.E. having done his duty with the Defence Forces during the 'Emergency'. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Bridie, his sister Judy, and a large circle of relatives and friends. The last milestone is now past. May he rest in peace.

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to NOEL MURPHY, Parkway, on the death of his mother.  
To JOE DILLON, Parkway, on the death of his mother.

### *Letters to Editor*

*Please note that letters must be signed, but name and address will be withheld if requested.*

*Also, please keep letters to approx. 150 words.*



## YOU ARE INVITED

- \* to share your views on how we worship God in our parish.
- \* to tell us what you would like.
- \* to tell us what you don't like!

In the C.P. Centre on Monday 22 April at 8.10 p.m. Please come and help to make our liturgy more meaningful and prayerful for us all.

### Easter Dues

The priests would like to thank for their support those who contributed their Easter Dues and those who delivered and collected the envelopes.

### Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue visitation on Model Farm Road this week.

### Liturgy Group

Meeting on Monday 22nd April in C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.

### Labour Force Survey 1996

Will run in conjunction with the census. All the interviewers involved will have official identity cards and credentials, issued by the Central Statistics Office.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR EPISCOPAL COMMISSION

The annual collection for the Episcopal Commission will be taken up in the porches of the church next weekend.

**Readings for Sunday 28 April**  
Acts 2:14.36-41. Ps.22.  
1 Pet. 2:20-15. Jn.10:1-10.

### Cookery Demonstration

At Jury's Hotel on Monday 22 April at 8 p.m. in aid of a Medical Centre for blind and deaf children in Zambia. Tickets £5 available from Nora 871158, Christina 293495 and Jeanette 870921.



### Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly gramophone recital will take place on Wednesday next, 24th April at 3 p.m. in the Crypt of our church at Denneby's Cross.

We hope to see all our regular friends there, and anybody else who might like to come. A pleasant afternoon is guaranteed.

### Bishopstown Community Association

The A.C.M. of the BCA will take place at Wilton Park House on Tuesday 23rd April at 8 p.m. The change of date is due to matters beyond our control. Apologies to anyone who was inconvenienced by this change.

### PARISH TEAM

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