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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK.

"I believe in the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting."

How easily the familiar phrases slip off the tongue, yet who can measure the wonder of what they tell. "He is Risen", the message spread with a wild joy from disciple to disciple in Jerusalem on that Easter Sunday morning, and throughout the land, and for days and months as the scattered groups of disciples greeted one another, having gone home after the Festival. New hope, new joy, Jesus was what he claimed to be.

"In the evening of that same day..." Jesus lost no time before reassuring his disciples all gathered in the upper room, by the further news that was to bring our peace for all time, sinners as we are. "Peace be with you, receive the Holy Spirit, those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven." By the Spirit we are partakers of the Resurrection victory of Jesus. Easter celebrates the greatest event ever and Jesus makes us all sharers fully in all its consequences. We are in a real sense "Alleluia people".

We are alive together with Christ, God has raised us up with him and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Eph.2: 4-6.

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## Renovation of North Cathedral

The Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, known better as the North Cathedral is the Cathedral for the Diocese of Cork and Ross. Built in 1808, it was damaged by fire in 1820, and repaired in the decade that followed. The tower was added in the 1860's and the eastern end was extended in 1965. The Cathedral was recently completely renovated and refurbished and was re-dedicated in September 1996.

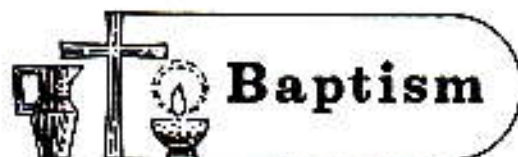
These repairs were necessary as serious problems with the roof were found in 1993, and would have further deteriorated if not corrected. The total cost of the renovations is in the region of £2.5 million. This cost will be raised over a five year period by the diocese.

Many features of the church have been changed in line with recent liturgical ideas. The Cathedral also houses many beautiful works of local and Irish artists, as well as the reliquary of Blessed Thaddeus McCarthy, who was bishop of Cork in the 15th century.

A visit to the Cathedral will prove to be highly interesting and rewarding. Take time out to have a look at this beautiful Cathedral which is a church not just for the people of the parish but for the whole diocese. If you would like to support the Cathedral financially, please contact the Renovation Committee.



We offer our sincere sympathy to NOREEN DONNELLY, Glasheen Road, on the death of her sister in England.



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

Stephen Paul Conlon  
Eoin Paul Collins  
Ellen Mary Murphy  
Joshua Richard Brown.

#### Easter Message of Hope

I wish to say how much I appreciated the Message from the Dean in the Easter Bulletin. I have forgotten a lot of what I learnt in school, but there was something about Faith Hope and Charity, and the greatest of these being Charity. Though the man who said the last piece is a great saint of the Church, I think he is wrong. Anybody reading the daily papers, or the discourses on suicide victims issued by Dr. Kelleher from time to time, would realise the tremendous importance of having a capacity to hope.

This is what the Dean encourages and simplifies in his Easter Message. Maybe he and Dr. Kelleher should join forces.

*Name of writer with-held by request.*



We pray for the late Michael O'Neill, Auburn, Model Farm Road, who died recently. For many years Michael was manager of the tax department of Allied Irish Banks, South Mall. He had a great love for his native West Cork and was happy to spend time talking about it and other travel topics. To his wife Noreen and family we offer our sympathy.

Model Farm Road

Dear Sir,

The Pope asks us all to prepare for the new millenium. An immediate response could be to say Grace before and after meals, remembering the many (over a billion of the world's population) who go to bed hungry and starving each night. A suggested form for 'before' and 'after' meals:

"Bless us O Lord and these Your gifts which we are about to receive through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

"We give You thanks Almighty God for these Your gifts which we have received through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

Saying Grace takes only a few minutes and it brings untold blessings on the family and community and the nation. As Fr. Peyton said, "The family that prays together stays together."

Yours faithfully,  
Jane Quinlan



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## HURRY UP AND PUMP!!!

Listening to Michael Ryan's recent radio interview of Patricia Donlon on 'Rhythms of Life', I was struck by her acceptance, after a fairly hectic life, that there was more to life than work, work, work. Her choice of music accentuated this.

Then I remembered an article in a recent issue of THE WORD magazine. It contrasted two incidents that the writer had observed. One was of a man filled with angst who was ordering a petrol pump to hurry up and pump! The pump didn't respond of course - not immediately at any rate. The picture was of a man who hadn't realised that the world won't end if he arrives five minutes late.

The second incident was of a middle-aged woman in a wheelchair outside a shopping centre, legs swollen, her body puffed. She was semi-comatose. Her husband sat beside her on a wall while the sun shone down on them both. There was no conversation but the man repeatedly and very tenderly stroked the back of her hand.

I remembered, too, walking past a Retirement Home recently while two elderly people, in their eighties perhaps, walked slowly in front of me. He carried a stick and appeared to be extremely feeble. They stopped for a moment, spoke - and then she kissed him. Slowly he turned towards her and, steadying

himself, he returned the kiss.

In this noisy world of aggression and self-centredness it is good to know that people still care for one another - and show it. In a society that the media portrays as becoming more and more violent, it is good to realise that love is still alive and, hopefully, will win out in the end.

## CONGRATULATIONS

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HAVE DONE IT AGAIN!

Congratulations to our choir who came **First** in the Church Music category at the recent competitions in Limerick.

This is their fourth time winning this award.



Congratulations to GERRY and MARGARET O'SULLIVAN, Greenfields, Model Farm Road, and to EDDIE and MARY DELANEY, also of Greenfields, who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversaries this week.

## Welcome!

Bishopstown Camogie Club are pleased to host Ballyboden St. Enda's this week-end.

We hope it will be a memorable visit.



**Feast of the Annunciation**

Will be celebrated this year on Monday, 7th April. This is a day of special devotion to Our Lady.



**Catholic Prayer Conference**

At Neptune Stadium, Sat. 12 April, 10.30-8pm, Sun. 13th, 10.30 - 5.00pm. Speaker Brendan Walsh. Weekend £8, day £5. All welcome. Bring packed lunch.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**

May 13th - 20th, "Pentecost", £395 incl. Further information contact Finbar O'Leary, 13 Deerpark Mews, St. Patrick's Road, tel. 968959, or come to prayer meeting at Holy Trinity Friary at 8pm. on Wednesdays.



**Bridge Night**

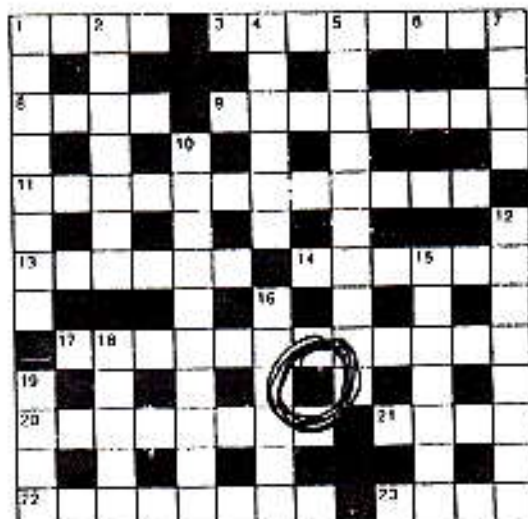
At Cork Bridge Club on Sunday 6th April at 7.15pm. £5 per head, incl. raffle. All categories welcome. Organised by Cork Ursuline P.P.U.

**Dilemmas of Modern Medicine**

Talk to be given on Tuesday, 8th April, in SMA Hall by Fr. Edward O'Callaghan, OFM. Time: 7.30pm. All are welcome. Admission free.

**Calling all Easter Crossword Doers**

If you are still struggling with the crossword please note:



Due to a production error, the square ringed here did not appear in black. Apologies!

**THANKS ALOT**

A sincere thank you to all who helped during the Easter ceremonies. A special word of thanks to the altar servers and the children who participated at the 5.00pm Mass and 11.00am Stations, and to their parents and organisers for giving them such encouragement.

Thanks to all who made it such a Holy Week.

Thank you to Miss O'Donoghue and our friends in St. Catherines for stapling and folding our Easter Bulletin. We do appreciate your help.

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