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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

*The Dean writes*

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

19-25 JANUARY

I had the privilege of visiting Israel once. It was a memorable trip in many ways. Naturally looking out over the Sea of Galilee, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, knowing that Jesus saw what I saw, walked where I walked, makes the Gospel story come alive in a very special way.

I have other memories too. Near the Parliament Buildings in Jerusalem is a Museum commemorating the awful atrocities committed against Jewish people during World War II. A visit here generates a terrible revulsion as man's inhumanity to man is so vividly portrayed. I have often thought how it must have influenced the families and near relatives of those who survived - understandable bitterness, even hatred for those who inflicted such pain and humiliation.

I have another sad memory from that trip. In every hotel room was a booklet, outlining the history of the Jewish people from

Abraham to our own time. In that booklet there is no mention whatever of Jesus Christ, or that He ever lived.

It was so sad to think that the One who could heal and soothe the wounds and pain was totally ignored. He was the one who taught forgiveness even as He too suffered the awful pain of crucifixion. "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

We all need to give and receive forgiveness towards and from those who differ from us, while we all profess our belief in Jesus as Son of God. Forgiveness, and reaching out in friendship is one of his most precious legacies to us who believe. "Father, may they be one in us - so that the world may believe it was you who sent me."

EMPLOYMENT  
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"HUM, NO SCHOOLING, NO SKILLS, NO CONNECTIONS. TO SAY YOUR CAREER OPTIONS ARE 'FISHING OR BECOMING AN APOSTLE'" Dr. Act 4:13.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In answer to Mr. 'Scuab's' letter in the Bulletin, 18/1/98, I do not think the lighting of a penny candle would be of much assistance in solving the problem of dog excrement on footpaths, etc. The audacity of Mr. 'Scuab' to suggest that householders who are affected clean up the mess outside their property and also outside their neighbour's property, smacks of apartheid. Instead of insulting people with such a suggestion, would it not be much more appropriate if the owner or owners of a pet or pets would come equipped with a scuab, shovel and bucket when walking their animals, and clean up the filth caused by their pets. Surely Mr. Scuab does not expect the Dean, or any of the priests, to clean up the church grounds or outside their residences when affected by this nuisance. This menial work may have to be repeated on a daily basis. Also, elderly and frail people should not be expected to do this kind of filthy work, while all the owner or owners of these animals need to do is walk away laughing. This type of dictation would not be tolerated in any locality. What civic pride.

Thanking you sincerely.  
(name and address with editor)

*Where in the  
world is God  
working?*



*Rest in Peace*

We pray for the late Mrs. Siobhan Breen, Wilton Avenue, who died during the week. She was a native of Co. Kerry and always so proud of it. Anybody calling to her home or meeting her with her husband, John Bernard, was guaranteed a lively and witty conversation. She was a woman of deep faith with a great love for the Blessed Sacrament and the Rosary. We offer our prayers and sympathy to her husband, and daughters Bernadette and Claire, who dedicated so much of their time giving her the best of care and love.

Dr. Eileen Loughnan of Kinloch Court, Bishopstown Avenue, died peacefully at the Mercy Hospital on 12th January. Eileen was a gentle, devout and humble lady, the last survivor of the well-known Murphy family from The Pharmacy, Macroom. We extend sincere sympathy to her husband, Dr. Dermot Loughnan, her family Michael, Margaret and Mary, her grandchildren and her many relatives and friends.

**OUR SYMPATHIES**

We offer our sincere sympathy to MARY COUGHLAN, Liam Lynch Park, on the death of her sister.



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## HOW CAN WE BE SO CRUEL?

More and more, I find the media coverage of news makes me angry, sometimes sad, more often than not helpless almost always. No, it's not the fault of the media - not always anyway - but of humankind, made (as we learnt in our catechism) "in the image and likeness of God", behaving so badly.

I got to thinking recently how little we manage to agree on. Be it in family life, religion, politics, economics, it doesn't seem to matter: we will seek out what separates us and we will proceed to harangue each other until we have blown the matter completely out of proportion - and probably forget the crunch of the matter into the bargain.

Sadly, there are families where wife and husband haven't spoken for years. Communication, not to mention love, has ended in a morass of sterile silence. Communities in Northern Ireland today exist in fear of their lives in the name of causes which have no place in a truly Christian society. We have only to look back on our own history to witness the tragedy of brother killing brother.

We see atrocities being committed in Algeria, in East Timor, in Tibet and elsewhere, all in the name of some claimed cause. Another life is sacrificed - and forgotten by all

except those whose lives have been devastated by the killing.

Will we ever learn? If we believed that we were made "in the image and likeness of God", really believed that, how could we ever possibly behave as we do? History does not make me hopeful. But we must have hope.



We welcome into our Christian community:

- Emily Jane Johnson
- Sean Francis Murphy
- James Thomas Gardiner-Bourke
- Joseph Michael Anthony Henchy
- Paul Dominic Crowley
- Aaron Patrick John Callanan
- Olan Mark Davin
- Eoin David O'Shea
- Aoife Coffey
- Luke David O'Sullivan
- Shauna Amelia Lynch
- Ellen Justine Glynn
- Eva Carolyn Twomey
- Brian Timothy Douglas O'Neill
- David Michael Cronin
- Jack Ahmet Arslan
- Patrick Benedict Morrissey
- Kellie Sorcha Seward



St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection will take place next weekend.

Liturgy Group

Meeting in C.P. Centre on Monday next, 26th January at 8 p.m.

Cork Marriage Counselling Centre

Most marriages go through difficult times - times of sadness, disappointment and even anger. If you need to talk to someone about your marriage, you are welcome to meet with one of our counsellors. To arrange an appointment for confidential counselling, just give us a call at 275678.



Sunday Creche

Volunteers **URGENTLY** required for our Creche. Please contact either Susan or Margo during Creche times on Sunday, or leave message in C.P. Centre. Wouldn't it be a shame if Creche had to close down after all these years?

Irish Heart Foundation

Heart disease is Ireland's biggest killer - 1620 people died in Cork in 1996 from coronary heart disease. Cholesterol is a risk factor. We will hold a public lecture, 'Cholesterol - What Is it All About', by Prof. Michael Murphy, Clinical Pharmacologist, at the Imperial Hotel on Tuesday 10th February at 8.00p.m. Adm. free of charge.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will continue visitation in Rossbrook during the coming week.

Orienteering & Hillwalking

Bishopstown Club's 1998 fixture list now available at 546194.



Youth Choir

Singers and musicians required, aged 12 and over. Practice takes place 7.00-8.00p.m. on Wednesdays in the C.P. Centre. See you there!

Computer Courses

At Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh. Now that you have bought that computer why not learn how to use it. Wordprocessing, database, spreadsheet. Beginners start Thurs. 5 Feb., Intermediate Wed. 4 Feb. 7.30-9.30 for 10 weeks. £55, students £40. Further details from the school at 543790.

Readings for Sunday 1 February

Jer.1:4-5,17-19. Ps.70.  
Cor.12:31-13:13. Lk.4:21-30.

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