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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEY'S CROSS, CORK.



FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

The Dean writes

The long wait for the announcement of a new Bishop for Cork & Ross ended happily a few days before Christmas. The name of Bishop John Buckley had been on everybody's lips for some time - but then, nobody could be sure. It was therefore with a sense of relief and jubilation that the Papal Nuncio finally made known the choice of Pope John Paul, and also the people's choice - The Most Rev. Dr. John Buckley.

Today, Sunday 8th February, 1998, has been chosen for his formal installation at the newly renovated Cathedral. People, religious and priests, extend a warm and very sincere welcome to our Bishop, and pray God for a long and fruitful ministry in our Dioceses. The formal ceremonies at the Cathedral will be attended by all the notables of Church and State in the country. The Papal Nuncio, the Most Rev. Dr. Luciano Storero, will represent Pope John Paul, and he will be joined by the majority of the Irish Bishops. Her Excellency, President McAleese, our Lord Mayor, Cllr. Dave McCarthy, and Taoiseach Bertie Ahern will lead the civic dignitaries.

But the people closest to the

Bishop's heart are the plain people of the Dioceses, and he has requested that each Parish would be represented by young and more mature people. Two people, male and female, drawn by lot from members of Pastoral Council will represent our parish, as well as two young people from our secondary schools.

Bishop John is a humble and prayerful man, he can be seen praying quietly all alone in our church quite frequently. He is not interested in receiving adulation or achieving notoriety. All he wants is our prayers, that he may be a faithful and true witness to Gospel values, and that by his care and example may lead the people to love God and our neighbour. He has our full support and our prayers at this time and for the years ahead.

Ag Criost an siol, Ag Criost
an fomhar,
I n-iothlainn De - go
dtugtar sinn.

Denis P'Connor PP

*"Be sure to fear the Lord
and serve him faithfully
with all your heart."*

— 1 Samuel 12:24a —



"THIS HAS TO BE THE BEST EXCUSE I'VE EVER HEARD. LAZARUS SAYS HE DONT PAY HIS WATER BILL BECAUSE HE WAS DEAD WHEN IT ARRIVED."
SEE JOHN 11:3-4.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Mount Mercy College on their great win in the Munster Senior Hockey Schools Championships. We wish them success in the Kate Russell Cup.

Congratulations to the Brownie Guides of the Marian Pack in Bishopstown. They won the Area Table Quiz and now go forward to the Regional Final in March. Well done to Karen Flynn, Laura Lynch, Denise Ahern and Grace Daly.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to MRS. CHRISSIE BUCKLEY, Laburnum Drive, on the death of her brother-in-law.



LOVE YOU, MOM



A Mother's Love is a Blessing... In response to the difficulty expressed by mothers and their ongoing anxiety and concern for the well-being of their adult children, a group of like minded mothers are getting together in Sacred Heart Presbytery to pray for their children and to support one another. Every Tuesday at 10.30a.m. beginning 10th February, we invite Mums to come together simply to pray for their children and to give thanks for them. Thirty-five minutes approx. and all mothers and grandmothers are most welcome to come and pray with us.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A DOSE OF ATHEISM?

"A dose of atheism", went the caption, "would do us a power of good." That, I thought as I browsed through the letters to the editor page, should make interesting reading!

The letter concerned the recent visit of Pope John Paul II to Cuba and claimed that "atheism has been around even before Christianity and is much less uncertain about what comes after death, for example." The writer went on to say that "some of the greatest people who have given the world the benefit of their brilliant talents have not felt the need to believe in God or the after-life."

But then I remembered reading in a recent issue of Intercom that 40% of professional scientists in the U.S. "believe in a personal God and in the after-life." Dr. Alister McGrath, former molecular biologist, now an Anglican priest teaching theology at Oxford University, claims that, "In reality, about 40% of scientists are favourably disposed towards religion, 30% are against and a further third are undecided."

A "dose of atheism", it would seem, isn't everybody's cup of tea!



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Engaged Couples

A special note to all young couples who may be getting engaged around now to book your place for the pre-marriage course in the Cork Marriage Counselling Centre at 34, Paul Street. Bookings are being taken for courses upto July 1998, and the office is open from 10a.m. to 5p.m. Monday to Friday.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Wednesday next 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, when we pray specially for the sick and their carers.



The HOME

Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next week-end.

Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 9th at 8.10p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Healing Mass

Healing Mass and Eucharistic Healing Service will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 10th February at 8 p.m., Rosary at 7.40p.m. People will be available for individual prayer after Mass.



LOVE OFFERING

Married Love

A special Mass to celebrate the love and commitment of marriage will be held on Friday 13th February at 7.30p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown. All welcome.

Volunteer Counsellors Needed

CURA seeks applications from those interested in becoming volunteer counsellors with its service in Cork. CURA is a confidential telephone and counselling service which offers support to anyone experiencing a crisis pregnancy. It is a voluntary organisation. Applicants will go through a formal selection procedure and successful applicants will receive training.

An information meeting will be held on Monday 16th February at 10.30a.m. and repeated at 7.30p.m. at the Family Centre, 34 Paul Street. Further information at 277544.



Fertility Awareness

The Ovulation method of natural family planning is safe, there is no need to take drugs or use devices, therefore no risk to health or future fertility. Most couples find it more fulfilling, fosters communication, co-operation and consideration. For further information contact N.A.O.M.I. 36 Washington Street, tel. 272213 office hours.

Also available is information on pre-marriage courses and menopause counselling.

Readings for Sunday 15 February

Jer. 17:5-8, Ps. 1.
Cor. 15:12, 16-20.
Lk. 6:17, 20-26.

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