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Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, COBK

Fr. Kevin O'Boyle, Triduum Director, writes:

Saint Paul is very clear and simple in the Second Reading next week-end. "It is all God's work". It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ; and then Paul goes on to say: "God gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation" ... "So we are ambassadors for Christ." And the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: Be reconciled to God.

God has created us out of love and for himself. "It was you who put me together in my mother's womb" (Ps.139,15). And what assurances God gives us! "Yahweh carried you, as a man carried his child, all along the road you travelled." Holding us securely: "For I, Yahweh, your God, I am holding you by the right hand; I tell you, do not be afraid, I will help you." (Is.41,13).

Lent is a time of conversion of heart. And conversion involves not only turning away

from sin, but also turning towards God. It is primarily about a change of heart, rather than external practices. But the Good News is that it is all God's doing. Jesus, the one who God sent, calls us all to conversion. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel." In the Gospel next week-end, Jesus gives an example of repentance and forgiveness. Two sons had chosen the self rather than God as the centre of their lives. The re-orientation of the heart, through the help of God's grace, is the real work of Lent. It is a time to 'Let Go' of sin and wrong attachments, and become attracted and attached to God in a deeper way. Hence the extra times of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Once again the Good News is that as we are emptied of what takes away life in us (sin), we are filled with New Life in abundance (Jn.10,10) that is the Holy Spirit.

<p>15 Warning</p> <p>Reform is always a necessary part of our lives, especially if we think we are standing tall already.</p> <p><i>1 Cor. 10: 1-12</i></p>	<p>16 Healing</p> <p>In our ordinary daily lives, God is offering us healing and the path to the fullness of life. If we look, we will see.</p> <p><i>2 Kings 5: 1-15</i></p>	<p>17 Learning</p> <p>The Lord will give us guidance, but we have to spend some energy, too, seeking God with all our heart.</p> <p><i>Psalm 71</i></p>	<p>18 Remember The Law</p> <p>Jesus gave us the fullness of the law: love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself.</p> <p><i>Matthew 23: 1, 5, 9</i></p>	<p>Saint Joseph</p> <p>Because Joseph had great faith in God, he was able to help provide a home for the Savior of the world.</p> <p><i>Luke 1: 41-51</i></p>	<p>20 Love</p> <p>Love is more valuable than sacrifice, but it is also more difficult. Love God, and receive the strength to love.</p> <p><i>Mark 12: 28-34</i></p> <p></p>	<p>21 Mercy To Others</p> <p>One way to love the Lord is to show mercy to other people, especially those closest to us.</p> <p><i>Luke 12: 9-14</i></p>
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COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

DANCING IN THE AISLES

How often do we hear the term "it's boring" when people are asked the question why do you not go to Mass? Yes, some of our liturgies are boring, despite some beautiful readings from Scripture and the awesome liturgy of the Eucharist. Some priests put little effort into preparing good liturgies. Equally, many of those in the pews contribute little enough to the same liturgies. In the recent Prime Time/MRBI poll, the word 'boring' appeared once more, not surprisingly.

I read about the other side of the coin recently in a little newsletter called 'Carmelite Horizons'. The article in question was on the Carmelite mission to Nigeria, now in its tenth year. A Harvest Thanksgiving Mass was being held in their church in Ekpoma and 1,000 people attended. So what, you might ask?

Well, let me quote you a little from the article. "The Mass lasted exactly four hours, a good portion of which was taken up with the Offertory procession which was spectacular and exhilarating. Various groups in the parish (36 in all) were called on to present their gifts. Group after group danced their way up the aisle to the sound of music and the beating of bongo drums."

On another Sunday, Mass was celebrated in the prison where about 50 prisoners were crowded into a small make-shift chapel. "Their lusty singing and obvious faith was an inspiration."

Even allowing for the differences in our two cultures, is there any room for the word 'bored' with regard to our Mass liturgies? I believe not.

Letter

to the Editor

6 Kenley Avenue
Model Farm Road

Dear Editor,

With reference to Fr. Crowley's article in the issue of 1st March and Mr. Moriarty's fine poem "The Cross in My Pocket" in your current number, I have often felt regret that there is no crucifix of a reasonable size displayed in a prominent position in our church.

The erection of the empty Cross at the side of the altar for Lent encourages me to suggest that a plain simple crucifix might be mounted in that position, where it would be clearly visible from every seat in the church.

May I earnestly request that our Parish Priest and the Parish Council give this suggestion serious consideration.

Yours sincerely,
W.J. O'Flynn



Pastoral Council

The March meeting covered a busy agenda ranging from Lenten Triduum, Youth Singing at Mass, Church Maintenance, to the sale of Catholic Papers.

The Lenten Triduum will be well advertised (see the Bulletin) and also in the FOLD and on radio. The Dean thanked the committee for the excellent preparation for this important event. Mass and Sacrament for the Sick will be celebrated on March 28th at 3pm. Contact persons are asked to establish if transport is required in their area and to inform Sr. Ursula at 545549.

The sale of Catholic papers is being reviewed arising from the death of Noel Buckley, R.I.P. A report will be made at next meeting.

Arrangements are in hand for the Holy Week ceremonies to include the Ceremony of Washing of Feet, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, etc.

Notice Boards for the church porches are now prepared and new notice boards are to be installed at the church gates.

A maintenance sub-committee was formed to work with the Finance Committee to identify work to be done in the church and grounds.

Further help has been arranged for the Youth Group singing at

the Millennium Logo in the church.

Council also decided to proceed with the planning of a parish social.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Colaiste an Spioraoid Maoimh who retained the Munster Senior Schools Soccer title last Wednesday, when they beat Douglas Community School 3-1. We wish them good luck in the All Ireland semi-final against Summerhill College, Sligo, next Wednesday.

GOOD LUCK

To Mount Mercy College who will represent Munster in the All-Ireland Hockey Championships in Dublin on 19th/20th March.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to JOHN O'KEEFFE, 100 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, on the death of his mother.

To MARY FITZGERALD, 73 Model Farm Road, on the death of her father.

To LIAM WALL, Model Farm Road, on the death of his brother.

To RICHARD HOGAN, College Road, on the death of his son.

To ROSE O'NEILL, Mount Eden, Model Farm Road, on the death of her father.

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Don't Forget

Lenten Triduum to the Holy Spirit
Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and
Wednesday 25th March, at 10.00am
and 8.00pm each day.

An opportunity for us all to stop
and reflect during this Lenten
time.

Mass and Sacrament of the Sick

On Saturday week, 28th March at
3.00pm in the Crypt. Contact
people please ensure that
transport is available where
required.

As always, the organisers are
dependent on the wonderful
response from Contact people and
parishioners who supply
sandwiches and cakes to ensure
that those who attend the Mass
enjoy the social aspect
afterwards.

Ministers of the Eucharist

The annual Mass will be offered
for all current and former
Minsters at 7.30pm on Thursday
19th March. All are welcome to
attend. A short meeting will
follow regarding the Triduum and
Holy Week rotas.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will visit remainder
of Kenley and the Glasheen area
in the coming weeks.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Monthly recital will take place
on Wednesday next 18th March at 3
p.m. sharp in the Crypt of our
church at Dennehy's Cross, when
Mary McDonogh will present her
choice of music. A great
afternoon is assured and
everybody is welcome to attend.

Readings for Sunday 22 March

Job. 5:9-12, Ps. 33.
Cor. 5:17-21, Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32.

Senior Hurling Tournament

Jim Coffey Cup - Bishopstown v
Imokilly, on St. Patrick's Day at
5.00pm in Bishopstown.

Talk on School Readiness

St. Catherine's National School
would like to invite all parents
in the parish, who have children
going into Junior Infants in
September 1998 either here or
elsewhere, to attend a talk on
School Readiness to be given by
Psychologist, Dr. Rosemary
O'Connor, in the School Hall at
8.00pm on Thursday March 19th.

Message from Bishop Buckley

Bishop Buckley, with the help of
a group of priests of the
dioceses, is organising an
**INFORMATION MEETING ON BEING A
PRIEST IN CORK & ROSS.** Leaving
Cert. students and young men who
want more information are invited
to attend, on Saturday 4th April
at St. Dominic's, Ennismore. The
meeting will be from 1.30 to
5.00pm and will be about knowing
if you are called to priesthood
and about the life of a priest of
these dioceses.

Further information about the day
can be had by contacting Dean
O'Connor, Fr. Finbarr, or Fr.
Noel O'Sullivan of Farranferris
College, tel. 303015.

St. Patrick's Day

March 17th is a Holyday of
Obligation. Masses as follows:
Mon. 16th. Vigil Mass at 7.30pm.
Tuesday 17th: 9.00, 10.30 and
12.15pm. **No Evening Mass.**



**Church of Holy Spirit
Dennehy's Cross.**

You are cordially invited
to a special Lenten Triduum
to the Holy Spirit

On

Monday, Tuesday, &
Wednesday

23rd, 24th & 25th March

at

10.00a.m. & 8.00p.m. each day

Conducted by

Fr. Kevin O'Boyle SSC.

Please say prayer at back:



Prayer To Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
inspire us by your wisdom,
heal us by your love.

Come, Holy Spirit,
correct us with your justice,
protect us with your power.

Come, Holy Spirit,
renew our Parish
enflame us with love.

Come unfailing hope,
Come, true light,
Come, O powerful one,
Come, and renew us.