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DENNISHY'S CROSS, DORK.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

For some time past we have heard and read much about the New Millennium - what should be done, and what should not be done, to mark the occasion. For the super rich there are trips on Concord to cross the International Date-line on the actual seconds of transition, hotels are advertising special functions, people have booked for marriage on first day of New Millennium.

For the rest of us who find no special place in newspaper coverage or T.V. presentations - well, we are content to read about the extravagances of others.

All of us, big or small, rich or poor, young or old, might ask ourselves the question: What are we celebrating anyway? Of course the answer is 2000 years of the birth of Christ - two thousand years of Christianity. We might ask another question: What is the best way to celebrate this event? And have we a part to play? Surely the truth is - something that would please Jesus Christ - whose birth and way of life should be at the centre of our celebrations.

Pope John Paul has made certain suggestions as to how we might do just that, and in doing so dedicated this year of 1998 as the Year of the Holy Spirit. This should strike a chord in the hearts of everybody in this Parish, dedicated to the Holy Spirit.

With this in mind, our very active Communications Committee, a sub-group of our Pastoral Council, are making suggestions which should involve us all, especially for the Feast of Pentecost.

We hope everybody will make a special effort to be involved in these events as they unfold between now and the end of May - events to thank the Lord for his goodness, and to pray his blessings for the years to come.



Suzanne McCarthy P.P.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are proud to congratulate **SUZANNE McCARTHY**, Laburnum Drive, on her appointment by Bishop John Buckley as Diocesan representative to the Commission for the Laity.

HOPE AND HISTORY RHYME

There was universal media acceptance that Good Friday 1998 was indeed a good Friday. After years of suspicion, division and hatred, and after decades of killings and maimings, an historic agreement has been signed by all the negotiating parties which, hopefully, will lead to lasting peace and reconciliation on our island.

There were many times during these long drawn-out negotiations when consensus seemed impossible. It is a tribute to all concerned that, eventually, commonsense prevailed and long entrenched ideologies were curbed in the interest of the common good.

One couldn't but marvel at the dignity and patience of Senator George Mitchell ("dying to leave Belfast, but sorry to go!") and his two colleagues who steered the process along. Equally, one

had to feel sorry for the oh-so-tired negotiators who tried to put a brave face on it while being interviewed for TV soundbites at the end of it all.

Now the agreement has been signed. The people, North and South, will have their say. Please God, the dignity and forbearance shown by the negotiators will be mirrored by all others in the run-up to both referenda. Please God, the violence that has plagued our divided country for so long will be a memory, although a shameful one at that.

Pat Cox wrote in The Examiner, "Easter celebrations, with their central theme of redemption and resurrection, form a perfect backdrop to this rebirth..." In the spirit of the Easter that is in it, we can truly respond "alleluia"!!

Luke.

PLEASE PRAY *for*

Sheila O'Leary, Greenfields, Model Farm Road, died quite unexpectedly during Holy Week. She was pre-deceased by her husband Billy more than five years ago. Sheila was a gentle, unobtrusive lady whose main interest in life was the care of her family. To her daughter Aisling and son William we extend our deepest sympathy at their unexpected and grievous loss. May she rest in peace.

We pray for the late William O'Driscoll, Farranlea Park, or Bill by which he was most fondly known. Bill died rather unexpectedly despite his longevity of years. It was hard to believe that a man in his early nineties could be so active. He was a keen fisherman, but will be best remembered for his gentleness and kindness towards people. To his wife May and family we offer our prayers and sympathy.



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS



Back row, L to R: Therese O'Riordan, Donal McCarthy, Kitty Dillon, Frank O'Sullivan, Mary O'Herlihy, Seamus Murphy (P.R.O), Nora Healy, Fr. Finbarr Crowley.

Front row: Dean O'Connor, Margaret O'Sullivan, Barbara Kenneally (Secretary), Michael Lehane (Chairman), Sr. Ursula, Carmel O'Shea, Patsy Curtin.

Missing from photo: Tom Liston, Denis Kiely, Br. Martin Kenneally.

Rest In Peace

We pray for the late Pat Coughlan, Kenley Circle. Pat hadn't been well for the past number of years. He was a native of Skibbereen and very proud of his West Cork roots. Pat was a great storyteller and, despite the appearance of a quiet and retiring man, could keep you entertained with stories for hours. To his wife Eleanor and family we offer our prayers and sympathy.

We offer our sincere sympathy to JANETTE LISTON, 78 Wilton Road, on the deaths of her uncle Ken Williams, and her aunt Nina Wagner.

To DONALD MacDONALD, Model Farm Road, on the death of his brother.

To THE O'SULLIVAN FAMILY, College View, Bishopstown Road, on the death of Mary.

To KIERAN JOHNSON, 76 Rossbrook, on the death of his father.



Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday, 20th April,
at 8.10p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Church and Media

Arising from the Dean's article
in Bulletin 545 of 29th March
regarding book entitled 'Twin
Pulpits', a group will come
together to discuss this subject
on Wednesday 22nd April at 10.30
a.m. in C.P. Centre. All are
welcome.

Coffee Morning

In aid of Cork & Ross Mission in
Peru on Monday 20th April at
Metropole Hotel, 10.30-12.30p.m.
Tickets £5 (available at door).
All welcome.

Christian Millennium Celebration

Charismatic prayer, praise
testimony, healing and drama at
Neptune Basketball Stadium on
25th & 26th April, 9.30a.m. each
day. Speakers - Sr. Briege
McKenna and Fr. Kevin Scallon.
£5 per day. Further details at
509195, or s.a.e. to Cork
Maranatha, 9 Carrolls Quay.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The monthly Recital will take
place on Wednesday next, 22nd
April, at 3.00p.m. sharp in the
Crypt of our Church at Dennehy's
Cross, when Sidney Regan of the
Cobh Gramophone Society will
present his choice of music.
This is an occasion not to be
missed and everybody is welcome.

Found

Pendant watch on College Road,
vicinity Brookfield Centre.
Owner can have same by giving
full particulars at the C.P.
Centre.

EASTER DUES

The priests of the parish
would like to thank those who
contributed generously, and
those who collected.

**JUBILEE 2000
FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

As part of our celebrations for
the Feast of the Holy Spirit
(Pentecost) and in preparation
for the Millennium - Jubilee
2000, an Exhibition will be held
in our Church on the Feast of the
Holy Spirit, 31st May.

A letter inviting submissions
of posters/displays/projects for
this Exhibition has been sent to
all groups, social and religious,
within our Parish. If your
group has been inadvertently
overlooked, please let us know at
the C.P. Centre, tel.344452.

The Jubilee 2000 Logo and
explanation of its symbolism is
displayed in the Church. Please
call in to see it.

Emergency Contact Number

The number used to contact the priests
of the parish in case of an emergency
has been changed.

The new number is :

087 - 2551940

Please amend your records accordingly.

Readings for Sunday 26 April

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41. Ps. 29.
Apoc.5:11-14. Jn.21:1-19.