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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNIFY'S CROSS, DORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
The Dean writes

This is the time of year when lots of change sets in. School work is winding down, exams are followed by long sunny days of holidays for all (hopefully!!). Even clerical changes are taking place.

When people go away on holidays there is a time-honoured custom of sending cards to special friends - "Wish you were here", "We miss you", etc. It's nice to be remembered. I think Jesus appreciates being remembered too - "You are my forever Friend" - and if our friendship with Him is genuine we won't forget Him just because we are on holidays.

While visiting a home in the Parish a few days ago I saw the following little piece on the door of the fridge - it puts things in perspective. It's headed:

Have you Time?

"Forgive me Lord, I am stingy. Every day you give me 24 hours for myself, 10,080 minutes a week, and I share so few with you. If Sunday Mass takes 40 minutes, I complain. Even then I have 10,040 minutes for myself. I have done some calculations

Lord that disturb me: If I live to be 72, I will spend 24 years in bed (I need 8 hours sleep every night). I will spend 14 years at work, six years eating meals, five years in conversation, four years travelling round, and eight years in recreation (Where would I be without the T.V. etc?). Then I worked it out: If I go to Mass just every Sunday, and say a few prayers every morning and evening, I'll spend only three and a half weeks with You. Just think of it - three and a half weeks in a lifetime of 72 years. Forgive me Lord for being stingy."

This put me thinking. Have a lovely holiday, but be generous with God too, your forever Friend.

Aemis O'Leannon P.P.

P.S. A very sincere thanks and congratulations to all who contributed to the truly magnificent celebration of the Feast of the Holy Spirit in our Parish - we are proud of you.

The Fold

The Fold is available at present. Please note that it will not be published during July and August and will be back again in September.

DID YOU KNOW?

SPECIAL WORD FROM
THE PARISH PRIEST

It's now an open secret that I am celebrating the Golden Jubilee of my ordination on the 20th of this month. Several people have offered me their good wishes for the occasion. For this I am deeply grateful, and wish to express my most sincere appreciation for your friendship and support over the past fourteen years in this Parish.

Please do me a further favour - no gifts to mark the occasion - except a private prayer that we may all grow closer to the Lord we try to serve.

Thank you and God bless and reward you all.



TAKING THE 5 LOAVES
AND 2 FISHES JESUS
RAISED HIS EYES TO
HEAVEN * LK 9.16

Congratulations

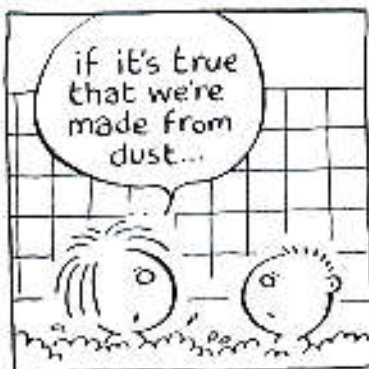


CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
THURSDAY AFTERNOON ART GROUP

The Exhibition was a great success on May 28th in the Imperial Hotel. Four paintings were sold by our group.

the mouths of babes

by Roy Mitchell





COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

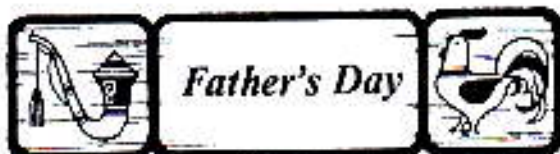
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The media, quite rightly I believe, have long pressed for a total separation of Church and State. Both need their own space for a healthy existence. In the past, individual Churchmen have often been accused of too much interference in the affairs of State.

In more recent times, the media have been quick to point out the close relationships between business people and Government, with political parties and with individual politicians. The media have, again quite rightly I believe, highlighted these undesirable relationships.

One wonders, however, if the emphasis has been more on the "outing" of the alleged culprits rather than on the more sinister principle involved. Just as Church and State should be seen to be totally separate, so should "Big Business" and State be seen to be quite unconnected.

In a democracy like ours, Government, central and local, must be seen to be independent. Their integrity must be above question. There are presently too many unanswered questions hanging in the air. I believe they need answering.



Father's Day

Father's Day is being celebrated next Sunday June 21st. Make it a special day for your Dad!

Always a Father -
Always a Friend
A Wonderful Someone
On Whom we Depend
Sometimes a Comforter
Quieting Fears,
Sometimes a Banker
When We're in Arrears
Sometimes a Mender
of Buffies and Bikes
Sometimes a Vigourous
Leader of Hikes
A Teacher, A Gardener,
A Plumber of Sorts,
A Barber, A Chauffeur,
An Expert on Sports,
A "Jack of all Trades",
as the old saying goes,
and loved and admired
much more than he knows
Just a Wonderful Someone
On Whom we depend
Always A Father -
Always a Friend.



Guide Dogs for the Blind Asscn.

We would like to thank the parishioners for their generous support in the recent church gate collection.



CORRECTION!

Bulletins to the homes

The parish bulletin will be delivered to the homes next Sunday, June 21st and not this Sunday as advertised last week.

Church and Media

A further meeting of the above discussion group will take place on Wednesday 17th June in the C.P. Centre at 10.30a.m.

Cake Sale

In aid of Life Pregnancy Care Service outside the Church of Christ our Light, Ballincollig, on 21st June.



**WALKING
BY FAITH**

Eucharistic Procession

A reminder to parishioners that the annual Corpus Christi Procession will be held on Sunday June 14th.

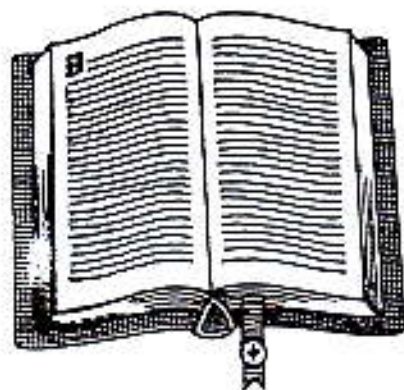
The Preacher will be Rev. Fr. Declan Mansfield, and our parish choir and organist Paddy Killeen will lead the singing.

Parishioners who wish to walk to the city centre should assemble in the Churchyard at 2.45p.m. as the group will leave at 3.00p.m. promptly.



Sunday Creche

Please note the Creche is now closed for the summer.



Readings for Sunday 21 June

The readings for next Sunday are;

Zech. 12:10-11, 13:1

Psalm 62

Gal. 3:26-29

Luke 9:18-24

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