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Feast of Saints Peter and Paul



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

"You are my forever friends."

"More than fame and more than
money,
Is the comment warm and sunny,
Is the hearty warm approval of
a friend.
For it gives to life a savour,
And it makes me stronger, braver,
And it gives me strength and
courage to the end."

These lines I learned from my father many years ago in primary school. They sum up my feelings of gratitude and indebtedness to the people of this Parish for your friendship, support, and generosity since I was appointed here fourteen years ago, and especially during the past few weeks. I deeply appreciate everything you have done for me, culminating in our beautiful celebration on Saturday evening 20th June.

I know this took an awful lot of work and preparation from many people who fell in with Fr. Finbarr and Sr. Ursula to organize the Church ceremony, the

reception afterwards in the Crypt, and the choir who pulled out all the stops for the occasion. So I will mention no names - you are all equally precious to me. The whole celebration made me proud to be here and grateful to all of you.

In a few weeks I will vacate the Parochial House (retaining my phone number) and take up residence at No.2 Woodlawn. I must stress that Bishop Buckley and Fr. Clancy very generously gave me the option of staying on in the Parochial House, but when I resigned as P.P. I felt it was right for the people and my successor that I should leave the Parish house.

I am deeply grateful to Bishop Buckley that he has allowed me to continue in the Parish. I am grateful to Fr. Clancy, Fr. Finbarr and Sr. Ursula and your good selves for your generous support in this decision.

I will do my best in the time allotted me to repay the trust of everybody, especially by my prayers. "You are my forever friends."

Denis O'Connor

Rest in Peace

We pray for the late Mary MacSweeney, Magazine Road, who died unexpectedly during the week. Mary was a real lady to all who knew her, gentle, kind, thoughtful. She was a person who put others first, looking after their needs and welfare, and never wanting to be a burden on anyone. Mary was pre-deceased by her husband Jim. We offer our sympathy to her daughter Mary, son-in-law Barry and grandchildren Stephen, Thomas and Michael.

James Trindle, Leedale, Model Farm Road, passed away quietly on the morning of June 10th after a lengthy illness borne with great patience and dignity. Jimmy was a native of the South Parish. The huge numbers who attended his removal and funeral gave testimony to his popularity and high esteem in the community. His love of music endeared him to so many who enjoyed his talent with the guitar. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Peggy, son James, daughters Annette, Olive, Fiona and Pamela, his brothers, sisters and relatives.

Maura Howard, Wilton Road, died in the Bon Secours Hospital on 13th June. Maura had been unwell for some weeks, but her death came rather unexpectedly at the end. She was a native of Ardsallagh, near Youghal, and was pre-deceased by her husband John who had a business at one time on the North Main Street. Maura was a quiet, ladylike person, highly respected in our community. To her brother John, sisters and friends we offer our very sincere sympathy at this time.



We offer our sincere sympathy to KATE O'CONNOR, Kenley Road, on the death of her mother.

To EILEEN McINTOSH, Kenley Circle, on the death of her brother.

To CATHERINE BOGUE, Kenley Crescent, on the death of her brother.

To SR. CATHERINE GOLDEN, St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, and TERRY GOLDEN, Wilton Road, on the death of their brother.

To JOHN WHELAN, 12 Rossbrook, Model Farm Road, on the death of his sister.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married recently:

CATHERINE CRONIN, 3 Farranlea Grove, who married Robert Doyle, Haig Gardens, Boreenmanna Road.

BRIDGET HYNES, St. Rita's, Farranlea Park, who married Michael Roche, Abbeyside, Dungarvan.

JOHN LYONS, Farranlea Grove, who married Grace Keane, Maryborough, Douglas.

MARGARET NEWPORT and KIERAN CROWLEY, Riverside Farm, Model Farm Road.

EDMOND O'SULLIVAN, 10 Fernhurst Terrace, College Road, who married Ann McCarthy, Riverstown, Co. Cork.

JOANNE LYALL, 24 Woodlawn, Model Farm Road, who married Richard Dunne, Boherboy Road



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE WONDER OF MY BEING

I listened, during the week, to that line of the psalm that says, "I thank you, Lord, for the wonder of my being" and I reflected on some of the recent media comments on the question of abortion. They left me concerned and worried.

Liz McManus, spokesperson for health in Democratic Left was reported as asking Health Minister Brian Cowen to "urgently produce a strategy to reduce the number of crisis pregnancies". How? Predictably, more sex education in schools, improved access to information and, of course, the availability of abortion in our hospitals. The Examiner editorial of the same day, responding to the 1997 figure of 5,300 abortions carried out on women with Irish addresses in U.K. hospitals, called for "a compassionate and humane" response from Government and society.

Barrister and Law Lecturer at University of Limerick, Anne Marlborough, claims that the right to choose to have an abortion is implicit in the rights already guaranteed by the Constitution. She is, she claims, in favour of abortion on demand and seeks the repeal of Article 40.3.3 of the Constitution.

Worrying, too, is the statement by the new President of

the Methodist Church in Ireland, Rev. David Kerr, that "he would view the total ban on abortion in the Republic with some alarm".

All in all I wonder if there is not a move afoot to soften up the electorate in preparation for the "final solution"? In all of the above, not one word did I read about the unborn child, of his or her right to be born, or of his or her total dependency on its mother and on society at large. Without being alarmist, we must be on our guard against those who would attempt to impose their wishes on the vast majority who want no part of their strategy.

"I thank you, Lord, for the wonder of my being" - and indeed for the wonder of all creation.

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Comortha 1798 - Corcaigh

Congratulations and well done to **Deirdre Barry-Murphy**, Transition Year, and **Elizabeth D'Donovan**, 2nd year, both prizewinners in a recent Essay Competition to commemorate the Insurrection of 1798.

Eurospace Centre - Belgium

Eavan Coughlan, 2nd year, was one of twelve young people who underwent Astronaut Training in the Eurospace Centre in Belgium over Easter.

Who Fears to Speak of '98 Seminar

Four 2nd Year girls - Grainne Varian, Breeda Lynch, Philippa Harris and Joyce Sweeney - were asked to speak at the above seminar in Jury's Hotel. The girls spoke as Gaeilge and in English on various aspects of the lives of the Sheares brothers.



OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

The greatest privilege in one's life is to be in the presence of Jesus Christ.

On the First Friday of every month there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our church from 10.30 to 7.30p.m.

Why not pay a visit and honour Christ with your presence - there is nothing more spiritually and mentally uplifting and rewarding than being with Jesus in silent prayer and acknowledging Him as your special friend.

Time and duration at your own discretion - believe me you will never spend your time better.

This is a golden opportunity every First Friday.

Grasp it.

FAS Mass

This Sunday 28th will be the final Mass in the FAS canteen as it will be discontinued for the Summer months.

Parish Office

The Parish Office in the C.P. Centre will be closed for the months of July and August.

First Friday

Next Friday, 3rd July, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

School of Catholic Lay Evangelization

Teaching testimonies and healing ministry at SMA Parish Centre, Wilton, July 27th-30th, conducted by Fr. Brendan Williams and team, from New Jersey, U.S.A. Apply to Sr. Mary B. Williams, 9 North Main Street, 279664. Fee £5 per day. Deposit £10 before July 1st.

Tuesday Coffee Morning

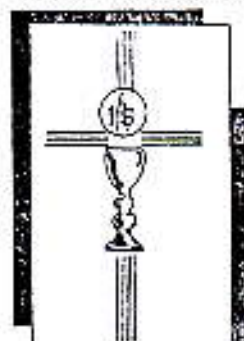
Will finish next Tuesday 30th and will resume in September, when we hope to see you all back again.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Collection

The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society has been deferred to Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th July.

Bulletin on Holidays

This is the last Bulletin for the season - back in September.



Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Will take place on Friday 3rd, from 10.30 to 7.30p.m.

A special appeal during holiday months July/August. As it is important that the Blessed Sacrament will not be left unattended at any time during Exposition, we make a special request that if you can spend some time in adoration, please sign your name in the book - initials will do. Some of those who would normally attend will be away on holidays during July and August.

Readings for Sunday 5 July

Is. 66:10-14. Ps. 65.
Gal. 6:14-18. Lk. 10:1-12,17-20.

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