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DENNEHY'S CROSS, DUBLIN



OUR  
**PARISH  
PRIEST**  
writes

## *ONE BREAD ONE BODY*

The toil of hurricane Mitch barely brushed past us. It could be a reminder that we share the planet with our brothers and sisters in devastated Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. We are not lone rangers on this planet.

On the night before he died, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and commanded us "to love one another as I have loved you". For believers in Jesus, this command cannot be diluted. On the same night before the sacrifice of Calvary, Jesus instituted the Eucharist and challenged us to celebrate the Eucharist as a memorial of him. He left us the Mass so that we could effectively participate in his death and resurrection and so be enabled to live as the family of God.

We are one body, one human family. We are a community of believers, the one body of Christ. The growing awareness of our interdependence on each other worldwide is a reminder that we share one bread, the gift of the world's resources. The Eucharist, the bread of life, the gift of the body and blood of Jesus, nourishes our intimate relationship with God and challenges us to a deepening responsibility and love for each other.

The Bishops of these islands have written a guideline document, "One Bread, One Body" to help our understanding of how the Eucharist binds us to each other and to God. It sets out to deepen our appreciation of the central gift of faith.

As well as reflecting on the topic in our homilies these weekends, a free summary of the bishops' document will be available at the church door this weekend for each household. Please collect your copy as you leave after Mass. The full document will be available again shortly at the Veritas bookshop.

This is an opportunity to focus ourselves once more on our part in Sunday Mass and on its consequences in our lives. It is an invitation to participate more fully or indeed, if you have not been with us for a while, to rejoin the Sunday gathering. You will be welcome this Sunday and always.

*Tom Loney*

PASTORAL  
COUNCIL  
NEWS

Any parishioner who would enjoy the company of visitors either in their own home, or in a nursing home, should contact a Council member. Contact person or Sr. Ursula at 545549.

The Sale of Catholic newspapers in the church is slowly taking off, with more being sold before than after Mass.

Our representatives at the Diocesan Millennium meeting found that other parishes have already started to organise themselves for their own celebrations. It was decided that, in our case, the brief of the Communications Committee will be extended to include our Millennium plans. Fr. Clancy will join them and it is hoped that many others will also join, and talents within the parish will be used to make it a very memorable time.

Congratulations and thanks were extended to the Education Committee for the excellent series of lectures given over the past few weeks.

The concept of holding an Inter-faith service with all Christians in our parish next Pentecost is being explored.

There are eleven new altar servers being trained, they are almost ready. Welcome.

Information on Handbells for the parish will be discussed at next month's meeting.

# Visitors

## Would You Like to be Involved?

Marymount Hospice is hoping to introduce a companion/sitting service in the home of patients who are currently being visited by the Home Care Nurses. It is proposed to train six people initially for this work. If you are a mature person with an awareness of the needs of families in crisis and wish to be considered for employment as a Hospice Home Care Companion, please apply in writing to The Hospice Home Care Co-Ordinator, Marymount Hospice, St. Patrick's Hospital, Wellington Road, by Monday 7th December.

If you have suffered a close personal bereavement within the last 18 months you are advised not to apply at this time.

## OUR SYMPATHIES

We offer our sincere sympathy to  
PAT MULLINS, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, on the death of his sister.  
To MICHAEL LONG, Bishopscourt Hill, on the death of his father.  
To SR. BRENDAN O'DRISCOLL, St. Catherine's Convent, on the death of her sister.  
To SHEILA DILLON, Parkway, Model Farm Road, on the death of her father.  
To ANN O'FLYNN, The Manor, Model Farm Road, on the death of her father.



# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## ANGRY WITH GOD

I missed the recent "Would You Believe?" programme on families who have children with a mental handicap. But I did read the corresponding article in the RTE Guide, in which four of the mothers (no fathers) involved in the programme were interviewed. It made extremely sad - and challenging - reading.

One of the mothers likened having a child with a mental handicap to a bereavement. The future you dreamed of for your child has been dashed and all the emotions associated with bereavement (shock, denial, blame, anger, acceptance - maybe) are experienced.

Another mother took issue with expressions like "God is good, He picks the back to fit the cross", or "He/she brings love", or even "You're great". Yet another mother admitted "I feel cheated", claiming "I'm angry with God - if there is a God".

All of the mothers were concerned about the strain that coping with a handicapped child was having on spouses and siblings. Relationships suffer and many of them felt that choice was absent from their lives. "Your whole lifeplan is wiped out" said another.

While they learnt to "live with the ache", they did not accept that they had to "put up with an uncaring system and its careless, unfeeling attitude

towards such families". Residential care for the 25,000 children with mental handicap is virtually absent, the mothers claim, and they are angry with the Government.

If you are a parent of a child with a mental handicap and wish for further information on support groups, you will find the article I quote from in the RTE Guide of October 31 - November 6, Vol.22, No. 45. Or you can contact KAREN CANNING at 01-4935578 or c/o St. Michael's House, Goatstown, Dublin 14.



MOUNT MERCY NEWS

On Friday 16th October, the DIOGRAIS AWARDS were presented in the school by Mr. Micheál Martin, in the company of parents, pupils, teachers, sponsors and guests. Parishioner Dr. Mary Harris of Farranlea Park, a past pupil of Mount Mercy and lecturer in History at U.C.G. presented Mr. Martin with a copy of her book, "The Catholic Church and the Foundation of the Northern Irish State".

A musical interlude "Divermento" by Mozart was provided by the school musicians, Antonia Ward and Suzanne O'Leary, and second year pupils performed two beautiful ballet pieces, "The Rhythm of Life" and "A Strauss Waltz", by ballet co-ordinator Sinead Murphy, a past pupil of the school.



### Deceased Parishioners

Mass will be celebrated on Monday 30th November at 7.30 pm. for parishioners who died during the year. Members of each family are invited to attend.



### Altar Servers

There will be a meeting for ALL altar servers on Saturday 21st November at 1.00 pm.



### St. Vincent de Paul Appeal

Once again, we appeal for your always generous help to provide coal for the needy of our parish. Donations please to the Sacristy or any member. Thank you.

### St. Anne's Adoption Society

The annual collection will take place on weekend 21/22 November. Over 3,500 people have benefited from the service of the Society - natural parents, adoptive parents and their families. St. Anne's also provides pregnancy counselling, accommodation, advice regarding services and entitlements, foster-care facilities and support of foster parents, day-care nursery, etc. Post adoptive services include - counselling people wishing to contact natural mother/parents, maintaining a register of contacts and facilitating contact and meetings. St. Anne's is at 34 Paul Street, tel. 273213.

### What Can We Do About Arthritis?

A lecture by Dr. Muriel Soden, Consultant Rheumatologist, will be held on 18th November at 8.00pm. in Jurys Hotel. Admission free - all are welcome.

### The Way of Contemplative Prayer

A one-day seminar by Fr. William Johnston will be held at Connolly Hall on Sunday 22nd November, 9.00-5.30 pm. concluding with Mass at 4.30 pm. Bring packed lunch. Donation £10. Further details from Sr. Patricia O'Shea at 316021, or Sr. Margaret Collier at 357249.



### Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our final Recital for 1998 will take place on Wednesday next 18th November, at 3.00 pm. in the Crypt of our Church at Dennehy's Cross, when Pat Lemasney will present his choice of music. Do not miss this great finalé.

### Sheares Brothers

Mass will be offered for those who died in the 1798 Rebellion, and for the Sheares brothers who formerly lived in Sheares Villa, Glasheen Road, on Wednesday 18th at 10.00 am. The Junior Cert. girls of Mount Mercy will participate in the Mass.

### Readings for Sunday 22 November

Sam.5:1-3. Ps. 97.  
Col 1:12-20. Lk. 23:35-43.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

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