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DENNEY'S CROSS, CORK.



## OUR PARISH PRIEST

writes

### ABBA - YOU ARE MY FATHER

I do it myself regularly. I tell people about my family and where I am from; where I grew up and went to school; where and who the cousins are; where I have taught and worked as a priest mentioning common acquaintances. It is reassuring to find common links. It helps to identify me. Often, it seems that my connections and my achievements are what identify me, make me what I am. Yet, valuable and interesting though all these are, they are transient, fading rapidly into oblivion. So who am I?

I am one loved uniquely by God, precious in his eyes, treasured in his heart; one who is privileged to call my creator Daddy, Abba, my Father. This is my core identity, never changing but always new, to be ever explored but never exhausted, to be ever appreciated but never explained away, a haven of security from which to embrace the world and all its people. To be loved by the Father and to be a member of his family is the foundation of our faith, the cornerstone of our hope and the

source of our love.

This year of 1999 is set to be the year not just of the Father but our Father; the one who is to be praised and blessed, whose reign of love is God's plan for us; who gives us our daily needs and forgives us our every failure. Our Father is one who truly loves us. 1999 is a blessed opportunity to be at home with the Father growing in peace, trust and love with all the members of the one family.



INTERRELIGION DIALOGUE  
PARTISH CALENDAR

We continue our explanation of the themes on our parish calendar.

### Interreligion Dialogue

Our picture depicts different nationalities seated together, gathered around the lighted candle representing the light of Christ. Pope John Paul II states that the eve of the year 2000 should provide a great opportunity for interreligion

dialogue. Great efforts are being made to find ways of arranging historic meeting places of great symbolic importance like Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Mount Sinai as a means of furthering dialogue with the Jewish people and the followers of Islam, and to arrange similar meetings elsewhere with the leaders of the great world religions.

(excerpt from Pope John Paul II Apostolic letter)

## Rest In Peace

Liam Mealy, Greenfields, Model Farm Road. There is a special sadness at the death of a young parent - Liam was only 44 when he died on 9th January. He had been in failing health for some months, and was lovingly cared for at home by his wife and family and extended family. We offer our very sincere sympathy to his wife Ber, his children Melissa, Alan, Natasha, Natalie and Laurie, his mother Rita, brothers and sisters, and many relatives and friends.

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to KALLY O'MAHONY, Wilton Gardens, on the death of her sister. To JOAN KENNEALLY, The Grove, Model Farm Road, on the death of her sister.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Professor Maire Mulcahy, Wilton Avenue, who was one of the 1998 nominees for Cork Person of the Year, for her academic work in the field of zoology and animal ecology at U.C.C.

## Letters to the Editor

A Chara,

As we leave the year 1998 behind us I think it is fitting that we should extend sincere thanks to the members of the Pastoral Council, and especially to Dean O'Connor and the Cathaoirleach Micheal O Liathain, for their successful efforts in getting Cork Corporation to provide suitable footpaths for the people of the parish where they were badly needed. The work is going on apace and I feel sure that soon, please God, we shall have work done that will be for the safety and good of all.

Mise, le mór-meas,  
'Fear ar an gcosán'

Name and address with the Editor

Model Farm Road

Dear Editor,

I shall miss dreadfully my favourite columnist from our Parish Bulletin. Luke has been a breath of fresh air with his views, which some people with more stultified tenets regard as a cold draught into their cosy corners.

Refreshing, lively, spirited, his comments were always true to his strong Catholic ethos.

Enjoy your retirement, Luke.  
Ad multos annos.

Sincerely,  
Breda Scully

## CHRISTMAS PUZZLES

The following are prizewinners:

### Crossword

29 entries were submitted of which 20 were all correct. From these we drew:

Aidan O'Shaughnessy, Woodlawn,  
Frank Power, Laburnum Park.



**Test Your Brain:**

Mary Nolan, St. Helens, Wilton Road.

**Teenager Quiz:**

Brian McCarthy, Sharon Vale, Laburnum Drive.



**Pastoral Council News.**

The first meeting of 1999 was held on Monday 11th January. In an address to the meeting under the heading "Parish Priest looks ahead for 1999" Fr. Tom Clancy reminded us that as this was The Year of God the Father, the Council should devote more time for prayer at its meetings and not be just a representative group only, but rather a faith group giving time to thought and reflection and including our own inspiration also. He felt that this idea should be taken up by other groups such as the Lay Ministers and Contact people. The Bulletin should also be used to sustain people's understanding of The Year of God the Father on a continuing education basis throughout the year. Concluding, he said that our celebration of the Liturgy should be the best it can be as it was in this that our

faith was nurtured.

In a review of Christmas 1998 in the parish, it was felt that a great spirit prevailed right through from the Day of Reconciliation, and the large numbers of people of all ages attending Mass, especially Midnight Mass, was encouraging.

The holding of a Parish Social has been postponed to October next and distribution of the Parish Directory would take place at the same time. The distribution of the Parish Calendar at Christmas was well received.

## CELEBRATION

At the recent Young Scientist of the Year Awards, pupils from our local schools excelled:

Hugh Hurley, Wilton Avenue and Conor Meehan, Cobh, pupils of Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh were Runners-up in the Group Section in the Overall Prize. They also came first in the Physics & Technical Section. Colaiste pupils John Murray, Ballinhassig and David Ryan, Bishopstown, won Highly Commended Awards.

Mount Mercy pupils Rhian Fitzgerald, The Manor, Model Farm Road, and Elaine Dewhurst, Farran, won First Prize in the Senior Section of the Social & Behavioural Sciences. They also won the Food Safety Authority Special Award with their project 'Food-Borne Diseases - Are You at Risk?'

Congratulations also to Emer O'Mahony, Woodlawn, Mount Mercy Leaving Certificate Class of '98, who obtained First Place in Cork City & County in the Leaving Certificate Accounting Examination.



### Dues - Thank You

The priests of the parish thank you for your contribution to their support through the traditional dues. A special word of thanks to the many helpers who distribute and collect the envelopes. Their kindness is much appreciated as is your generosity.

### Weekly Collection Envelopes

These envelopes are now available at the Church doors for those who wish to use them.

### Safety First

Due to increasing through traffic in the churchyard travelling at increasing speed, it has become necessary to close the Wilton Road gates when possible without interfering with Church Service access. The pedestrian gates will remain open as will the Model Farm Road gates. While there will be inconvenience involved, this step is necessary for the safety of people using the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Liturgy Group

Meeting next Monday 18th January at 8.10 p.m. in C.P. Centre. Interested parishioners welcome to join.

### Light Out of Darkness

Cork leaders will hold their annual day of prayer at Ennismore on Sunday 17th January. Mass of the day will be included. Early booking is advisable. Everyone is welcome. For further information contact Eileen at 541582. For bookings contact Ennismore at 502520.

### Blood Donor Clinic

At SMA Community Centre, Wilton, on Thursday 21st January, from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.

### Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

We will resume our once-monthly recitals next Wednesday 20th January at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt of our Church at Dennehy's Cross. Recital will be given by Mairead Daly and everybody, as usual, is welcome to attend.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

The Curraheen Branch will hold an Open Meeting on Wednesday 20th January at 8.30 p.m. in the Church Hall, Church of the Real Presence. This meeting is open to the general public and if you have a family member, a relative or friend with a drink problem there is help available. You will find it at this meeting.

### Speakers Club

Public meeting on Wednesday 20th January at 8.00 p.m. in Metropole Hotel. Topic: Live Life to the Full. Speakers include Dr. Cillian Twomey, Louise Richardson, Con Lehane. Adm. £2 Conc. £1.

### Flower Arranging

Adult Education Course at Sishopstown Community School beginning on Monday 25th January, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Contact school at 544311 (school hours). Concessions available.

### Billings Method

A talk on the Billings method of natural family planning each Thursday at 11.00 a.m. at Bon Secours Maternity Hospital. All welcome. No charge.

### Readings for Sunday 24 January

Is.8:23-9:3. Ps. 26.  
Cor.1:10-13,17. Mt.4:12-23.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

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