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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Sr. Ursula Wines*

The new format for the Angelus on TV has caught the attention of all of us. It creates a calm, peaceful interlude. Like the people depicted on it, we too have a chance to pause, become tranquil and pray. It creates a sacred space before the 6 p.m. News.

Time was when each Irish home had its own sacred space, often in the kitchen. The Sacred Heart picture, the May altar, the crucifix, the crib, these were as familiar and considered as necessary as the kitchen sink. Probably only the crib remains today. Sadly that can sometimes be little more than a Christmas decoration.

As we draw near to Jubilee 2000 we are at a time of ending and a time of beginning. It is a time for remembering and looking back and a time for looking forward also. Above all it is a time when we remember God entering our world in a very special way. There is a certain irony in the fact that RTE has brought a sacred space back into our homes when we have almost forgotten it ourselves. Could it be an encouragement to us to revive it?

I would like to make a suggestion. At this time of year when exam fever begins to take over, I notice a night-light lighting in many kitchens. Would it be possible to incorporate a small May Altar this year? Ireland has always had great devotion to Our Lady. Muire na nGael is one of her loveliest titles. Generations before us have turned to our Blessed Mother for protection. We need it just as much today. We need it for ourselves, for our families, our country and the entire world.

To renew the sacred space in our homes, let Mary our Mother take pride of place during her special month of May. As Bishop Buckley said at his installation as Bishop of Cork & Ross: "Our faith has been prayed out of the past and it must be prayed into the future."

### Forgiveness is a gift freely given.

Forgiveness can only happen among people between whom there is a bond of friendship and trust. It is the renewing of a relationship that has been damaged. Forgiveness is a two-way thing, it is given and received. It begins in the goodness of the forgiver.

Most of us have experienced the forgiveness of a parent who came to meet us long before we were ready to ask for it or even before we realised we needed it. Forgiveness cannot be earned. It is not a deal we work out with one whom we have offended. It is a reaching in love by the forgiver that evokes a response in the forgiven. One is sorry because one is forgiven rather than one is forgiven because one is sorry.

## Rest In Peace

We pray for Nora Harrington, late of The Belfry, Model Farm Road, who died recently. Nora was a native of Eyeries in the Beara peninsula. She came to live here in the city after the death of her husband. Despite having lived in Cork for over thirty years, she never lost her love for her native place where her remains were laid to rest. Her family will be forever grateful to her for the sacrifices she made for them. Besides her family, one of her great loves was gaelic football and she was a life-long supporter of the Beara and Cork teams. We offer our sympathy and prayers to her family.

We pray for Mairead Bradley, late of Bishopscourt Lawn, who died recently. Mairead had been suffering ill health for the past number of months. Ath Tomás Ó Murchú, who celebrated the Requiem Mass said, "Mairead carried her illness with great courage and dignity." Not alone was he speaking of her illness, but her whole life. Not a native Irish speaker herself, she fostered the love her children had for it. Mairead was not just a loving wife and mother, but adored her grandchildren. To Michael her husband, her sons and daughters we offer our prayers and sympathy.

## IN SYMPATHY

- † We offer our sincere sympathy to JIMMY HIGGINS, Greenfields, on the death of his mother.
- † To PAT O'RIORDAN, Leesdale, on the death of her sister.
- † To MARY O'LEARY, Leesdale, on the death of her mother.
- † To PHIL CASEY, Leesdale, on the death of her sister.
- † To EILEEN KIELY, Leesdale, on the death of her father.
- † To the O'MAHONY FAMILY (who print our Bulletin), on the death of their brother.



## Pastoral Council News.

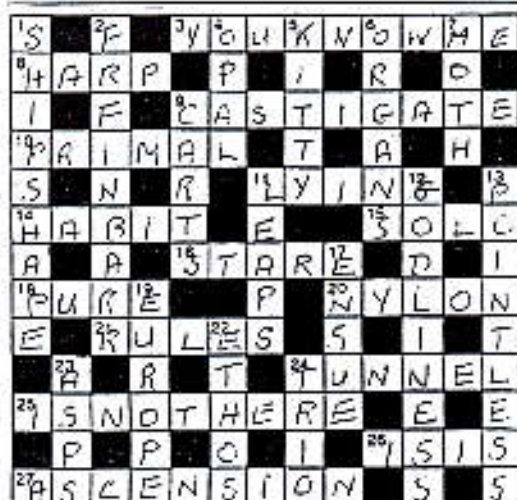
The April meeting on Monday 12th began with a reflection on the theme "An Easter People". In a review of the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies thanks was expressed to everyone involved. Attendances on Good Friday were up with large crowds at the Stations of the Cross. The number of younger people attending is increasing which is very heartening. It was suggested that at next year's Holy Thursday ceremonies for children, the washing of feet should also take place, as it would make the occasion more meaningful for them.

The Council Chairman, Michael Lehane, complimented the Education Committee on their recent excellent series of lectures. Special thanks was expressed to Fr. Tom Clancy, and the Dean commented on the large crowds attending. We look forward to the next series.

A report was received from the Editor of the Parish Bulletin outlining in detail the process of preparation and distribution each week. A decision will be made soon on the format, content and timing of a new and simplified Parish Directory which will have a millennium design.

Training will begin early in May for new Ministers of the Eucharist and Pastoral Council members will be asking fellow parishioners to offer themselves for this important Ministry. We ask for a generous response.

## EASTER CROSSWORD



Twenty completed entries were submitted of which 15 were all correct. From these we drew Joan Horgan, 22 Bishopscourt Road, and Terry and Betty Layton, Bishopstown Avenue West, for prizes.



### Agony in the Garden

Sin is in the blood. It can be read in the face of the libertine, the alcoholic, the criminal and the assassin. The shedding of blood, therefore, represented the emptying of sin. The Agony of the Garden and its bloody sweat were related to our sins which the Lord took upon Himself, for "Christ never knew sin, and God made him into sin for us" (II Corinthians 5:21).

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

### Readings for Sunday 25 April

Acts. 2:14, 36-41. Ps. 22

1 Pet. 2:20-25. Jn. 10:1-10.



### ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS

Parents' Association dates:

On Sunday 25th April the family walk at Gougane Barra will take place, after lunch!

On Wednesday 28th April a lecture by Dr. Rosemary O'Connell on "Helping your child through the Primary School", in the school at 8 p.m. All welcome.

**Reminder!** We are now accepting final enrolments for September '99 in our co-educational Junior School. Tel. 546868.

### MOUNT MERCY NEWS

In the Irish Junior Maths Competition Final held in Colaiste an Spioraid Maoimh on 27th March, First Year Students Sarah Duffy and Vicki Brennan came 3rd and 4th respectively. Congratulations to them both.



#### Can You Help?

The Cerebral Palsy Shop on the North Main Street is in desperate need of voluntary workers to staff their shop. Male and female, young and retired, unemployed who benefit from shop training, people with personal problems or recently bereaved who need something definite to do each day, or just a few hours a week. Please telephone 272828 if you can help.

#### Easter Dues

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

#### Episcopal Commissions

The annual collection will take place at all Masses next week-end.

#### Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next, 21st April, at 3 p.m. in the Crypt of our Church. Presenter will be Jerry O'Brien and this will be the second last recital for the season. Everyone is welcome.

#### Set Dance - Ceili

At the SMA Hall on Friday 23rd April, from 9.30p.m. to 1.30a.m. Adm. £5. Spot prizes. All proceeds to Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind.

#### God in the City

An opportunity to do theology during five days guided by some of Ireland's leading theologians. (No previous experience of theology required.) July 5th - 9th 1999, at Dominican Centre, Pope's Quay. Enquiries/booking forms 502267.

#### Fine Gael - Model Farm Rd. Branch

The A.G.M. will be held on Monday 19th April in the upstairs room at Rendezvous Bar at 8.30 p.m. New members will be very welcome.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

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