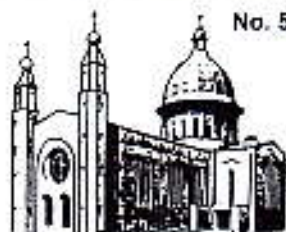


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The Most Holy Trinity

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
GENEHY'S CROSS, CORK.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

The Waiting Room

Those of us who are old enough to have travelled on the West Cork Railway (that was) may or may not recall that there were twelve stops between Albert Quay terminus and Bantry. At every little station there was a 'Waiting Room'. It was written in clear letters over the door. There is a Waiting Room at every doctor's or dentist's surgery - Bus Aras, the Airport. Waiting is a fact of life - they say the poor always have to wait.

A peculiar atmosphere prevails in waiting rooms, an air of uncertainty - waiting for the doctor's verdict, or dentist's 'next please', or just being there waiting. It's especially difficult for very active people and children. For all of us there is a sense of powerlessness. Our destiny is in the hands of someone else, whether it's the dentist, or the bus driver, or indeed the friend that fails to show up on time.

We are told in the Gospels that the Apostles and Mary the Mother of Jesus were waiting in Jerusalem for seven weeks after Easter Sunday. They too waited

with a mixture of fear and apprehension. The doors were securely bolted. They too experienced a sense of powerlessness, but they trusted and prayed. During their days of waiting they came to appreciate their need of God, how vulnerable they were when left to their own resources. That situation changed dramatically with the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. They were filled with joy and courage. They thanked the Lord for his goodness to all.

Last Wednesday evening people and pastors from the different traditions here in Cork joined us in the Crypt to celebrate prayerfully the feast of the Holy Spirit. It was a fulfilling and uplifting experience, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was clearly felt among us. Praise the Lord.



MOUNT MERCY NEWS



Forty fifth-year students performed in the Chester Choral Festival in May and took first place in the Senior School Choirs Competition, singing the beautiful "Ave Verum Corpus" by Mozart, and "Come to the Fair" by Easthope Martin. The choir have made a C.D. recording and look forward to hearing it on the airwaves in the not too distant future!

Congratulations!



On Thursday 20th May, two transition year students, Rhian Fitzgerald and Elaine Dewhurst, won the final of the IEI (Institute of Engineers of Ireland) project on food safety. Their project was entitled "Food, Friend or Foe?" Rhian and Elaine were awarded £1,000 for themselves and a trophy for the school.

Well done to all!



We offer our sincere sympathy to JOE CREAM, The Orchard, Farranlea, on the death of his sister Josephine McCarthy.



Bridie Dillon, late of Parklea Court, died on May 20th at the Powdermill Nursing Home, Ballincollig. Bridie came to live among us from Mayfield about eleven years ago. Two of her daughters lived at this side of the city at the time, and her husband John had predeceased her. Bridie was totally dedicated to her extended family who meant everything to her and to whom we extend a very sincere sympathy - her family Marie, Peggy, Winnie and Thomas, grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law and greatgrandchildren. May she rest in peace.

With everything, whether it is above or below, remote or near, visible or invisible, thou shalt preserve a relation of unlimited love without any animosity or without desire to kill.

The Buddha.



Good Neighbours

Ireland and Refugees

A refugee is defined by the 1951 UN Convention as someone "who, owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, national membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country." An asylum seeker is someone who is looking for permission to live in another state for the above reasons.

The 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone has the right to seek and enjoy asylum from persecution.

Ireland's 1996 Refugee Act sets out procedures to deal with refugee claims and states their rights. These include rights to residence, to health care and social welfare, to work and to access the courts. Persons not granted refugee status can still be allowed to stay if they are fleeing famine, or disaster - i.e. on humanitarian grounds.

Trocaire and the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace have published a joint paper on the subject entitled "Refugees and Asylum Seekers - A Challenge to Solidarity".

Ireland has always been of great assistance in accepting refugees, and this week we have heard that we will be taking more than our agreed level of 1,000 people. It is nice to see the CO "Candle for

Kosovo" reach the top of the charts which was their goal when starting out on the project. We can stand back and be proud of what we have achieved in our efforts so far. Unfortunately this is only the start to a very long road.

Visit the sick



Help Needed

Children In Hospital Ireland seek volunteers willing to give a few hours a week (morning or afternoon) to help in the children's playroom in Cork University Hospital. Must be over 16 years of age. Please contact Bernadine O'Keeffe at 342915 after 4 p.m.



Baptism

We welcome into our Christian community :

Íde Meadhbh Ní Dheasmhunaigh
Dylan Micheál Walsh
Eile Julia O'Leary-Kelleher
Liadain Muireann Ní Chadhla
Anna Geraldine Duggan



HIM IN THE
THEY RECOGNIZED
BREAKING OF THE
BREAD.



First Friday

Next Friday 4th June is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 4th June from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Corpus Christi Procession

The annual procession will take place next Sunday 6th June. Parishioners leave the churchyard at 3.00 p.m.

Attention Blood Donors

Clinic at S.M.A. Centre on Thursday 3rd June, from 5.30 - 8.30 p.m.



St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection will take place next week-end.

Irish Cancer Society

Annual church-gate collection next week-end.



Cursa Gaeilge 1999

One week Irish Course at Mount Mercy College for girls and boys, 10-16 years, June 28-July 2, 10.00-3.00p.m. catering for 4th to 6th class primary and 1st to 3rd year post primary. Seisuin teagaisc, dramaíocht, ceili. Apply to Secretary, Mount Mercy, 432366.



I.C.A. Bishopstown Guild

Meeting of the Guild will take place in S.M.A. Centre on Thursday 3rd June. Business meeting at 8 p.m. New members welcome.



Bishopstown G.A.A. Club

U-10 Street League Final, Halldene v Wilton at 11.45 a.m. on this Sunday. All welcome.

Readings for Sunday 6 June

Deut.8:2-3,14-16. Ps. 147.
1 Cor. 10:16-17. Jn.6:51-58.

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