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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

Our Lady of the Rosary - Thursday  
7th October.

Many of you who read these few words will have visited Knock or Lourdes at some stage. Fifteen people witnessed the apparition at Knock, where Mary appeared for two hours. The only words spoken during that time were the prayers of the witnesses - they prayed the Rosary. To this day Knock is above all else a place of prayer.

When Mary appeared at Lourdes, Bernadette automatically took her beads from her pocket - and began to pray the Rosary. Curiously, the Lady in the vision also passed her own beads through her fingers too, but said nothing. Lourdes, like Knock, is also a place of prayer - especially the Rosary.

Thursday next, 7th October, is the feastday of Our Lady of the Rosary. While the idea of the Rosary first came from Irish missionaries to the Continent of Europe in the Middle Ages, it was the Dominican priests and brothers who were really responsible for its popular acceptance.

As you know, it was widely prayed in Ireland especially from Penal times right down to our own time.

Some people, especially nowadays, find the Rosary rather tedious and repetitive - understandable - but a pity nonetheless. There are many different booklets on praying the Rosary, and these can be quite helpful.

One simple method which I find helpful is to picture the scene in my mind, as represented by the particular mystery, and pray to Our Lady as remembered in that scene. If you find five decades too much, why not try one or two. It's a prayer that binds those who recite it closely to the Lord, his mother, and to each other. (Those who pray together stay together).

You are cordially invited to join us in the recitation of the Rosary in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday evening.

You might recite a decade too for the late Bishop Michael Murphy - it's the 3rd anniversary of his death. He was a good man to recite the Rosary himself.

*Aemis O'Connor PP*

## Deaths

Eileen O'Sullivan, Wilton Road, passed away peacefully at the Bon Secours Hospital on Saturday 18th September. Eileen was a gentle and refined lady, a native of that world renowned beauty spot, Glengarriff. She was pre-deceased by her husband Edward, and was in failing health herself for some time. We offer our very sincere sympathy to her sister Anne (O'Connor) Bishopstown, her brothers Joe and Brendan, nephews, nieces, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law and her many friends and relatives.

Jerry O'Sullivan, Leeddale, Model Farm Road, died at St. Patrick's Hospital on 19th September. Though he had been unwell for a considerable time he was cared for at home by his wife Mona, and spent less than a week in hospital at the end. Jerry was a long time employee of the Southern Health Board, a highly respected driver with the ambulance corps. He was an old native of Togher, where his funeral Mass was said at his own request. We extend our very sincere sympathy to his wife Mona, his son Diarmuid, daughter Eileen and his many relatives and friends.

## IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to GRACE D'CONNOR, Robin Hill, Magazine Road, on the death of her sister.

## A PARISHIONER WRITES....

Shanid,  
Model Farm Road

Dear Editor,

At present, one of the overriding problems in the country is the environment.

It is a good time for concerned citizens to provide leadership in producing tidy parishes for the millennium.

One does not have to look far to see litter defiling the neighbourhoods.

It would be magnanimous if the Pastoral Council would use their good offices to promote this.

Yours sincerely,  
P. Fitzgerald



## FUN MONEY

The Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club in the Church Crypt donates the funds accruing from the summer sessions to charity. This year £300 goes to St. Vincent de Paul, £200 to Meals on Wheels and £135 to St. Joseph's Young Priests Society.

On behalf of all who will benefit we say thanks to all involved and wish you happy Bridge this autumn. Thank you.



## MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Two fifth year students, Laura Creagh and Louise Coughlan, spent two weeks during the summer helping out in the Novinki Institution in Belarus. On 26th July, with 6 other students the girls flew to Minsk where they were met by Ed. Jordan who introduced them to the idea in a talk given in school. They stayed in the Institution for two weeks working with both mentally and physically disabled children between the ages of 6 and 21. On a typical day the girls got up at 9.00 a.m. and worked with the children - dressing them, playing with them and keeping them entertained all day. Conditions in the Asylum were basic and bleak and Laura and Louise helped to decorate their department. They returned to Cork on 6th August and hope to return to Novinki again.

At a special presentation held in school on 9th September, both girls were presented with certificates by Olya Maifska on behalf of the Director and staff of the Institution.

Congratulations to Fionnuala Lombard and Sharon Kelly who performed brilliantly in this Summer's Athletics events. Between them they won 15 medals in the All Ireland Schools, the Schools Inter-Provincials, All Ireland B.L.O.E., All Ireland Seniors and Celtic Games. Well done.



## THE CALL OF THE 27th SUNDAY

The father has given us certain abilities, aptitudes, skills and opportunities and he expects us to produce a return of worship and prayer towards himself and of generous care towards our fellow human beings. Rather than do just that, the privileged ones in the gospel story, the tenants, executed the son and heir.

We do something similar when we deny in practice that all God's gifts are given for all people. We do that by usurping more than we really need to live. The error of our times is one of self-centred, material comfort and security.

Christ's call is to be satisfied with less, leaving more for those in need. Today's invitation is to recognise again God's ownership of everything on this earth and so to experience the joy of sharing which far surpasses the frustration of grabbing.

- Preaching the Word

### Older People

Some older people find it hard to know their rights and entitlements. They may also have some difficulty in making their needs known when they are relating to people in the medical or social welfare systems. If you are interested in acting as an advocate for older people and would like to know more about what it would involve, please contact The Advocacy Organiser, Cork Social & Health Education Project, 4 Carriglee, Western Road, tel. 278464.



## THURSDAY NEXT

is a good time to make a fruitful beginning to millennial celebrations. It is the feast of the Rosary. The millennium is the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus. Few prayers carry the life story of Jesus as simply and as powerfully as the mysteries of the Rosary. Thursday is an excellent opportunity to renew our commitment to Jesus through Mary's intercession. Come and join us for the celebration of the five Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary in the Church here at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 7th October. Bring the children. Bring a friend.

## St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

The monthly meeting will take place on Monday 4th at 8.00 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

## St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteers wanted for our local branch. Work entails weekly meeting and visitation of homes (with another member) on Monday evenings, and assistance with monthly collection. Please call to C.P. Centre any Monday 7.15 - 8.00 p.m. or give name and address to Anne, Charlie or any of the priests.

## HELP NEEDED

National Council for the Blind  
Will hold a church gate collection next week-end.

## Common Forms of Arthritis

Lecture by Dr. Muriel Soden, Consultant Rheumatologist, will be given on Monday 4th October in Jurys Hotel at 8.00 p.m. Admission free, all welcome.

## ALTAR SERVERS

Boys and girls in 3rd class upwards who would like to become altar servers, please contact Mercedes Cunningham at 544113 by 8th October.

## Bishopstown I.C.A.

Business Meeting will take place on Thursday 7th October in the S.M.A. Hall at 8 p.m. All welcome.

## Computer Courses

At Colaiste an Spioraid Naofmh - wordprocessing, database and spreadsheet, beginners (Wed.), intermediate (Thurs.), for ten weeks. Class sizes are limited so please register in advance. Application forms and further details from the College, tel. 543790.

## Readings for Sunday 10 October

Is. 25:6-10. Phi. 4:12-14,  
13-20. Mt. 22:1-14.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

New Telephone Number

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