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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Pat writes

THE JOY OF FAITH

To say that religion and matters of faith have 'bad press' these days is really an understatement. Religion is so often associated with the keeping of rules and regulations, with things that are joyless and dry, and even depressing, and of course religion seems for some reason to be synonymous with all that is boring. The sad fact is that we too believe in this fallacy. When we present the faith to others we often do so in a hard-hearted type of way - "that's the way it is, put up with it". Is it any wonder that so many today no longer bother with the things of faith?

Let us look at Jesus' approach. He presents the kingdom of heaven as a feast given for the wedding of the Son of the King. All are invited. The Prophet Isaiah takes up the same theme:

"On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines."

The Psalmist echoes this idea yet again:

"You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes."

The kingdom of heaven as we find it in the scriptures today is something to be celebrated; it is the cause of our joy; it is an invitation to happiness. How well do we respond?

GOLDEN JUBILARIANS

Golden congratulations to parishioners Betty Layton, Phyllis Ryan, Denis Jordan and Finbarr O'Halloran who received their golden pins at a Mass to mark the centenary of the foundation of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association.

During the Mass, as well as congratulating the jubilarians on their fifty years of commitment, Fr. Clancy emphasised that the Pioneer pledge is a prayer of thanks and of intercession and so forms a reason and a foundation for the promise of abstinence.

The Parish Pioneer Centre is open for queries and applications at the C.P. Centre on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. Contact numbers are Liam O'Driscoll (544682) and Judith Coffey (345281). New members always welcome.



Eileen Murphy, Sheares Park, died peacefully at her own home on 18th September. Almost sixty years ago, together with her late husband David she was one of the first to come to live in that new Park where she reared her family of thirteen children, two of whom, Michael and Sheila, predeceased her. Faith and family were central to her life. Her appreciation of the Eucharist being brought to her was tangible right up to her death which came quietly just as the prayers for the dying were finishing. She was a great-great-grandmother and so saw her children to the fourth generation. Thanks be to God. To her devoted family, children Eilish, Jerry, David, Marie, Eileen, Mairead, Cora, Pauline, Donal, Noel, Patricia and to all the extended family, we extend our deepest sympathies.

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IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to MRS. VIOLET MURPHY, Glenlee, Model Farm Road, on the death of her brother John.

To MARGARET McMAHON and FAMILY, Greenfields, on the death of her son.

To TONY O'CONNELL, Parkway, and JOHN O'CONNELL, The Grove, on the death of their father.

To NOREEN RYAN, Kenley, on the death of her father.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian community :

Michael David Oakes
Kayleigh Whelton
Michelle Catherine Kilcoyne
Elizabeth Jane Murphy
Aisling Maire O'Sullivan
Taylor Ann Roche
Laoise Kate Maguire
Carla Toni Browne-Gubbins
Maria Dymphna Buckley
Cian Cunneen-Walsh
Emily Elizabeth Carr
Alba Rosa Donagh Tandazo
Stephen Micheal Keohane
Dylan Thomas Murphy
Nicola Anne Cowhig
Cormac Daniel Wall
Aaron Martin Davin
Catherine Ellen O'Connor
Lee Anthony O'Riordan
Robyn Maura Murphy
Nora Hayes



*I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit*



ALTERNATIVE SLANT

BY "RUTH"

The media has been buzzin' recently with super-cool personalities cringing as they recall their "so un-cool" pilgrimages to see the Pope in 1979! One commentator went so far as to say that the Pope's visit marked the end of an era for Irish Catholicism.

Perhaps, when the euphoria had died down, people did begin to ask themselves what was it all for. This may have led to a deepening of faith for some, while others took stock of their situation and 'toned-down' their worship. Certainly, events that have unfolded in the Irish Church in the intervening 20 years have taken their toll on church-going numbers. But that can't be all bad. People are better able to differentiate now between the teachings of Christ and His teachers. While some may have abandoned the Church, I don't think it's true to say that the same number have abandoned Christ.

Now Bono is telling us that it's cool to meet the Pope! He's even written a preface to a pocket version of the Psalms. Could this be the dawn of a new era?

Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Psalms 40:4

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations to Mary-Jo Murphy, 5th Year, who won this year's Amnesty International 'Design a Christmas Card Competition'. The competition was open to all second level pupils nationwide. The design chosen by Mary-Jo was a less traditional Nativity scene. It shows in a slightly abstract form the pregnant Mary on horseback with Joseph by her side. The two figures are walking with their backs to us into a sky of black and red. Mary-Jo wanted to convey the loneliness of the two figures walking into the unknown, like so many of today's refugees. The red and black sky symbolises trouble - be it bad weather or modern-day bombs and war. This design chosen by the judges will be printed as a Christmas card with all the proceeds going to Amnesty International.

Well done also to Deirdre Forde, Leaving Cert., who came 3rd in the competition. Deirdre's card portrays an image of Mary and the child Jesus with an ethnic theme. They are African and Mary is wearing a patterned African robe. The star of Bethlehem is seen in the background.

Ide Ní Chonail (bassoon), Triona Milne (viola) and Fionnghuala O'Sullivan (viola) are members of the National Youth Orchestra which travelled to Denmark during the summer, playing concerts in four venues. The final concert of the tour took place in the National Concert Hall, Dublin, where they were recorded on C.D. and given a standing ovation.



NEWSLETTER

Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

Missions Collection

Will be taken up at Masses next weekend.

Pastoral Council

Monthly meeting takes place this Monday 11th at 8.10 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Mass for Peace

The Annual Mass for Industrial Peace and Job Creation will be celebrated at St. Marys, Pope's Quay, on Sunday 17th October at 4 p.m. Preacher will be V. Rev. Canon Liston (Limerick). All are welcome.

Can You Help?

The Lavanagh Centre, formerly Cork Spastic Clinic, wishes to recruit volunteer families in the community to offer short breaks to a child with a disability. If you are interested in finding out more about this scheme called Home 'N' Away, please contact the Centre at 294803.

Addictions

How the Family is Affected - Public Talk at Penrose Wharf Call Centre on Wednesday 13th October at 8 p.m. Speaker: Mr. Michael Devine, Tabor Lodge. Admission free, places limited, booking 551433.

Bishopstown I.C.A.

Garden Lecture on Thursday 14th October in S.M.A. Wilton at 8 p.m. All welcome.

Alzheimer Society

Monthly meeting for carers in Jurys Hotel on Monday 11th October at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Have you an Hour to Spare?

Flag Day in aid of East Timor on Tuesday 12th October. Collectors needed in Wilton Shopping Centre and city. If you can help please contact Vincent Jones at 544762 or 086 2313470.

Supper Dance

In Jurys Hotel on Wednesday 20th October, 8-12 midnight. Tickets £6 from Vincent Jones, 544762 or 086 2313470. All proceeds for East Timor.

Candlelight Rosary Procession

On Saturday 16th October from the Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Square, Dublin, commencing at 2.30 p.m. to pray as a nation for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our country.

Fine Gael

The Model Farm Road Branch will hold a meeting at Rendezvous Bar on Monday 11th October at 8.30 p.m. New members very welcome.

Readings for Sunday 17 October

Is. 45:1, 4-6. Ps. 95.
1 Thess. 1:1-5. Mt. 22:15-21.

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