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Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Pat writes

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Perhaps the most central teaching of the Catholic Church is its doctrine of the Eucharist, the Real Presence. It is fair to say that the sanctuary lamp in a sense indicates the difference between ourselves and other followers of Christ, and indeed between all others who search for good in their lives. This in a pluralistic world can disturb us. What right have we to claim a monopoly on the presence of God? Such questions arose recently on the Pope's visit to India. When Christ spoke about the presence of God in the world he referred to some rather surprising sanctuaries, the hungry, the thirsty, the sick and those in prison. His claim was universal: that wherever, or whenever these poor were present, He, the Christ was present also. Indeed, Christ's presence because He is Lord cannot be contained or confined to one place, He is really present everywhere but especially among the poor. The sacrament of Eucharist celebrates this in a most real, profound way: God is with his people. Our lives should reflect this reality. When we love the poor, God is with His people. When we

rightly genuflect before the sanctuary of God we should also have found his presence among the hungry, the sick, and those in prison.

JUBILEE TRIDUUM

NOVEMBER 22nd - 24th

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

Two Sessions: 10.00am & 7.30 pm

Led by

FR. FACHNA O'DRISCOLL S.M.A.

Three days of **Reflection and Prayer** on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ whose 2,000th birthday we celebrate.

Fr. Fachtna will preach at 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Mass each day and lead us in prayerful reflection. Join us and invite the family to come. See the Jubilee Booklet for further details.

Autumn/Christmas Dues

Envelopes have been distributed already to most homes in the parish. For administrative purposes, the collection is coordinated by each priest for his own district. Your continuing support is appreciated by all the priests of the parish. Thank you.

Pastoral Council News

A meeting of area Contact persons with members of the Pastoral Council took place on 8th November. Fifty-seven people were present. Fr. Clancy addressed the meeting on the subject of Jubilee AD 2000 and traced the historical aspect of Jubilee as celebrated by the Jews when emphasis was given to reconciliation and forgiving enemies, the cancellation of debts and the redistribution of land and goods resulting in a new beginning in the community.

We, in this parish, would have the opportunity to bring a new spirit into our Faith at our Triduum (22nd to 24th Nov.) and especially at our Sunday of Reconciliation (Nov. 28th).

Jubilee Candles at £2 each will be on sale in the church before Mass (10.00 and 7.30) on Wednesday 24th November, our Day of Remembrance, and will be used as part of the Service.

Sympathy was extended to our Secretary, Barbara Kenneally, on the death of her father, and prayers were said.

At the subsequent Council meeting it was decided that a special Mass would be concelebrated on New Year's Eve at 6.15 p.m.

New church notice boards are being prepared and the Rota for Sunday Mass readers for 2000 is almost complete.

A discussion took place on the possibility of the parish having a website and computerized records and further debate is to take place on this matter.

The recent Parish Social was voted a great success and thanks was expressed to the Council members who organised the event.

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The Lough

The Pastoral Council,
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I want to take this opportunity to say thanks for the invitation to attend the recent parish social - as always it did you all proud. As I said that night I spent eight very happy years in Dennehy's Cross.

The Pastoral Council in Dennehy's Cross was and is an example to all of us. Your efforts to make the gospel message relevant for the people was for me, personally, a source of inspiration in my priesthood.

I thank you and those who contributed to the most generous presentation. I have many happy memories of your support and generosity during my ministry amongst you. As I begin my work in The Lough, I ask your prayers, and I'll do the same for you and all the parishioners of Dennehy's Cross.

Yours truly,
Finbarr Crowley



CHURCH CLEANLINESS

The remnants of children's goodies, food, sweets and crisps occasionally mar parts of the church, often under seats and kneelers. Your cooperation in eliminating such litter will be greatly appreciated. The elimination of 'adult' litter like newspapers and plastic bags would enhance the environs of the church grounds. Thank you.



JUBILEE BOOKLET

As we go to print, the booklet is being distributed to each home in the parish through the help of Pastoral Council members and Contact persons to whom we are indebted. We hope you will have received your copy by the weekend. The booklet is a gift and an invitation. The gift is from the parish to mark this millennium stage of our shared journey of faith and life as members of this parish. The invitation is to jubilee with us. The faith stories in the booklet may help trigger reflection on and appreciation of your own relationship with God and with your neighbour, nearby and worldwide. Enjoy it and you may like to respond by writing to the Bulletin.

Remember our Reconciliation Sunday on November 28th. Confession available from 1.00pm throughout the afternoon and a Reconciliation Service at 5.00 p.m. with several priests available then.



We offer our sincere sympathy to MICHAEL BOURKE, Bishopscourt Road, on the death of his sister.



On Saturday 30th October we, the members of the Handbell Ringers Group, travelled to St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh, at the invitation of Adrian Gebreurs, our teacher. Having played our handbells in front of the High Altar, we climbed the many steps to the Bell Tower where we played the big bells. Adrian treated

Laura Kennedy

To the Editor,

I find "Ruth's" Alternative Slants (14/11/99) a little disconcerting. If she is uncomfortable with the idea of "converting the heathen" I suggest she takes this up with the Lord. His last instruction to his disciples was "Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News". People should get the opportunity to hear his teaching - let them accept or reject it.

Secondly, Catholic teaching does not hold that good-living Hindus, or any other good-living person is condemned to hell. The well-known Jesuit writer Fr. Feeney was "silenced" sixty years ago for teaching "outside the Church there is no salvation", c.f. Catechism of Catholic Church, page 197.

Finally, the fact that a small number of extremist Hindus should object to the Pope's visit to India alleging the Church was preying on the vulnerable to make converts is no reason to ring the alarm bells in Ballinaspaig. We have more serious problems nearer home.

Bulletin Reader
(name and address with Editor)

us to a performance on the carillon which was very enjoyable. We had a lovely afternoon and thanks to everyone for arranging the trip. We look forward to playing our handbells at the Christmas Festival in Cobh on 15th December and at the Carol Service in the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Gillian O'Sullivan



Jubilee Candles

To mark our Day of Remembrance on Wednesday 24th, candles £2 will be available at the 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. Masses.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

As winter comes our coal fund for the needy of the parish needs replenishing. Can you help? Funds, please, to C.P. Centre, any member or priests.

Retreat

A reminder that St. Joseph's Young Priests Society is holding a retreat at Ennismore on Sunday 5th December, 9.30-5.30, concluding with concelebrated Mass. £14 all meals included. Names can be given into the C.P. Centre.

Chernobyl

Adi Roche will give a talk on the current situation in Chernobyl in the S.M.A. Hall on Tuesday November 30th at 8 p.m. Admission free.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The final Recital for 1999 will take place on Wednesday next, 24th November, when Frank Rea will present his choice of music at 3 p.m. in the Crypt of our Church at Dennehy's Cross, and everybody is welcome to this great musical occasion.

Forthcoming Bazaars

At St. Finbarr's College, Farranferris, on 28th November, 2.00 - 6.00 p.m. All welcome.
At O'Connell Court, Windmill Road, on Sunday 21st November, 2.30 - 6.00 p.m. Adm. 50p.

Popular & Classical Songs & Music

Concert at St. Finbarr's Cathedral on Saturday 27th November at 8 pm. with Bernadette Greevy, Denis Kelly and John Gibson. Tickets £10 available from Pro Musica and McCarthy's Shop, Dennehy's Cross. Concert in aid of Self Help Grow Fund.

Bereaved Parents Support Group

A Commemorative Gathering will take place on Sunday 28th November at 2.30 p.m. at Bishop Lucey Park, followed at 3 p.m. with a Dedication Service in the Imperial Hotel, with celebrants from the Church of Ireland and Catholic Church. A nightlight will be lit by families to the memory of each deceased child. All are welcome.

Fine Gael, Model Farm Road Branch

Monthly meeting at Rendezvous Bar on Monday 22nd November at 8.30p.m. New members welcome.

St. Finbarr's H & F Club

Annual Mass for deceased members will be celebrated at the Club on Monday 22nd November at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Asthma Society

Talk by Sheila O'Driscoll, Pharmacist, on best inhaler devices, followed by questions and answers at Doughcloyne Hotel on Wednesday 24th November at 8.30 p.m. Adm. free, all welcome.

Readings for Sunday 28th November

Is. 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8.
Ps. 79. 1 Cor. 1:3-9. Mk 13:33-37.

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