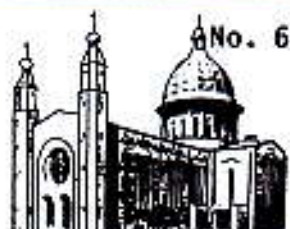


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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CO. K.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

THE SMILE YOU SEND OUT RETURNS TO YOU

I have a dream - a recurring dream. I have written and spoken about it more than once over the past fifteen years. At the start of each New Year it comes back - now it haunts me. Allow me to share this dream with you.

I want to see this parish as a community where people - all people, young and old - feel wanted, where people feel secure, where a spirit of trust and friendship prevails, where a genuine welcome awaits the stranger. Years ago our Pastoral Council developed the idea of "Welcome Cards" for all new arrivals in our parish. Did you get one? At Mass each Sunday we exchange a sign of peace with a handshake or some token of friendship and affection. I know some people bemoan this practice as an empty gesture. It need not be. Why not give a smile and a word to the stranger as you leave the church.

Discuss this at the table at home today. What practical steps could you take to share a little sunshine with your immediate

neighbours. I know a group who gathered on the road outside their homes to welcome the New Year last week, and met for a little get-together afterwards. It proved a most enjoyable occasion. Neighbours who had lived within a hundred yards of each other for almost thirty years chatted for the first time, and discovered what wonderful people they had lived with without knowing.

Of course a cynic will say it's an impractical pipe dream - "I don't want to live in anybody's pocket" - of course not. But you can make all this happen. People wish to be our friends if only we accept them. There's an old Indian proverb "The smile you send out returns to you". If you must use a 'Walkman' - so be it. But if you feel O.K. please notify your face - it will make us all feel better. And at the root of it all it's a very Christian thing to do - 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is no need to be afraid.

A lovely New Year to all - and lots of smiles and friendship.

Auntie O'Loonnan.

Let's do something beautiful for God.

Mother Teresa

Pastoral Council News

In a review of the Christmas and New Year Ceremonies at the first meeting of the new year on 10th January, council members expressed thanks to the priests of the parish for the beautiful manner in which the ceremonies were carried out. The New Year's Eve Mass at 4.30 p.m. was a particular success. A large congregation was present with many visitors from outside the parish. The performances of the Jubilee Bell Ringers were highly praised. Responding, Fr. Clancy felt that the millennium celebration evoked a spiritual response in many people.

People parking cars are asked not to block the entrance/exit gates on Model Farm Road and not to park on the driveways in the church grounds.

A group is to be formed to investigate the computerisation of parish records.

Parishioners are asked to give their views to council members on whether or not a parish social should be held this year.



We offer our sincere sympathy to the Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, on the death of Sr. Benedict Cronin.

To LILY CASEY, Bendemeer Park, on the death of her sister, Maureen Fitzpatrick.

To TONY EIFFE, The Ridgeway, on the death of his father.

To PAT MULLINS, Leesdale, on the death of his brother.



A Plea to Dog Owners

We appeal to dog owners to stop their dogs from fouling the footpaths. It's annoying and indeed distressing to walk into dogs' dirt. To make matters worse, you've usually walked into the house or the car before discovering it.

Maybe the dog could be encouraged to use the garden - preferably his own! Otherwise, could the dog owner bring a doggie scoop and clean up as necessary? As a last resort, could the dog be nudged to the edge of the road?

Please do have consideration for pedestrians who might like to commune with the world around them and not be forever watching the ground. Have a special thought for people who are visually impaired. Think about it.

Rest in Peace

Kathleen Dalton died at Rosenalee Retirement Home last weekend. She had lived for many years at Orchard Road, and later at Woodford, Melbourn Road. Kathleen was a native of Drinagh in West Cork. She was pre-deceased by her husband John, a highly respected member of the Garda force. From her earliest years Kathleen liked nothing better than a game of cards, and through her hobby made friends wherever she went. We extend sincere sympathy to her family - Dick, Tony, Mai, Brendan, John, Noel and Rosarii, sons and daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives, and her many card-playing friends.



A PARISHIONER WRITES...

Farranlea Grove

Dear Editor,

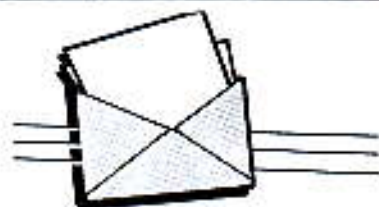
Can anything be done about the car parking situation outside our church? During Sunday Masses and other well-attended ceremonies cars are double-parked indiscriminately - sometimes treble-parked!

On weekdays the car park is already half full by 9.30 a.m., cars left there by people who obviously are not in the church at all. Then comes a funeral or a wedding and it's the same problem again.

What troubles me is that if someone felt ill and had to leave the church early it may not be possible to drive away - and this did happen someone I know. Also, it would not be possible for an ambulance to get access.

Is there any solution to this? Perhaps the Parish Council might discuss it.

Yours concerned,
Elinor O'Flynn



Sunday Collection Envelopes

For those who like to use the envelopes for their weekly contributions to the running expenses of the church, boxes of envelopes are available at the church doors. Your continuing support is both needed and appreciated. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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35 entries were sent in of which 21 were all correct. From these we drew for prizes:

The O'Neill Family, 5 Court Cairn, and Stephen Healy, 27 Melbourn Court.

The winner of our Teenager Quiz is Anna O'Riordan, 11 Woodleigh Park, Model Farm Road.

The winner of the Mighty Mind Bender, with a correct total of seven out of eight, is Terry Layton, Bishopstown Avenue West. Requests were made for answers to the quiz which we will print next weekend, space permitting.

Parish Calendar 2000

Due to postal delays, the calendar was not available for distribution in December. It is being distributed with the Parish Bulletin this weekend through the courteous help of our dedicated distributors. Thank you.



**Coming Soon
A Date to Note**

**Monday 31st January
C.P. Centre 8.00 p.m.**

**Jubilee Peace and Justice
A Parish Response**

In response to requests for a follow-up to the Parish Triduum homily on our sisters and brothers in need worldwide, Fr. Fachtna O'Driscoll, S.M.A. will lead us in investigating what we can do concretely in this year 2000 A.D. See next week's bulletin for further details.

St. Finbarre's Cathedral

To facilitate people who would like to contribute to the vast and important renovation work, collection boxes will be available in the porch next weekend 22/23rd January.

Diocesan Directory

The new edition will be available this weekend, price £2.



Evening Courses

There is a wide range of Evening Courses at Colaiste Stiofain Naofa commencing during January, including Creative Writing Course, Introduction to World Wide Web, Interview Guidelines, Certificate Courses and Leisure Courses. Further details from Denise Ryan or Jacqueline Kearney, tel.961020. Brochures available in C.P. Centre.

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Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

To celebrate the millennium Clogheen parish is organising a Day Flight Pilgrimage on Sunday 3rd September. Details from 210788, 10.30 to 1.30 p.m. Bookings before February please.

Honan Chapel

A Seminar will take place on 29th January in Boole 1, Boole Lecture Theatre, U.C.C. 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. entitled 'The Honan Chapel and its Collection - The Craftman's Honoured Hand.' Fee £20, students £7. Further details available at University Heritage Office, West Lodge, U.C.C. tel. 903552.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our first recital for year 2000 will take place on Wednesday next, 19th January, at 3.00 p.m. in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross. The recital will be given by Vera Wellcome and as always everybody is welcome to this afternoon of great music, and to enjoy a cuppa at the interval.

Come Into the Light

The Cork Light Out of Darkness team invites you to the Annual Day of Prayer and Reflection at St. Dominic's Retreat House, Ennismore, on Sunday 23rd January, 10.00 to 5.00 p.m. Mass included. Cost £9 with a cold plate lunch. Contact the Secretary, St. Dominic's at 502520. Early booking advisable.

Readings for Sunday 23 January

Jonah 3:1-5, 10. Ps. 24.
1 Cor.7:29-31. Mk 1:14-20.