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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR
PARISH TEAM

Fr. Patrick writes

SO MANY people today lament the fact that not only do people not keep the Commandments of God, but that they don't even know them. Perhaps we could know the commandments a little better, but before we look at these we should ask what is their purpose? Why do we have laws? Do they exist so that we have a more ordered society for everyone? Are the commandments of God no more than glorified parking regulations? How is it that in the past people knew them backwards and nowadays a young person might not even know the first one?

The first purpose of our faith is not the better ordering of society. The first purpose and aim of the Catholic faith is not a law but a person, the person of Jesus Christ. When we come to know him we realise that he is the Sanctuary, the place where God dwells among us. Faith alone gives us the certainty of reality. St. Paul reminds us that we (the

Church, God's people) preach a crucified Christ. If we have not known this Jesus who is Christ all laws and regulations are meaningless. When we do know him they all make sense and find their place in our lives. In the first of the ten commandments God tells us who he is: "I am the Lord your God." Our first response to God is to come to know him as he is.

Church of the Holy Spirit

ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE SERIES



The Sacraments- Nourishing our Faith

Fr. Tom Clancy

Tuesday
28th March
8 p.m.

*Eucharist:
Today's Liturgy*

Tuesday
4th April
8 p.m.

*Eucharist:
One Bread, one Body*

Venue: The Crypt, Church of the Holy Spirit, Denny's Cross

All Welcome

LENT ON THE EDGE

Death is never an easy subject. We like to forget that we all have to face it, yet the crowd at Dr Tony O'Brien's talk were assured that there is healing in death. The silence of the group indicated how well his words were received. Silence was also the characteristic of those listening to Sr. Catherine Fenton's talk on her ministry to the homeless. She showed the necessary connection between prayer and care for those who sleep on our streets.

Our thanks is due to Dr. O'Brien and St. Catherine, to those who came to both talks and to those who contributed so generously to their causes. The talks would not be possible without those who help with the tea and coffee, those who arrange the crypt and those who help with publicity. A special word of thanks is due to Pat Austin of Model Gourmet Foods, Model Farm Road, who in his kindness gave the sandwiches. See you next week for the last in the series.

LENT 2000

Lunch-time listening

The Crypt

Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross

20-minute talk with a difference

1.10 pm — 1.30 pm.

29th March 29th
PÁDRAIG MCCARTHY
— volunteer with Samaritans

Light snack available after talk

Voluntary donation requested

Matza, Haggadah, Seder

These strange yet half-familiar words, mentioned by Fr. Clancy in his lecture last Tuesday, remind us of Jesus' - and our - Jewish heritage. In a wide-ranging talk, which brought us from Biblical Egypt to the concentration camps of Dachau and Auschwitz, he outlined the celebration of the Passover. This celebration included the morning recitation in the synagogue of the song of Songs, the passionate expression of God's love for his people, and the key evening ritual at home which was a memorial, a making present of the mystery that God had taken them from Egypt. During a ritual rich with ideas of solidarity with the poor, the obligation to teach the heritage and a spirit of hope, two moments of particular note: at the beginning of the meal the head of the house blessed, broke and gave the unleavened bread; at the end he offered a blessing of thanks and praise over the last cup of wine.

The Lenten series on the Sacraments organised by the Adult Education committee continues next Tuesday when Fr. Clancy discusses "Eucharist: Today's Liturgy".

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

With reference to the letter on Sunday's Bulletin, I would agree with A. Clifford on a general absolution. I think it a good idea, and would be delighted if the Church would allow it.

Sincerely,
Margaret Higgins



i PLEASE PRAY *for*

John O'Leary, late of Laburnum Lawn, died quite unexpectedly at Cork University Hospital on 6th March. He had been in failing health for some years, and went to reside permanently at Woburn Retirement Home about five years ago. John was a man of very considerable academic achievements, and joined the teaching profession after securing his College degrees. He spent many years teaching in Carndonagh, Co. Donegal. He was quiet, gentle and retiring by nature, and held in great affection by his neighbours at Laburnum Lawn, who showed their respect by turning out in large numbers for his obsequies. We extend sincere sympathy to his brother Con, Professor Emeritus at Queen's University, Belfast, and other relatives and friends.

A time to celebrate;
 A time to pray, a time to repent;
 A time to ask, a time to thank;
 A time for young, a time for old;
 A time for families and
 for those on their own.

A time for parish,
 A time for pilgrimage...



Parish Pilgrimage to
 Gougane Barra
 Sunday, 21st May.

Details later

Your Name - their Land *Will you sign in Support?*

At all Masses in Dennehy's Cross in the coming week you are asked to support Trócaire's postcard campaign for the landless people of Brazil. Postcards addressed to the Brazilian Superintendent of Agrarian Reform and the State Governor of Campos Lindos will be available at the end of each Mass. Simply drop the signed cards in the boxes provided. The text on the cards is given below:

Dear State Governor,

I am aware of the injustices facing peasant farmers in Tocantins State, Brazil, in their struggle to hold on to or gain land.

In particular, I strongly urge you to:

- ◆ ensure that 80 families who are being forced off the land in Campos Lindos which they have farmed for generations, are granted legal title to alternative land in this area;
- ◆ ensure that the small farmers of Sucuarana gain legal title to the previously unused land which they now farm.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to TED O'DONNELL, Slane Lodge, Bishopstown Avenue, on the death of his brother Thomas.



Lenten Devotions

Every Sunday evening at 5.30 p.m.

LENT on the edge

Those who are very much on the edge of society are those who are in the depths of despair. The Samaritans are those who care for people in such a situation. Padraig McCarthy will give the 'Lent on the Edge' talk next Wednesday. He is a volunteer with the Samaritans. Do come along and bring a friend.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection next week-end.

Christian Meditation

The Parish Meditation Group continues to meet every Thursday in the C.P. Centre from 7.00 to 7.30 p.m. Newcomers always welcome.

Bishopstown I.C.A.

SpinoLOGY Lecture by Shana Tate on Thursday 30th at 8 p.m. in S.M.A. Hall.

RENEW MY SPIRIT

Week of Directed Prayer

At Bishopstown Community School, Sunday 2nd to Saturday 8th April. Application slips available in Sacristy of Church of the Real Presence.

Advice Centre

Pre-marriage courses, natural family planning, achieving a pregnancy and menopause counselling at N.A.O.M.I. 36 Washington Street, Tuesday to Friday. Tel. 272213.

Mount Mercy College Members Draw

The School Development Association/Core Committee have organised a 4 month draw beginning in April. Each month there is a first prize of a Ford Focus, with a second prize of £5,000. A further £4,500 is given each month in a range of smaller prizes. The tickets are available from the Secretary, Viv O'Shea in the school (tel. 542366) and cost £100 each. This can be paid in one sum or else can also be split over a period of the draw by direct debit. The funds raised will be used in the further development of school facilities.



St. Finbarre's Cathedral

East Cork Choral Society and Cor Cois Abhann will present 'The Glories of 20th Century Sacred Music' in the Cathedral on Saturday 8th April at 8 p.m. Tickets available from Pro Musica and choir members, proceeds in aid of Cathedral restoration fund.

Arthritis Information Day

At Fitzpatrick's Hotel Conference Centre on Saturday 1st April, 11.00-5.00, lectures, aids and appliances, demonstrations, exercises, etc. Adm. £3, OAPs £2. Further information from Una Harte 3455263.

Readings for Sunday 2 April

2 Chr. 36:14-16, 19-23. Ps. 136. Eph. 2:4-10. Jn. 3:14-21.

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