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Fourth Sunday in Lent



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



OUR  
**PARISH  
PRIEST**  
*writes*



Confirmation Day here is Wednesday next April 5th at 10.30 a.m. For the sixty girls welcoming the new coming of the Holy Spirit, the event coincides very closely with an important time in their lives as they complete primary schooling and move on to second level. In a real sense, they are taking their first tentative steps into the adult community. To help them in this key transition, they receive a new outpouring of the spirit of God with gifts of wisdom, courage, reverence, wonder and awe in God's presence.

By baptism they were joined to the community of believers in Jesus. Now they must be enabled by all of us to choose to be committed enthusiastic members of the living faith community. Nothing less will carry them through the teenage years. It is

only through deepening one's bonds of friendship and faith within a group of believers that we can experience the fruits of the Spirit. It is there one can grow in joy, peace, patience, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and love through prayer and service of others. Please keep these young people in your prayers this week and if you can, join us for the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday next. God bless.



Church of the Holy Spirit

ADULT EDUCATION-LECTURE SERIES



## **The Sacraments- Nourishing our Faith**

*Fr. Tom Clancy*

**Eucharist:  
One Bread, one Body**

**Tuesday, 4th April, 8 p.m.**

**Venue: The Crypt**

**All Welcome**



Timothy O'Sullivan of Wilton Gardens died unexpectedly at the Bon Secours on 15th March. Even though Tim spent so many years of his life in business in the city centre here in Cork, he never lost his grá for his native Tahilla in Co. Kerry, and return visits there were a prominent feature in his life. His funeral Mass at 10.30 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day was very memorable with our full choir enriching the liturgy with reminders of faith and heritage, both central in

dills.

Dr. Bruno Mulcahy, Orchard Road, died quite unexpectedly at the Bon Secours Hospital on 24th March. Bruno had worked for many years in the Patrician Academy in Mallow as professor and guidance counsellor. He also shared his gifts and talents as counsellor with others outside the academic ambience. Indeed many spoke with respect and affection at his obsequies for the help and guidance they were privileged to receive from him. The quotation from the Old Testament seemed to fit him admirably "Those who have instructed many in virtue will shine like stars for all

eternity". We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Elaine, his family Fiona, Liadh and Brian, his brothers, relatives and those who benefited from his professional work and now mourn his passing.

Comdt. James McCarthy, Laburnum Park, Model Farm Road, died peacefully at Cork University Hospital last week. Jim had been in failing health really since Christmas. A native of Castlegregory he had served with distinction in our National Army from his early years. He was among the first to volunteer for dangerous peace-keeping duties abroad in the early sixties. Indeed he was the commander who came to the relief of his comrades in the Niemba ambush in the Congo. His hallmarks as an Army Officer were listed by those who served with him as integrity, courage and adherence to his Christian principles and values in all facets of life. Jim was pre-deceased by his dear wife Doris. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family, Anne, Paulette, Geraldine, Mary, James and Pearse, grandchildren and other relatives.



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



## COMMUNITY SHARES IN GOD'S SAVING ACTION

In another inspiring talk last Tuesday Fr. Clancy traced the evolution of the Mass from the days when the early Christians discussed their own Jewish scriptures, read the letters received from Paul and other leaders and retold their memories of Christ, before giving thanks, breaking the bread and sharing their gifts with the poor. He recounted the development of the Eucharistic prayers from the period of over 300 versions, later reduced to one (now known as the first Eucharistic prayer), to the current four principal prayers. The aspects explored included what should be the bugle-like summons of the preface, the importance of the Eucharistic prayer as the verbal element in the central action of the Mass and the five elements of the Eucharistic prayer: thanksgiving, the invocation of the Spirit, the words of institution ("this is my body...this is my blood"), remembering others living and dead and the praise of the Trinity.

The lenten series on the Sacraments organised by the Adult Education committee concludes next Tuesday when Fr. Clancy discusses "Eucharist: One Bread, One Body".

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Loving God, Scripture reminds us that you are love, and yet we are often surprised by your love. Loving is what you do, who you are, and loved is what we are. Help us to receive your love without trying to earn it.

Our Lent on the Edge talks have come to an end. Many feel at a loss to know what to do next Wednesday lunchtime. All feel that the talks have been very well worthwhile. Padraig McCarthy, a volunteer with the Samaritans gave the last talk. Yet again the large group were deeply impressed. Our thanks is due to him and the great work that he and other Samaritans do.

The speakers, while all were chosen because of their work with the marginalised, were picked almost at random. All prepared their own few words separately and independently. Yet all emphasised the importance of the dignity of the human person. When we are on the edge of life, on the margins, it is 'being' rather than 'doing' that becomes important. It is who we are (in God's eyes) and not what we do that counts.

All were impressed with the goodness of each of the speakers. Their sincerity was recognisable above all else. In life opposites attract: black and white, the good and the bad. It is the evil of the sufferings and pain of others that attracts the good in others. Goodness and evil are found together. We need the darkness to recognise the light. It is in death that resurrection has meaning.

Our thanks is due to all those who helped with planning, publicity, those who moved chairs, made tea and coffee and of course all those who came to the talks. Special thanks as always to Pat Austin of Gourmet Foods, Model Farm Road, who supplied the sandwiches.



### First Friday

Next Friday is the first Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

### Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Will take place next Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

### Lenten Services

Extra Mass at 7.30 p.m. Lenten Devotions at 5.30 p.m. every Sunday.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday at 8 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. the 6th class pupils of St. Catherine's School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Consequently, 10.00 Mass will not take place.

### Sessions for Carers

The Southern Health Board is holding focus mornings and information sessions for carers, at which carers will be asked to identify needs. These sessions are on Monday 3rd April, 10.00 - 1.00 p.m. at The Shandon Court Hotel (old North Infirmary Hosp.) and Tuesday 11th April, 10.00-1.00 p.m. at Rochestown Park Hotel.

There will also be an information session on 'Entitlements' at the Social Centre, St. Finbarr's Hospital on Thursday 6th April, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Further information from Mary Rose at 087-2415641 or Esther at 087-6486422.

### Bishopstown Community Association

Meeting on Tuesday 4th April at Wilton Park House, 8 p.m.

### Bishopstown Meals on Wheels

Drivers needed for Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, approx. four times per month, every third month. If you can help, please contact Betty at 541487.

### Scoil Mhuire gan Smal, Glasheen

Enrolment week from Monday 3rd to 7th April. Tel. 4544750(B) and 4542294(G), e-mail glasheen boys.ias@eircom.net.

### Bishopstown I.C.A.

Business Meeting at 8 p.m. next Thursday 6th at S.M.A. Centre.

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## THE GLORIES OF 20TH CENTURY SACRED MUSIC

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Tickets available from The Music and Society Members and a Donor

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### Readings for Sunday 9 April

Jer. 31:31-34. Ps. 50.

Heb. 5:7-9. Jn. 12:20-30.

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