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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Patrick writes*

I must say that the appearance already of Christmas decorations and advertising does make me feel that the forthcoming celebration of the Birth of the Saviour is more about extra profits for the wealthy than Good News for the poor. Before you rush out to purchase all your gifts perhaps this Sunday would be timely to reflect on how you value the gifts you give and, indeed, receive. Because we are so much part of the commercial world we evaluate things purely in monetary terms. In the Gospel today Jesus shows us that using money as a scale for evaluating the quality of giving is a mistake. The widow put in far less than anyone else; only one penny, yet Jesus declared that she put in more than anyone else. Money could not evaluate the quality of her giving. God was happier with her one penny than the lavish gifts of others. Surely as the dreadful Christmas rush begins we should reflect on whether such giving could make us and our loved ones happy also.

*Patrick Webb*



## Rest in Peace

John Bermingham, Highfield Lawn, died at Cork University Hospital on 1st November after a long illness. John was a life-long member of the Fine Gael party, and served a term as Lord Mayor of Cork. But his name will be forever remembered for his work for the welfare of handicapped young people in COPE which he co-founded over forty years ago. Nor did he confine his attention to the welfare of young people only. His inspirational leadership was also found in his work for the elderly at the Honan Home, Montenotte. His efforts for Cork were rewarded by the City Fathers by bestowing him the rare honour of Freeman of Cork. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Hannah, his family Anne, Brian, Maura, Claire, Joan, his grandchildren, relatives and friends - especially in COPE.



ST. MARK



Continuing on the symbols of the Evangelists inside the dome of our church...

The symbol of Mark is the LION because the lion is a creature of the desert and his Gospel begins with John the Baptist "the voice of one crying in the wilderness".

Mark is considered to be the earliest of the Gospels (60-65 A.D.). He doesn't concentrate so much on Jesus' teachings, but on the mystery of his person, the gradual way in which his disciples reach an understanding of him which still remains hidden from the crowds. This Gospel has been called a passion narrative with an introduction. The first half of the Gospel is the revelation that Jesus is Messiah, the second the revelation of his role of suffering, his rejection and death and finally of his awesome resurrection.



**Parish Bulletin is hungry  
for your contributions**

Send your contributions and your ideas to:  
The Ballineaspig Bulletin, Parish Centre, Dennehy's Cross, Cork.  
Our phone number is 43 444 52.



## Something For All

Dear Editor,

As a student at the Christian Brothers school, North Monastery many years ago, I was lucky to have a Br. Woods as my teacher. He was on in years at that time but he was a very kind man and endeared himself to his pupils. Two things stand out in my memory of him:

- 1) His request to the boys never to pass the door of a church without going in.
- 2) His production of an empty chalk box one day on which he had written in big lettering 'THE POWER HOUSE'. He explained that he would put the box on his desk each morning and that the boys would be free to put into the box a slip of paper containing a request to Our Blessed Lady of any problems at home or any personal problems - no names to be mentioned or written on the slip of paper. All the boys and Br. Woods would join in prayer as each request was read out.

I recall two of the requests which were read out:

- 1) "That my father will get work".
- 2) "That no more calves will die".

I think that there is a lesson for us all here.

(Name & address with Editor)

**Sudden prayer makes God jump**



## Good Neighbours

### Three's Company

I wish the Bulletin every success in the efforts to get more people to write for it. May I offer a suggestion with a view to bringing us all a little closer together.

Wouldn't it be nice if the person or people in each house invited the neighbours living immediately at either side for half an hour for a cup of tea or coffee over Christmas and the New Year. Nothing big. And no silly "besting".

In that way everybody would get to meet everybody else, sometimes twice or even three times in a friendly atmosphere. There may be difficulties in some cases but generally it should work.

- Mary B.

Good actions are the invisible hinges of the doors of heaven.

Victor Hugo

## OUR SYMPATHIES

We offer sincere sympathy to MARIA HANNAFIN, Bishopstown Avenue, on the death of her mother Alice Corbett.

To EILEEN BUCKLEY, Farranlea, on the death of her sister Kathleen O'Donoghue.

To PAT HEGARTY, Laburnum Lawn, on the death of his father.



**November Masses**

During the month of November, there is an extra Mass each weekday at 7.30 p.m., in addition to the normal ones at 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.



*We remember those who  
have gone before us*

**Mass for Deceased Parishioners**

Our annual custom of remembering those who have died during the past year will take place on Tuesday 14th November with Mass at 7.30 p.m.



**O'Connell Court/Oakdene House**

Annual Bazaar on Sunday 19th November, 2.30 to 6.00 p.m. at Windmill Road.

**Alzheimer Society Cork Branch**

Carers support meeting on Monday 13th November at Jurys Hotel, 8.00 p.m.

**Bulletins to Homes**

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

**Bereaved Parents' Support Group**

There will be a commemorative gathering on Sunday 26th November at 2.30 p.m. in Bishop Lucey Park in the Grand Parade. This will be followed by a dedication service in the Imperial Hotel on the South Mall at 3.00 p.m. For further details, contact 4364695 or 4312978.



**Chess, Draughts, Backgammon...?**

**Do you have any boardgames that you can spare, to give to NASC, the Immigrant Centre here in Cork?**

If so, please drop them to the Parish Centre, Ballineaspaig Church (10 - 12.30 Mon to Fri), or if you need to have them collected, telephone Máire at 4543180, to arrange collection.

**Readings for Sunday 19 November**

Dan. 12:1-13; Ps. 15;  
Heb. 10:11-14, 18. Mk. 13:24-32.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

**087 - 251 9940**