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Ballineaspig Bulletin

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

Many years ago I was speaking to a young mother when her son aged four came in crying: "Mummy, Jimmy kicked me." His mother replied: "You go back and give Jimmy two kicks" - which he promptly did. Then two small boys were crying. The memory of the incident never left me. I know they were only children, and I'm sure the mother only intended to instil a sense of confidence and independence in her child. But it was the wrong way of doing it.

We are made in the image and likeness of God. Forgiveness of wrongs and hurt is at the heart of this likeness. Jesus himself stressed this so often, as in this Sunday's Gospel. "I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you..." Hurts, abuses, and injustices burrow deeply and actively in the memory. We cannot deny the reality of hurt, but we need not dwell on it. "Woundology" is in fashion in today's world. Retribution does no good to the one who deals it, or to the one who receives it. Poking at old sores drains our energy, and prevents healing.

One of the truly wonderful and Christlike asides from the Northern troubles are examples of forgiveness for perpetrators of horribly cruel and dastardly crimes against innocent people.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa wrote: "The world is hungry for goodness and recognises it when it sees it - and has an incredible response to the good. There's something in all of us that hungers after the good and the true, and when we glimpse it in people, we applaud them for it. We long to be a little like them."

There is nobody like you - and you can make a difference. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Anne O'Connor

Our
Weekly Offering



FINANCIAL REPORT

We thank you for your continuing contribution to the Sunday collection which increased by £4,283.00 during 2000. Despite this increase, there was an operating loss of £8,127.00 on the year's work. In fact, as the church is now over 40 years old, the likelihood is that maintenance will become an increasing charge. Over the years ahead, serious work may be needed on the roof and heating system. There may be other unforeseen demands as well. So it is important that we break even each year, at least, or indeed, put together a little reserve, if possible. This could be achieved with a small but regular increase in weekly contributions from those who can afford it. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PROJECT

When Anne Murphy, the Youth Development Officer, requested some help with the Youth for Justice Project, being an enthusiastic volunteer I put my hand up. Little did I realise the extent of what I had taken on. What I had presumed in my innocence was working at parish level, quickly spread to the city and the county.

What appeared to be a daunting task turned into a great learning curve for me. I received a great welcome from both teachers and pupils wherever I went. Those that decided to take on the project did so with great gusto. So you can all look forward to great projects at the exhibition on Wednesday 28th March in the Deerpark Hotel, Charleville, and we hope it will be well attended. The project has two main aims

1. To raise awareness of poverty.
2. To subtly recruit

We will have a wide variety of projects from refugees to homelessness. As this is a cross-regional exhibition there will be schools representing Kerry, Limerick, Clare, Tipperary, South Offaly and Cork. Cork will have 8 schools from the city and four from the county. Those from Cork are Mount Mercy, Spioraid Naomh, Christ Ri, St. Aidans, St. Angelas, C.B.C. Sidney Place, Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, Mount Mercy Conference. In the county we have schools from Fermoy, Mitchelstown, Mal-low and Charleville.

We may have a few stragglers yet and all are welcome to take part. In the next issues we hope to bring you photos and a full report on how it all went.

- Eilmarie Spillane Dowd, Conference of The Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Congratulations on winning the County Minor Football championship recently.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Presented by the Parish

INCOME	£
Sunday & Holyday collection	68,063
Shrines	7,922
Bank Interest	1,015
Folds, Directories, Booklets, etc	1,456
Rents from Groups	690
Miscellaneous income	523
Donation	1,000
TOTAL INCOME:	80,669

SUMMARY

Income 2000	80,669
Expenditure 2000	78,109
Outstanding Creditor	10,687
Deficit	8,127
Credit Balance 1/1/00	36,074
Current Balance	27,947

Special Church

C.M.C.C	£227
Holy Places	£392
Episcopal Commission	£340
Peru (incl. church boxes)	£1,861
Education of Priests	£1,084
Peter's Pence	£850



REPORT 2000
Finance Committee

EXPENDITURE	£
Wages & PRSI	22,022
Heating and Lighting	7,046
8% Levy to Diocesan Office	5,298
Insurance	3,568
Government Levy for Primary School children	3,353
Eucharistic Procession Fund	400
Bulletin, Folds, Missalettes, Booklets	6,112
Church requisites	9,036
Repairs and maintenance	13,457
6% Retirement Levy	4,065
Telephones	1,119
Bank Charges	98
Miscellaneous expenses	2,535
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	78,109

Collections 2000

Trócaire	£3,376
Mission Sunday	£1,760
St. Anne's Adoption Soc	£725
Lourdes Invalid Fund	£431
St. Finbarre's Cathedral	£1,155



The Lord's Prayer
is a hot line to The Father

There are prayers and prayers, reflections and aspirations, formal offerings as well as the direct, unprinted pleas of the sincere heart. But, surely, the most authentic and powerful of all is the one which comes from the mind and heart of Christ himself. Even in 2001 it is tailor-made for the everyday needs of young and old.

It is hard to put an identity on God the Father. It is hard to visualise him because, unlike Christ, he never walked the streets, told stories in parables, worked miracles or showed his love and compassion in the human sense as Christ did. We don't have the same idea of what makes him tick.

But Jesus knew his own Father in the same way as those of us blessed with kind, loving, patient, caring, concerned fathers and mothers know our own.

Christ knew the path to the heart of his Father as we know, or used to know, the path to the hearts of our own parents. He spelled out the ideal recipe in a single prayer that has everything from the opportunity to acknowledge God's greatness, offer our thanks for good fortune and the space to spell out our troubles one by one.

Over the coming weeks **The Bulletin** will take Lord's Prayer sentiment by sentiment. The seven short pieces were written by a parishioner who wants to remain anonymous.

"John Anon." says it is just one very average lay person's vision of what Christ's own prayer contains.

It begins this weekend/next weekend.



Faith in Action Group

There will be a meeting of the Group on **Monday next, 18th February, at 8.10 pm in the Christian Pursuits (CP) Centre.**

Matters will include arrangements for the Lenten campaign and for the visit and lecture by Peter Jacobs from Pakistan on 6th March. **All are welcome.**



TAKE NOTE

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle
Our monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next 21st February at 3 p.m. in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when Margaret Miller will present her choice of music. Everybody is welcome to an afternoon of great entertainment.

Casoga Catoilici na hEireann

The 11th Annual Memorial Mass for all our deceased Scout Friends will be held at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay on Friday 23rd February at 7.45 p.m.

Spring Courses

A programme of courses, held in the Dominican Centre, Pope's Quay, can be seen in the church porch.

P.E.A.C.E.

The silver jubilee of the Cork Peace Week will take place in March, marked with a programme of events details of which can be seen in our church porch.



LENT ON THE EDGE

Series of Lunch-Time Talks

with

MARY KENNY

ASH WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY

at

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1.10 - 1.30 P.M.

Light Snack available

Congratulations!

Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh

Congratulations to past pupil Redmond Condon who is the first C.S.N. man to collect a President's Gold Award. Redmond received his bronze level award while a Transition Year student and his silver in Leaving Cert.

Past pupils John Spillane and Louis de Paor won the Realta 2001 Trophy and cheque for £3000 winning the annual Raidio na Gaeltachta song competition.

Readings for Sunday 25 February

Str. 27:4-7; Ps. 91;

1 Cor. 15:54-58. Lk. 6:39-45.

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