

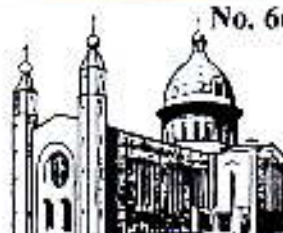
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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK.



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Patrick writes*

## *Lent On the Edge*

There is no more important event than the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the centre of our faith, but also of our cosmos. However, we have to ask what does this mean? The season of Lent, which begins next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February is a time when we try to incorporate ourselves into this mystery of Christ died and risen again. The Church from ancient times, and indeed Christ Himself, recommends three methods of doing this: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Down through the years many saints and sinners have sought to hold onto and deepen their faith through these methods. How can I believe in Christ died and risen?

During the coming season of Lent we will, here at the Church of the Holy Spirit, be having our lunch-time talks "Lent on the Edge". Personalities who have achieved fame, those who hold down jobs in very difficult and responsible circumstances will speak about their faith, how they believe what God means to them.

Many Kenny will give the first lunch-time talk on Ash Wednesday in the crypt of the church. As a journalist she has achieved a great deal of fame. She will share her own faith story. A light snack will be available afterwards. We are asking you to support these gatherings, tell others about them, bring a friend!

**Lent on the Edge**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**  
**1.10 – 1.30 p.m.**

*Patrick Walsh*

  
**LENT**

**Prayer**  
for the good  
of your soul



**Fasting**  
for the good  
of your body



**Almsgiving**  
for the good  
of your  
neighbour



## Reflection

What do you bring to Christ's table?  
We bring bread,  
made by many people's work,  
from an unjust world  
where some have plenty  
and most go hungry.

At this table all are fed,  
and no-one turned away.  
Thanks be to God.

What do you bring to Christ's table?  
We bring wine,  
made by many people's work,  
from an unjust world  
where some have leisure  
and most struggle to survive.

At this table all share the cup  
of pain and celebration,  
and no-one is denied.  
Thanks be to God.

These gifts shall be for us  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Our witness against hunger,  
our cry against injustice,  
and our hope for a world  
where God is fully known  
and every child is fed.  
Thanks be to God.

*Brian Wren*

One reason children are so happy is they don't  
have children of their own to worry about.

(PAUL L. POWERS)



*Rejoice, young man, while you are young,  
and let your heart cheer you ...*

ECCLESIASTES 11:9

## Our Father..... who art in heaven

It is hard to have a clear perception of God the Father. The childhood vision of the plump, white bearded grandfather figure in his flowing white robes and looking out of the clouds still persists. We know He is there but the mind picture we have is like an out-of-focus photograph.

But He is there. We have Christ's word for it and the whole experience of Christ's arrival, his mission on earth and then His death and resurrection, to prove it. If we believe that Christ was born, lived and died on earth then it follows naturally that the Father is there as well.

God the Father is real in every sense. A caring, concerned, kind and loving father even better than the best of human fathers. In giving us The Lord's Prayer, Christ gave us his own personal direct-line number to the Father. We don't have to introduce ourselves. He already knows us, our strengths and our weaknesses. He knows what it is troubles us most.

We have Christ's assurance that the Father will listen to our words and will understand our inner thoughts and fears and hopes as we battle with every-day living - spiritual, family and friends, as well as material things. Should we not, then, approach the Father full of confidence. And we don't need any middle people to make a case for us either! We go straight to the top man.

He is the same Father we will meet when our time comes and He will be there with our parents and family members, and our friends who have gone before us and we will see them smile as He holds out His hands in welcome to tell us: "We were all waiting for you.....!"

- JOHN ANON.





## GOD'S LAW

I present my case for keeping God's laws as follows:

- a) God commanded us to keep these laws; who would dare disobey commands from Headquarters:
- b) Given to us so many centuries ago, do they not apply as much today as when given?
- c) Guiding lights on the road of life, these Laws are put there, after all, for our own good.
- d) If we break God's Laws and do not repent sincerely in the Sacrament of Confession, then we are in danger of losing the promise of eternal paradise – indeed a terrible loss!
- e) In today's world the Laws of God are the hardest, yet the most important Laws for us to keep. We know them as the **Ten Commandments**.

I rest my case.

P.B.



We offer our sincere sympathy to EAMONN MANSFIELD, Farranlea Grove, on the death of his brother, and to JOAN HEANEY, Leesdale, on the death of her uncle.

## MOUNT MERCY

### Ms. Phyllis Glavin.

Ms. Phyllis Glavin, who died on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2001, taught in Mount Mercy College from 1967 to 1999. She will be remembered with great affection as a highly esteemed member of our teaching staff. During her teaching career she was an inspiration in so many different ways to the students who crossed her path. As a teacher of Maths, Geography and Latin she transmitted to her pupils an appreciation of the many aspects of these subjects. The school owes her a great debt of gratitude for her unstinting work on behalf of education.

Requiescat in Pace.



Poverty and inequality are the main causes of hunger, not shortage of food. People in many countries starve in spite of food being available, because they do not have the resources (a job, land, tools or money) to buy or grow food. Almost 80% of malnourished children in the developing world live in countries with food surpluses.

It is in God that we live, and move, and have our being.

- Paul in Acts 17,28.



## The Season of Lent

Next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence. Masses at 7.30 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Masses during Lent at 9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

### First Friday

Next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

### Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 10.30 to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

### St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection next weekend at all Masses.

### Pilgrimages to Medjugorje

On this the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there are two pilgrimages - May 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> and September 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details from Finbar O'Leary at 4968959.

### N.A.O.M.I

Information on pre-marriage courses, natural family planning, etc. available at 36 Washington Street, tel. 4272213, Tuesday to Friday, office hours.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

**087 - 251 9940**

### Mass for Peace & Reconciliation

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass for Peace & Reconciliation in Ireland will be concelebrated at St. Augustine's Church at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Bishop John McAreavey, Dromore, Northern Ireland, will preach the sermon. The faithful are encouraged to participate in this special Jubilee Celebration Mass. The music for the Mass has been specially composed by our church organist Patrick Killeen.

### **AWARE.**

Helping to defeat Depression.

### PUBLIC LECTURE (Free)

TITLE: A RECIPE FOR DEPRESSION ?

DATE: TUESDAY FEB. 27 TH 2001

VENUE: UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, LECTURE THEATRE, WILTON COBK.

TIME: 8 TO 9:00 PM FOLLOWED BY QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION.

## GOD'S WORD

### Readings for Sunday 4 March

Deut.26.10-14; Ps. 90;  
Romans 10:8-13; Lk. 4:1-13.

- The First Reading expressed the belief that God is with his people, in good times and bad.
- Psalm 90: God protects those who trust in divine help.
- Second Reading: Faith in the resurrection is the mark of true believers, according to St. Paul.
- In the Gospel, even Jesus was unable to escape temptation.