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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNHY'S CROSS, DORK.



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

This is a true story. Like me you may have heard it before. I read it again recently, and I was so moved I thought I should share it with you.

A businessman in San Antonio, Texas, parked his brand-new car on the street, and went off about his business. When he returned he found a poor little boy of about eleven examining his gleaming new car with wonder and admiration.

"Is this your car, mister?" the little boy asked. "Yes", he replied. "It's beautiful. How much did you pay for it?" "To be honest, sonny, I don't know." "You mean you bought it and can't remember what you paid for it?" "I didn't buy it. I got a present of it from my brother." "You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you a penny?" "That's right". "I wish that I..... The man was sure the boy was going to say 'I wish that I had a brother like that', but what in fact he said was, **"I wish that I could be a brother like that."**

The man was so thrown by this reply – standing there with the keys of his brand-new car, it dawned on him this little fellow had more love in his heart than he had.

He was even more impressed when he found the reason for the child's concern for his own little brother – the brother in fact was a victim of cerebral palsy, and couldn't walk.

It was the start of a new relationship between the business man and these two little boys. To his astonishment the man discovered he was the poorest of the three. He knew, as we all do, that money cannot buy happiness – now he felt it in his own life.

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts)*

*"To love rather than to be loved" (St. Francis of Assisi).*

*"Before we strongly wish for something we should look carefully into the happiness of its present owner." (De Foucauld)*

## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November is the feast of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation. We celebrate not only the canonised saints but all the dead who have reached fulfilment, including our relatives and friends. They have reached holiness through the gospel teaching of the Sermon on the Mount. May we also share in their company.

Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.  
Masses on Thursday at 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m.



## *Rest in Peace*

Patrick Driscoll, Farranlea Grove, died peacefully on 19<sup>th</sup> October at Cork University Hospital where he had been head of security for a decade before his retirement some years ago. A native of Ballycotton, he was a long-time member of the Garda Síochána serving many years in the Immigration Service. However, it was in sport that he was best known. An outstanding footballer with Cork, he went on to be Chairman of the Cork County Board. His standing in the G.A.A. was acknowledged through his appointment as a trustee of the Association. An esteemed colleague and a sincere friend he will be greatly missed. We offer sincere sympathies to his wife Betty, sons Brendan, Peter, Kevin, sister Maura, brothers Canon David, John, Liam, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and to the wider circle of family and friends.

Matt Richmond, Bishopstown Avenue, died unexpectedly at his home on Monday last 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Mattie was an institution at Cork City Hall, where he spent all his working life, and headed up several of the more important departments there - notably housing. He was esteemed by his colleagues and the general public as a highly competent and dedicated public servant, who had the interests of Cork people very much at heart. He was a loyal and active member of the North Mon. P.P.U. as well as a keen soccer player with Cork Bohs. in his earlier years. We extend our very sincere sympathy to his wife

Irene, his daughter Irene, his brother Fred, sister Betty, son-in-law Tom, and his grandchildren Karen, Orla, Charles, Fiona, Kevin and Eoin, of whom he was so proud. May his noble soul rest in peace.

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### **Something to Consider About Our World....**

If earth's population was shrunk into a village of just 100 people - with all the human ratios existing in the world still remaining - what would this tiny, diverse village look like? That's exactly what Phillip M. Harter, a medical doctor at the Stanford University School of Medicine, attempted to figure out.

This is what he found:

- 57 would be Asian
- 21 would be European
- 14 would be from the Western Hemisphere
- 8 would be African
- 52 would be female
- 79 would be non-white
- 30 would be white
- 70 would be non-Christian
- 89 would be heterosexual
- 11 would be homosexual
- 6 people would possess 50 percent of the entire world's wealth, and all 6 would be from the United States
- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- 1 would be near death
- 1 would be pregnant
- 1 would have a college education
- 1 would have a computer



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## HOW MANY SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS?

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Do you remember Trócaire's Global Gift Campaign last Christmas? Perhaps you were one of the many people in the parish who enabled Trócaire to distribute 9,986 clutches of chickens in Central America, while 6,672 pigs have been allocated to families throughout Honduras. Furthermore they bought 3,184 literacy books and 1,953 medical kits. Over 1,500 ploughs were bought for families in the Sudan and Kenya and they were able to put roofs on 713 houses in Mozambique.

An e-mail from Sorcha Fennell, one of Trócaire's project officers in Honduras, highlights the effect of your generosity: *"I have just got back from a trip visiting seven communities where we had distributed chicks and all of the women are absolutely mad about the project. As they got layers, there are now 908 eggs being laid in twelve communities! The impact this has had is incredible. Due to a general shortage of eggs in the country the price of eggs is unusually high. The women are selling half of the eggs and using the rest for household consumption."*

Trócaire will run the scheme again this Christmas with a selection of new global gifts. Tell your family and friends that you will be giving very special presents this year.

**Watch this space for further details!**

## Bible Corner



### MODERN PRIVATISATION

Privatisation of public utilities like telecommunication, airlines, transport, electricity has evoked much debate in the last few decades in Britain and Ireland. It seems to be a modern initiative. Not so! The Romans were at it in the time of Jesus in a much more radical form. They privatised the levying and the collection of taxes. The method was simple. They put the taxation of a territory like Ballineaspig up for the tender. The highest bidder won the right and the backing of the army to collect as much tax as he could in the particular area. Anything over and above the bid price was his to keep. Obviously, the successful tax collector had to know his people and gauge what he could get out of them. He had to be one of their own who was in league with the occupying forces. Such an extortionist was thoroughly despised. To be considered lower than such a tax collector was unimaginable. Pity the poor Pharisees in today's gospel.





**NOTICE BOARD**

**Novena for Holy Souls**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is the Commemoration of all the faithful departed. Each priest will start a Novena of Masses on that day for all the dead on our November list. Envelopes and prayer cards available in the church, and please place your completed envelope in the box at the altar rails before the start of November.

**Evening Mass**

From November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 12<sup>th</sup> there will be evening Mass at 7.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday) to coincide with the Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls. On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 p.m. Mass will be for all who died during the past year in the parish. All the families involved are particularly invited.

**First Friday**

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

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.

**Ministers of the Word**

New rota available at altar rails this weekend. Please collect your copy.

**N.A.O.M.I**

For information of pre-marriage courses, natural family planning, achieving a pregnancy, menopause counselling, contact 36 Washing Street, tel. 4272213, Tuesday to Friday office house.

***BISHOPSTOWN SOCIAL CENTRE  
WILTON PARK HOUSE***

New opportunities for older people  
in our community

Tuesdays 2.30-4.30 p.m. *45 Cards.*  
Beginners welcome.

Wednesdays 2.30-4.30 p.m.  
*Respite/Social*

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> (changes to Mondays  
from 5<sup>th</sup> November)  
*Relaxation and gentle exercise with Una  
Hayward.*

Tel: 4348595 (between 2.30-4.30 p.m.)

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**First Reading:**

Wis.11:22-12:2. God shows his merciful forgiveness to all sinners.

**Psalm 144:**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion.

**Second Reading:**

2 Thess.1:11-2:2 We have received a call, of which God alone has the power to make us worthy.

**Gospel:**

Lk.19:1-10. Jesus teaches by his treatment of Zacchaeus that God's compassion is wider than ours, his judgements more merciful than ours can be.

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*Fr. Patrick writes*

So much of our lives work on a system of reward and merit. High grades in the Leaving Cert. entitle one to a wider choice of courses at university. You can earn bonus points by being faithful to supermarkets. We feel satisfied about this, it is as it should be! However, our faith **does not work** in this way. We are not rewarded with Christ's love because we are good, neither are we punished (in this life) because we are bad. Christ loves us as we are, without condition. Why is this so? I'm not really sure, God alone knows. Yet, it is the basis of our faith. Zacchaeus discovered this when he met Christ. Only then was he inspired to change his way of life. Thus, because he was loved by God, then he became good. How different are God's ways to ours. Good News for sinners!

*Patrick Walsh*

### **Mass for those who died during the past year**

Our traditional annual Mass for parishioners who died since November 2000 will be celebrated on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m.

Families and friends of the bereaved are especially invited to attend. During Mass, as each name is called, a family member will be invited to bring a lighting candle to our November shrine. All parishioners are invited.

### **God's Word**

#### **Readings for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

##### **First Reading:**

2 Mac.7:1-2, 9-14. The story of a woman and her sons whose faith in the resurrection gave them the strength to endure martyrdom.

##### **Psalm 16:**

The Lord hears our prayers, and when we die brings us to the sight of glory.

##### **Second Reading:**

2 Thess.2:16-3:5. Paul's letter to the Christians of Thessalonica was written to reassure and encourage them.

##### **Gospel:**

Lk.20:27-38. Jesus' answer to people who doubted the resurrection of the dead.



## *Rest in Peace*

James McIntosh, Kenley Circle, died on 25<sup>th</sup> October at home in the care of his wife and family. Even though he came to live here many years ago, he retained his links with the North Parish through the Sick Poor Society, where he was a faithful member until the society there died some time ago. The large attendance of Northsiders at both his removal and funeral Mass showed how much his service there was appreciated. Here he was appreciated as a family man, a kindly neighbour, a regular collector at 10.30 Sunday Mass. Devoted to the Eucharist himself, he would have appreciated the attendance of so many neighbours and friends at his Saturday morning funeral Mass and at his burial in Kilcrumper Cemetery. We extend our sincerest sympathies to his wife Eileen, daughter Finola, son James and to the wider circle of family and friends. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a anam dílis.

The unexpected death of Brian Hopkins at Rosewood, Ballinacollig, on 27<sup>th</sup> October shocked his devoted family and his wide circle of friends and neighbours. Brian was a special person, he made friends wherever he went. As a member of the Legion of Mary he was involved with the sale of the Catholic Papers and his devotion to this was exceptional. He was an avid supporter of Manchester United, and all who knew

him shared his excitement about his recent trip to Old Trafford, provided by his affectionate family. Brian had an amazing memory for dates and events, and this was recalled by many of the large gathering who attended the Rosary at the home of Patricia and Sean, and also at the Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. We extend our sincere sympathy to his sisters Marian, Barbara and Patricia, his brothers Dermot, Eric and David, also his sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and his many relatives and friends. May he rest in peace.



We offer our sincere sympathy to DR. SHAYRON O'SULLIVAN, Kenley Crescent, on the death of her father.

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"Anyone who has faith in me  
will do what I have been doing. He will  
do even greater things than these,  
because  
I am going to the Father."



# LETTERS

Dear Editor,

A few weeks ago the Church celebrated World Life Day, an occasion which brought to my mind the following reflections.

For three hundred years, to be a Christian was by definition to be a conscientious objector to military service. This was one of the causes of the persecutions against Christians in the Roman Empire.

In the name of protecting the lives of one human group, war deems valid the destruction of the lives of the members of another human group. War gives priority value to some lives.

For seventeen hundred years, on both sides of countless wars, human beings have carried out the violent destruction of other human beings with the blessing of their respective churches.

Why, in the face of this absurdity, doesn't the Church declare war on war and campaign for the abolition of armies, which are the instrument of war, and for the abolition of the manufacture of weapons, which are the instruments of armies?

It has taken nearly two millennia for the Church to declare its total opposition to slavery. Will it take as long again for it to state its opposition to war and to the civil and state institutions and the non-inclusive world view that perpetuate it?

If, when we read Jesus' admonition to Peter at Gethsemane, we replaced "sword" by its modern equivalents of cluster bombs, chemical, biological, nuclear or even propaganda weapons, would we hear more clearly His word of life, of a weapon-less life? Would it encourage us to attempt to translate that word into our country's legal and constitutional framework? Perhaps it is only an unarmed life that is capable of both justice and peace.

Sincerely,  
Madelaine McNamara

Dear Editor,

For garden birds and songs in Winter all you need is to get a hanging bird basket, fill with nuts (obtainable in shopping centres), hang on high bush or tree branch in middle of garden or hedge, not too near the house, plus a dish of water, and you have *The Sound of Music* – singing birds.

J.F.

## Bible Corner



Quiz contestants would have little difficulty in identifying Gandhi with India, Napoleon with France, Washington with the U.S.A. Each is a key figure in the history of his own people. Similarly, Abram, later called Abraham is the cornerstone of Hebrew history and our own salvation story. He was a nomad, a wandering Aramean who answered God's call to leave his own country and people on God's promise that he would be father of a great Hebrew people. The promise seemed hollow when he was over 100 years old before his son Isaac was born and, even then, he was asked to sacrifice this son. Isaac however survived and passed on the mantle to Jacob. The one true God is described in the Bible as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Such a pedigree is regarded as fundamental, not only to our religious story but to the history of Islam which also traces its roots back to Abraham. Indeed, in this Sunday's gospel, Jesus points out that Zacchaeus deserves salvation because he is a son of Abraham, a sure title to God's love.



### **New beginnings at Sacred Heart**

"When God wants something done...

He gives growth, strength and fruitfulness."

*(Fr. Jules Chevalier, founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart)*

...and so it was that on the 18<sup>th</sup> August last MSCs, friends, benefactors and parishioners gathered with Bishop Buckley and the Lord Mayor to celebrate the Blessing and Opening of Sacred Heart Centre and Residence. This special occasion saw the culmination of years of planning and fund raising. It is a new chapter in the story of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Cork.

Fr. Ciarán MacCarthaigh, MSC, Provincial Leader, led a joyful Liturgy of Thanksgiving and then joined with his MSC community to host a lunch for 500 well wishers.

Dyke House has seen many changes in its long history. Originally a private residence built in 1725, it became the first home of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Ireland. MSC Frs. Richard Scriven, Michael Carrick and Jack Shanahan, who still reside in the house, came as students in 1927 thus creating a direct link between 2001 and the very early days of this historic house. Dyke House was demolished due to structural weakness making way for the fine building now standing on the site.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart look forward with joy and hope to all that having such a Centre in the area of Sacred Heart Church means. Their hope and prayer is that Sacred Heart Centre will reflect the vision of their founder and become the heart of the community in the area.

### **Ministers of the Word**

Reminder of Meeting of Sunday and Daily Readers on Tuesday next 6<sup>th</sup> November in the Crypt at 8 p.m.

Some new rotas remaining to be collected in Sacristy.

### **Ministers of the Eucharist**

New rota ready for collection at altar rails this weekend. Please collect your copy.

### **St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**

Day of Prayer on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, 9.30-5.30 p.m. including Mass. Cost £15. Contact Jackie at 4541144 after 7.00 p.m.

### **Parents Evening**

At the Information Technology Centre, C.I.T. on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. The evening will include an information session on issues relevant to parents of senior cycle students including CAO application, and an exhibition of CIT full-time courses. Further information from Mary Pat O'Connor at 4326804, e-mail: [mpoconnor@cit.ie](mailto:mpoconnor@cit.ie)

### **Oíche Rasaiochta (Race Night)**

At Bishopstown G.A.A. Pavilion on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 8 p.m. in aid of Scoil Uí Riada. Fáilte roimh cách.

### **Bishopstown I.C.A.**

Meeting at S.M.A. Wilton on Thursday 8 p.m. Evening with the Gramophone Circle.

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