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DUNLUIN'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR

## PARISH TEAM

Fr. Patrick writes

### THE EDGE, THE WILDERNESS

A journalist asked me the other day why do I have these *Lent on the Edge* talks? A difficult question to answer, that is if you have not been on the edge. If you have been to the 'edge', then in a sense you already understand. What do we mean by 'the edge'? In today's gospel for the First Sunday of Lent, we find that Jesus is led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Matthew chooses the word wilderness. Other writers down the centuries have used the word 'darkness'. Whatever word you would wish - the edge, darkness, wilderness, gutter... it is a necessary part of the Christian journey.

Last Wednesday Ovidiu Matiut shared his story of vulnerability and isolation as an asylum seeker in the first *Lent on the Edge* talk. Many were impressed by what he had to say. When someone has the courage to share his story of the edge, it puts us in touch with our own experience of wilderness. This Lent let us seek to follow Christ in his journey in the wilderness.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

We thank you for your continuing contribution to the Sunday collection which increased by £5,159 during 2001. When increased expenses are taken into account, we end up with a surplus of £1,679 for the year. It was a year without any major repair or refurbishment work, so we did not have to dip into reserves.

The change over to the Euro has gone very smoothly and you obviously rounded up your weekly contribution. Thank you.

**PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING  
AT MASS**

# Lent on the Edge

LUNCH TIME TALKS

**FR. AIDAN TROY**  
Holy Cross School, Ardoyne

Wednesday  
20<sup>th</sup> February 1.30 - 1.50 P.M.

Light Snack Available

**Church of the Holy Spirit**



## Bible Corner



### GARDEN OF EDEN

Memory is central to what each one of us is and does. In the light of life's experiences, each person behaves in a particular way today and has hopes for tomorrow. When we want to know someone else, we ask that person to tell us something of the story of his or her life and in that way we come to know what makes that person tick.

This is true not only for us individually, but as a people. The ongoing story of what happens in each generation forms the identity of a people. Though diverse in so many other ways, the Hebrew people were very conscious of the central fact that God was creator of the human family and that their relationship to Him was a central part of their ongoing history. To keep this realisation of mind and heart alive, they developed folk memories to carry essential truths forward from one generation to the next. In time, some of these early stories were distilled and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, came to be written down in what we call the Book of Genesis. One of the best known of these stories is our first reading this weekend and has left us with the image of Eden as the place of perfect bliss.

#### **Parent and Toddler Morning**

Opening on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February in Crypt of Church. 10.00-12.00 noon. Limited numbers. To secure a place please phone Fiona Fleming 4343187.

#### **Corporal Works of Mercy**

Many of us have forgotten the existence of the corporal works of mercy, though the words may ring a bell, but can you remember them? The *Irish Catholic* starting with the First Sunday in Lent is publishing a series of seven articles on them by such well-known writers as Bishop Donal Murray, Msgr. Denis Faul, Cardinal Hume, etc. They are as relevant today as they were years ago. Read the *Irish Catholic* and see what we mean.



Declan Forrest, Wilton Gardens, died unexpectedly at home on Sunday morning 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Originally from Hollyhill, he came to Wilton Gardens with his late wife Peg (nee O'Flaherty) shortly after their marriage and worked in car sales at the Cross for many years. He lived life at an easy pace, never hurried and had a great sense of humour. Gifted with his hands, he was very obliging and always ready to help his neighbours. A keen fisherman, he would have appreciated Fr. Clancy's gospel and funeral homily highlighting Jesus' invitation to the weary fishermen to come and have breakfast. We pray that Declan is at home in heaven with the apostle fishermen and all the friends who have gone before him. A loving father, he will be missed by sons Raymond, Robert, daughter-in-law Audrey, grandson Simon, sisters Maura and Nuala, to all of whom we extend our sincerest sympathies.



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**FINANCIAL REPORT 2001**  
 Presented by the Parish Finance Committee

| <b>INCOME</b>                      | <b>£</b>        | <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                          | <b>£</b>        |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| Sunday & Holyday collection        | 73,222          | Wages & PRSI                                | 25,288          |
| Shrines                            | 8,636           | Heating and Lighting                        | 8,619           |
| Bank Interest                      | 431             | 8% Levy to Diocesan Office                  | 5,660           |
| Folds, Directories, Booklets, etc. | 1,211           | Insurance                                   | 3,800           |
| Rents from Groups                  | 1,278           | Parish Council                              | 375             |
| Miscellaneous Income               | 2,433           | Government Levy for Primary School children | 242             |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>               | <b>£ 87,211</b> | Eucharistic Procession Fund                 | 500             |
|                                    |                 | Bulletin, Folds, Missalettes, Booklets      | 6,459           |
|                                    |                 | Computer                                    | 2,976           |
|                                    |                 | Church requisites                           | 7,781           |
|                                    |                 | Repairs and maintenance                     | 4,696           |
|                                    |                 | Turmacadam                                  | 10,687          |
|                                    |                 | 6% Retirement Levy                          | 4,084           |
|                                    |                 | Telephones                                  | 1,176           |
|                                    |                 | Bank Charges                                | 292             |
|                                    |                 | Miscellaneous expenses                      | 2,897           |
|                                    |                 | <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE:</b>                   | <b>£ 85,532</b> |

| <b>SUMMARY</b>        | <b>£</b> |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Income 2001           | 87,211   |
| Expenditure 2001      | 85,532   |
| Surplus               | 1,679    |
| Credit Balance 1/1/01 | 38,634   |
| Credit Balance 1/1/02 | 40,313   |

**Special Church Collections 2001**

|                           |        |                          |        |
|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| C.M.C.C.                  | £293   | Trócaire                 | £3,050 |
| Holy Places               | £410   | Afghanistan              | £8,000 |
| Episcopal Commission      | £475   | Mission Sunday           | £1,729 |
| Peru (incl. church boxes) | £3,235 | St. Anne's Adoption Soc. | £665   |
| Education of Priests      | £820   | Lourdes Invalid Fund     | £506   |
| Peter's Pence             | £970   |                          |        |





**Lent**

Masses Monday-Friday at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m.

**Missalettes**

In an attempt to keep the church tidy, we would ask you to return your Missalettes and hymn sheets to the boxes provided at the church doors. Thank you.

**Enrolments**

Enrolments for St. Catherine's National School, Bishopstown Avenue, now being taken for September 2002.



**Official Over 60's Talent Competition**

Preliminary round at Bishopstown G.A.A. Club at 8 p.m. on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Application forms available at the club. 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> prizes will be presented on the night. Adm. to function is €5.

**Leadership Skills Course**

At Dominican Retreat Centre, Ennismore, on 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February. Cost €65 residential, €40 non-residential. The focus of this course is to enable leadership in community and pastoral care situations.

**Profession at Poor Clare Convent**

On Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, world day of consecrated life, Feast of the Presentation, Sr. M. Faustina, Poor Clare Community, made her First Profession, taking religious vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and enclosure for three years. She continues her Poor Clare journey in formation until her Solemn Profession. Keep her in your good prayers please, and she will keep all our parishioners in her prayers.

**"The Worst Forms of Child Labour"**

Maura Scully, Trócaire Programme Advisor in Mozambique will speak from her own experience.

8pm, Monday next, 18<sup>th</sup> February, in the crypt.

**All are welcome**



**Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle**

Our monthly recital will take place at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday next 20<sup>th</sup> February in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when well known former broadcaster Dan Murphy will give the recital. As always everybody is welcome to attend.

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**First Reading:**

Gen.12:1-4. God's promise to Abram who became Abraham is described.

**Psalm 32 2**

**Second Reading:**

Tim.1:8-10. Paul reminds us that God is on our side, that Jesus rose from the dead for us.

**Gospel:**

Mt.17:1-9. The Gospel gives a glimpse of the glory promised to Jesus after his death and resurrection.

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