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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, DUBLIN



OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

A TIME OF PRAYER

Many people have already collected a Trócaire box from the church and more will do so this weekend. By Holy Thursday, generous contributions, large and small will build up a Lenten fund nationwide of several million Euro to help our needy brothers and sisters worldwide. As well as reminding us that faith without good works is useless, Lent is also a compelling invitation to nourish and celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. This we do through daily prayer as individuals, as families, as a Eucharistic people. For believers, the cornerstone of Easter is a renewal of faith in Jesus who suffered, died and rose from the dead. It is to this Jesus that we must turn in prayer each day.

Our daily prayer this Lent could include a fervent prayer of intercession that our city and its people may be freed from the evil of violence and the fear of violence. We can invite the Lord Jesus to renew his spirit among us, instilling respect for one another into every heart. We cannot afford to despair and abandon our city to violence. We can entrust it

to the Lord and ask his help. Our Lenten devotions this Sunday at 5.30 p.m. will be a time of intercessory prayer to the Lord. Join in spirit even if you cannot be present. Thank you.

**PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING
AT MASS**

Lent on the Edge

LUNCH TIME TALKS

SR. CONSILIO
of Cuan Mhuire

Wednesday
27th February 1.10 - 1.30 P.M.

Light Snack Available

Church of the Holy Spirit

DENNEHY'S CROSS

Rest In Peace

Diarmuid O'Leary, Farranlea Park, died on 3rd February as a result of an unfortunate road accident. As the tragic news spread, there was devastating dismay among a wide circle of young friends, sport and work colleagues, who were shocked at Diarmuid's death in the prime of life. Growing up in Farranlea and a past pupil of Coláiste an Spioraid Naoinh, he was appreciated locally as a talented young man, a loyal friend and a kindly neighbour. His going leaves a great vacuum in many lives. We extend our deepest sympathies to his father Jer, his sisters Treasa and Maire, his brothers Michéal and Sean, his beloved fiancée Caroline, and the wider family circle and friends.

Bridget (Bridie) Roche (nee Sexton), Roger Casement Park, died on 14th February in the C.U.H. after a few days illness. She had rallied from previous illnesses to return to Mass and to bingo, but this time the Lord called her after a long and fulfilled life. As a young couple, herself and her late husband Maurice were among the earlier comers to the Park where she reared her family and lived to see her great-grandchildren. Indeed, four generations of the family participated in her funeral Mass. Devoted to faith, family, friends and neighbours, she appreciated life's gifts and was always grateful to God for them. She will be sadly missed by each generation. To her daughter Mary, sons Christy, Maurice and Dan, to her sister Jo, son-in-law, daughters-in-law and the wide family circle, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Dick Fenton died peacefully and unexpectedly at his home in Woodlawn, Model Farm Road, on February 17th. While in failing health for some time, Dick continued his lifelong interest in sport and watched the Twickenham International on the day before he died. The development and progress of Highfield Rugby Club was a project very close to his heart, having been no mean exponent of the sport himself. Rod fishing and a love of the sea brought him great happiness. But above all, Dick was a family man devoted to his good wife Matilda (nee Carpenter) and his sons Tony and Richie and their families, all of whom knew him as a gentle and kindly man, of reserved disposition and generous heart. To all of them, we offer our sincerest sympathies. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a anam dílis.

LOCAL SCHOOLS

Peace Slogan as Gaeilge

Congratulations and well done to Aideen McNally and Clare Ahern, both Leaving Cert. students at Mount Mercy College, who were prizewinners in the recent Peace Slogan Competition as Gaeilge. The girls received 1st, 5th and 7th prize and were also the overall winners in Irish.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Aisling McCarthy, Lima Lawn, winner of the Houlihan Memorial Perpetual Cup, under 15s, String Repertoire, and under 15's for violin at Feis Maitiu. She is a pupil of the School of Music.



Do your bit to halt the ongoing tragedy of child armed soldiers worldwide

On Sunday next, March 3rd, after all masses you will have an opportunity to support the Trócaire Lenten Campaign to ensure that children will not be used as soldiers in any circumstances.

At any one time more than 300,000 children - girls and boys - are fighting as soldiers with government armed forces and with armed opposition groups in more than 30 countries worldwide.

In May 2000 the United Nations (UN) adopted a legal standard to ensure that the use of child soldiers would cease: "Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict". Each supporting country signs the Protocol, and then ratifies it by bringing it into law. Ireland has signed the Protocol, but has not ratified it.

Trócaire is campaigning that the Irish Government now ratify the Protocol without reservation. This would ensure that no one under 18 would participate in the armed forces in Ireland (though 16 and 17 year olds could still enter training with the forces). Ireland could then give credible leadership internationally, having adopted the highest standards of child protection in this regard at home.

Trócaire is also calling on the Government to ratify the International Criminal Court, (already ratified by 40 countries), which will try individuals accused of using child soldiers.

Please sign the petition sheets available in the church, calling on the Government to ratify both the Protocol and the International Court.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Bible Corner



PLACE APART - TIME APART

Mountain means different things in different places. Our premier peak, Carrantuohill would hardly rank as a foothill among the Alps or the Himalayas. In the lowlands of the Eastern Mediterranean, moderate mountains like Mount Tabor and Mount Hermon seem to dominate the countryside and have a special significance in the consciousness and religious history of the Hebrew people. For the Hebrews, mountain tops were places apart, places where God could be specially present to them and they to God.



Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married recently:

MARY O'CONNELL, St. Christopher's, Wilton Road, who married NEVILLE FAHY, Leedale, Model Farm Road, in Sao Paula, Brazil.

MAIREAD CRONIN, Woodlawn, Model Farm Road, who married John Collins, Nenagh.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

087 - 251 9940



Lent

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

Rosary and Benediction every Sunday at 5.30 p.m.

First Friday

Next Friday, 1st March, is the first Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 1st March from 10.30 to 7.30 p.m.

Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima

Monthly Devotions, Mass and Holy Hour in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at St. Maries of the Isle, on Monday, 25th February, at 7.30 p.m. conducted by Fr. Dan Crowley. All welcome.

Mass for Peace and Reconciliation

At St. Augustine's Church at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday 3rd March. Preacher will be Fr. Brendan Callanan, C.Ss.R., Belfast. All are welcome.

Enrolment Week

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh, Monday February 25th to Friday 1st March. Phone 4543305 (girls) 4543333 (boys).

Opportunity for someone interested in restoration?

An old, ornate Malcolm harmonium, built by Murdoch and Murdoch Ltd., London, first acquired by the parish 25 years ago and used by the choir, is no longer in use, and is available. Contact the parish secretary at 4344452 (10.00 to 12.30 p.m.) in the first instance.

Women's World Day of Prayer

All men and women are very welcome to attend the Service, prepared by the Women of Romania, on Friday, 1st March at 11 a.m. in Ardfallen Methodist Centre, Douglas Road. The theme of this year's service is "Challenged to Reconcile".

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 3rd March

First Reading:

Ex.17:3-7. A thirsty people complain to Moses, and God gives them water from the rock.

Psalm 94

Second Reading:

Rom.5:1-2.5-8.. A reflection on God's love, which was proved, Paul says, by Jesus' death on the cross.

Gospel:

Jn.4:5-42. The Gospel story of the woman at the well contains the promise of living water to those who believe, foreshadowed in the reading from Exodus.

Ash Wednesday Frankfurt Germany

We went to 10 a.m. Mass in an old Franciscan Church, standing room only, church packed. Every person in the church sang hymns loud and clear from hymn books, concluding with The Bells of the Angelus. A memorable experience with lovely organ music. **Let us all sing out in our own Church of the Holy Spirit and praise the Lord.**

A parishioner