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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



OUR
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PRIEST**

writes

OUR FAITH – NURTURED THROUGH DEVOTIONS

In every century, various devotions and religious practices have nurtured the faith of God's people and encouraged them in remaining faithful to living the Christian life. Such devotions usually began from a particular need and in the social conditions of the time. Changing circumstances meant the devotion often died. So be it. Older people will remember with some nostalgia and deep gratitude, the parish confraternities of their youth. Many people continue to be enriched by the third Orders of St. Francis and St. Dominic. In our own time, a network of prayer groups are a feature of many dioceses. There has, also, been a flourishing of new movements within the Church, among them Focolare and the Neo-Catechumenate which demand a commitment to living the gospel with a strong communal dimension. Side by side with these movements has come the explosion of the more personal piety found in the devotion to the Divine Mercy whose special annual celebration occurs this week. Built around the writings of St. Faustina, these

intercessory prayers have awakened great trust in the loving mercy of the Lord. It seems that this devotion to a deepening trust in the Lord may well be one answer to the anxieties, doubts and fears that undermine inner peace in many hearts today.

It is time that the Eucharist, especially the weekend parish gathering, together with the sacraments, must remain the cornerstone and summit of our religious practice. But it is also true that our faith can be nurtured through devotions that highlight varied aspects of the wonder of God. Different devotions appeal to different people.

Today (Sunday) Divine Mercy devotions take place in St. Augustine's Church at 2.00 p.m. and Curraheen Church at 2.30 p.m. May the devotees and all of us be blessed with a deepening trust in the mercy of the Lord.

John Clancy

**Please take a copy of
the Bulletin home
or give it to a
friend or neighbour.**



Rest in Peace

Mrs. Mary Toher, Highfield Lawn, died as she lived – quietly and without fuss or trouble to anybody. She was about to go on a little shopping trip with her next-door neighbour, Noreen Downey – she was dressed and ready to go when she sat down for a little rest, and passed away as she was in the chair. That was Tuesday 12th March. She will be missed by her son Vincent, and daughter-in-law Kay, and indeed by her grandchildren who were so affectionately close to her – Katie, Mary, Anna and Grace. We offer them all, as well as her neighbours in Highfield Lawn, our very sincere sympathy.

Margaret Flaherty, Farranlea Park, died peacefully in her 104th year on March 12th 2002. Our only centenarian in the parish, her long life touched three centuries, beginning in the 19th century, it spanned the 20th and welcomed in the 21st century. Coming here as one of the first residents of Farranlea, she remained a member of the community there right up to her death. Indeed, the celebration of her 100th birthday with its greetings from President McAleese was a great occasion for family and neighbours. A poignant feature of her death was that her removal to the church coincided with a month's mind Mass for her son-in-law Declan Forrest, husband of her late daughter Peg. May God who blessed her with such a long and blessed life now welcome her home into the fullness of eternal life, shared with those who have

gone before her. To her sons John and Tom, daughters-in-law Anne and Eileen, to her grandchildren and a wide circle of family and friends, we extend our deepest sympathies.



THE JOY OF SPRING

Spring!
When daffodil trumpets gush and spurt
in golden splashes on wild landscapes.
When March winds whip away my
winter woes.
When mowing motors rip ragged fields
in readiness for willing seed,
and blackbird sings in praise of longer
day.

When bough and branch, finger-tipped
with bud
beckon blossom and sweet perfume of
the spring.
When little lambs limply leap along with
ewes,
and love awakens hope in longing
hearts.

Spring!
Like a great dawning,
a long morning of promises unleashed,
Spring sprays the dew of hope and cheer,
and like a child I want to laugh
and dance,
and sing.

Carmel O'Shea





LOCAL SCHOOLS

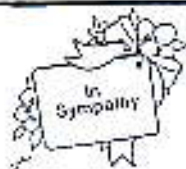
Coláiste an Spioraid Naímh

C.S.N. students took part in a number of charitable collections and fundraising before Easter. These included a collection of 'old money' which netted €360 for Self Help International, and a sale of St. Patrick's Day badges which brought in €185. A sale of chocolate bars for Easter made €300 for the HOPE Foundation.

A Festival of Music was held for Transition Year students and all tastes were catered for – classical, traditional, jazz, pop and rock. Fourth and fifth year students from C.S.N. and Mount Mercy also participated in a song-writing workshop.

A Golfing society has been established to add to the range of sports available to the students. The U-15 hurlers lost out to Farranferris by a single score after a thrilling Munster Colleges match that went to extra time, while the mountaineers have taken to the hills a number of times in recent weeks.

During the Easter holidays a number of teachers travelled to an important celebration in Dublin to commemorate the bicentenary of the birth of Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Presentation Brothers.



We offer our sincere sympathy to EAMONN CASHELL, Laburnum Park, on the death of his mother May. To DICK CROSS, Wilton Gardens, on the death of his sister Eily.

Bible Corner



1ST CENTURY TO 21ST CENTURY

The second reading at Sunday Mass often gets lost sandwiched between the interconnected readings, the first and the Gospel. This is very likely to happen this weekend with a first reading's account of early church life and a gospel packed with the drama that Thomas always generates. To miss out on the Petrine letter would be a pity. This letter sent from Rome to scattered churches in Asia Minor has a great message of encouragement and hope for people who are feeling isolated and threatened in their faith. These believers are in a minority in a secular culture where social supports for Christian living are few and far between. Over the coming weeks this letter will have words of instruction and encouragement for all believers, not least, ourselves, in 21st century Ireland.

Marriage



Congratulations to the following parishioners on their wedding:

DONNA MARIA SORENSON, 32 Greenfields, Model Farm Road, who married Simon Fleming, Cwmbran, Gwent, Wales.

AISLING McGUINNESS, 5 The Manor, who married Ciaran Macken, Moyne, Co. Longford.



Announcements

Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday 8th April in the C.P. Centre at 8.10 p.m.



N.A.O.M.I.

Pre-marriage courses, natural family planning, achieving a pregnancy, menopause counselling, at 36 Washington Street, tel. 4272213.

Alzheimer Society

Carers' support meeting on Monday 8th April in Jurys Hotel at 8 p.m. Please note change of address and telephone number: Unit 2, N.O.F. Commercial Centre, Kilnap, Mallow Road, tel. 4391690/1/2, fax 4391693.

Irish Countrywomen's Association

The Bishopstown I.C.A. Guild resume meetings on Thursday, 1st April, at S.M.A. Wilton.

*NOTE OF
Thanks...*

OUR NEW LECTERN

Have you seen our beautiful new lectern on the altar? It was designed, made and polished by Vincent Jones, Avondale, Model Farm Road, and presented to the Church for Easter.

Our very sincere thanks and appreciation to Vincent on behalf of us all.

TAKE NOTE

Notices for next Week's Bulletin

Please hand in all notices to the C.P. Centre before 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th April.

The parish has acquired an e-mail address. Letters or notices for the bulletin are welcome via this route. Please send them to:

holyspiritparish@eircom.net

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 14th April

First Reading:

Acts 2:14,22:33. Many of St. Peter's words are found in the first two readings. The first contains his speech on Pentecost Day

Psalm 15

Second Reading:

Pet.1:17-21. Peter reminds us that Christ paid the price of our salvation.

Gospel:

Lk.24:13-35. The appearance of Jesus to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

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