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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Patrick writes

HUNGER

It is said that hunger is the best sauce! No matter how tasty food is and how well it has been prepared, if we are full then we really cannot eat it. In teaching the people of God about the Eucharist, God very wisely used this method of hunger. Firstly, when the people were travelling with Moses in the desert they experienced dreadful hunger.

"He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known." (Deut.8). Again, it was in the context of hunger that Jesus performed the miracle of the loaves. This led on to Jesus teaching on the Eucharist.

"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever." (John 6).

When we approach the Eucharist thus our best disposition is one of hunger and need. If we are too full of other things we cannot and will not eat. It is worth noting that it is our sinfulness which ultimately causes us to be hungry. Blessed are those who know their need for God. Jesus put it so much better when he said:

"How happy are the poor in spirit. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt.5)

CORK CITY ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

TODAY 2nd JUNE

**Our parish group moves off
at 3.00 p.m.**

Saint of the Week

St. Kevin 3rd June

Kevin chose Glendalough, Co. Wicklow, to be his 'desert place'. There he lived in a cave accessible only by boat. As a hermit he wore animal skins, slept on stones and ate little.

Kevin was extraordinarily close to nature. His companions were animals and birds. Stories are told of how an otter rescued his book when it fell into the lake and how a blackbird built its nest in his outstretched hands as he prayed. It's said that the leaves of the trees 'sang sweet songs to him'. He died AD 618.

St. Kevin of Glendalough, you found God in solitude and in the wonders of creation: pray for us.

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Mount Mercy Hockey News

This year was a fantastic one for our hockey teams. We had a very successful season with a record seven trophies won. Mount Mercy topped the winners' table with more trophies than any other school. Great credit has to go to all the players who worked so hard through the year and to their coaches without whom hockey would not take place in the school.

- Senior A's won the Munster Plate.
- Senior B's won the Senior B Plate.
- Minor A's won the Minor A Cup.
- Minor B's won the Minor B League.
- Minor A's got to the semi-final of the Munster League.
- Junior A's won the Junior League and Plate.
- Junior B's got to the semi-final.
- First Years won the First Year Cup.

Congratulations to Jean Long, Claire Finnegan, Julia O'Halloran and Audrey O'Flynn who made the Munster under-16 team who won the inter-provincial championship. Jean and Julia were then picked to train with Ireland and eventually Jean won a place on the Irish team. Well done!

The all-weather sports pitch was officially opened on Monday 6th May by Minister Michéal Martin. Many thanks to all who helped to make the day so successful.

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We offer our sincere sympathy to JOHN COUGHLAN, 2 Woodford, on the death of his mother Mrs. Elizabeth Coughlan. To MAURA FORDE, CONCIUR and EOIN O'SULLIVAN, Kenley, on the death of their father in Bandon.

St. Catherine's News

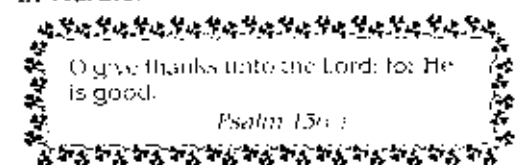
Our Confirmation was held on 16th May. Seventy-eight girls were Confirmed by Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan. The girls put a lot of thought and effort into making the ceremony a joyful and meaningful experience. Their artwork and photos were on view to give the wider church community a chance to be involved too.

Second class received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 25th. It was a wonderful occasion, despite the weather! They also decorated the church beautifully. As usual, Third Class and our Suzuki violin group joined in the singing. Thank you, girls.

Congratulations to our Camogie team on winning their second successive final! In atrocious weather, they beat neighbours, Spioraid Naomh, in extra time. Captain, Caoimhe Ni Mhuiris, spurred the team on and Katie Hickey, Maeve O'Connell, Fiona Curtin and Deirdre Corbett were responsible for the scores.

Once again we congratulate Kate McCutcheon. This year she came first in the World in the Maths Olympiads! We wish her every success in the future. Well done to all our girls from 5th and 6th who did so well in the Lord Mayor's History Project, winning a prize for the project on St Finbar's cemetery.

Congratulations to Rachel Murphy and Rachael Cusack on attaining black belts in Karate.





FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



A CHILD'S VIEWPOINT

The children were asked for two comments: The highlight of the Mass and the highlight of the rest of the day.

Mass Highlights

The best part of my first communion Mass:

- was receiving the bread of life.
- was when we walked up the aisle.
- was bringing up the candle.
- was going up on the altar to sing.
- was bringing up my gift.
- was going up to say my prayer.
- was when I got the Body of Christ.
- was the singing, everyone sounded great.
- was getting the Bread of Life for the first time, we all felt special.
- was when I got my Communion.
- was becoming even a bigger member of God's family.
- was sharing my prayer with everybody.

Later Highlights

My favourite part of the rest of the day:

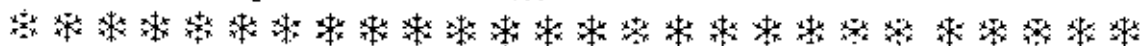
- was when everyone arrived.
- was when my parents gave me a hug. I felt great.
- was visiting my relations.
- was the party.
- was visiting a cousin nun in a convent.
- was being there with my family.
- was putting on my dress.
- was being a Star.
- was the bouncing castle.



FIRST COMMUNION 2002

Despite wind and rain, our celebration of First Holy Communion on Saturday last was a wonderful celebration of family, friends and faith. The thirty-one young girls were inspiring to be with, well prepared, attentive, prayerful, happy, enthusiastic and fully involved in the beautiful liturgy. The supporting musicians and singers from other classes

helped to enrich the occasion. The large congregation of families and friends and many teachers created an excellent faith community for the girls to receive the Eucharist for the first time. May the seed of faith in Eucharist so well sown be nurtured in the years ahead and stay with the girls always.





First Friday

Next Friday, 7th June is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Will take place next Friday from 10.30 to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday 6th June in the C.P. Centre at 8.00 p.m.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 9th June

First Reading:

Hos.6:3-6. God's love for all people is certain, but people who love God experience this best.

Psalm 49

Second Reading:

Rom.4:18-25. Between now and mid-September, the second reading each Sunday is from Romans, one of Paul's greater letters. Today's section reflects on Abraham's faith. Our faith can have the same effect as his, if we believe in Jesus.

Gospel:

Mt.9:9-13. Matthew, the author of this gospel, is called to be a disciple: Jesus explains that it's not always the most worthy who are chosen.

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A Time of Great Light

Sacred Heart Novena with Fr. Pat McGlanaghy, MSC at the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, from 30th May to 7th June, daily 10.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. All Night Vigil on Friday 7th June.

Bishopstown Senior Social Club

Wilton Park House, 2.30 p.m.

Monday 3rd - Closed

Tuesday 4th - Cards

Wednesday 12th - Music. Keyboard and sing along with accordion.



Call for New Choir Members

Our senior choir has now finished for the summer recess. We return on Sunday 1st September and are looking for extra new members, both women and men.

- We don't need Pavarotti or Calais, but a general ability to sing in reasonable tune is what we need.
- We do not expect you to be a music reader... nearly all our members don't! If you can, it would be our gain!
- We rehearse each Wednesday evening from 8.15 p.m. to 10.15 p.m.

Why not give it some consideration for next year? It is a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Interested? You can get in touch with Patrick Killeen (organist) 4888445, Sue Curtin (Chairperson) 4873652. If you know any of our choir members, why not tell them? You can also make contact by email... try our new parish one: holyspiritparish@eircom.net, or churchorgans@eircom.net

— Patrick Killeen.