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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK.



## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

*Fr. Patrick writes*

### YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU

At the beginning of the First World War, the British Empire used a very clever piece of propaganda which really has survived until today; it was of Kitchener pointing to the people of his day, your country needs you!

The Church, unfortunately, does not often set its message across as well as it might. At least a half a dozen parish churches in the diocese are in drastic need of repair. For the first time in hundreds of years there is no new student for the priesthood for the Dioceses of Cork & Ross, the number of priests in active ministry is at an all time low with some parishes being threatened to have no priest, the average age of religious is well over that of retirement, Mass attendance is down. The message is very clear, your Church needs you, your parish needs you. We are always looking for people to become involved, to take an active role in the Church, to proclaim the word, to bring Christ to the people. Perhaps you could ask yourself what am I doing for the parish? We ask you to be generous, your church needs you.

### NEW POOR CLARE NOVICE

After having spent a year as postulant with the Poor Clares, College, Road, Mary O'Regan (Rosscarbery) was received as a novice on Our Lady's birthday, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. She received the Poor Clare habit and novice's white veil and her new religious name: Sr. Joseph-Maria of the United Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Her family came in the afternoon to share in the celebration of this wonderful occasion. Now our parish and parishioners have a new Poor Clare praying for all our intentions – please remember Sr. Joseph-Maria in your prayers. God bless and reward you.

### HELP WANTED

We need some volunteers to fold and count the Bulletins. It would involve about an hour on a Saturday morning once a month.

We are also looking for distributors for the Bulletins to the homes in the Laburnum Park and Laburnum Drive area.

Any offers? If you are interested perhaps you would drop your name into the parish office. Thank you.

Don't keep the faith – spread it.

### MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations and well done to ALL Junior Cert. students who performed brilliantly in this year's Junior Certificate examination.

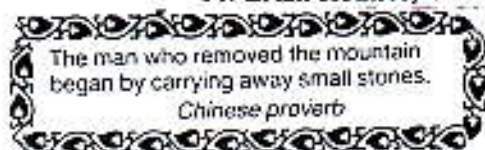
### DID YOU CREATE THIS HAPPY ENDING?

In 1996 85 families, all poor farmers who had been living on their land for generations, were hit by the modern industrial production of soya-bean in Campos Lindos, Tocantins State, Brazil. A huge tract of land was handed over to Brazilian and foreign agricultural companies, with no provision whatsoever being made for the families living quietly there for years. They seemed to be condemned to move to the shanty towns, where the future would hold little hope for them.

When they realised that they were losing their land they began to look for a solution. Trócaire stood by them during those six years. Small financial monthly contributions helped the land workers' union to get into action. More importantly the Jubilee campaign in Ireland, on the theme of land, **stimulated lots of people to send their post-card or e-mail to pressure State and Federal governments into promoting a just solution.** There were endless meetings, death threats to their leaders, long journeys on the backs of trucks over precarious roads for court hearings and to the State Capital.

On 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2002, in the little church of Campos Lindos the Tocantins State Land Officials handed over definitive land titles to the families enshrining their rights to the land in law. Each family got at least 50 hectares of land. Today they give thanks to the Lord, for his constant presence in their midst, and also their thanks to all of you who supported the struggle of the poor for a bit of land and some peace, hope and joy in their lives.

- Fr. Brian Holmes, C.Ss.R.



### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The issue of day-time business hours parking in the church grounds continues to cause concern to the members of the Pastoral Council. But, after lengthy consideration and advice, clamping has been ruled out for a number of reasons - including the legal aspect.

Steps are being taken to ensure there is adequate parking for funerals and weddings with the gates locked from the previous night.

The situation is being kept under review.

Following the remarkable success of the "Lent on the Edge" lecture sessions over the past two years, the Pastoral Council approved plans for a special lunchtime series of prayer and meditation meetings lasting about 20 minutes and which will be held once a week in the run-in to Christmas.

Plans for upgrading and refurbishing The Crypt are at an advanced stage and work is expected to begin shortly.

The Pastoral Council is also looking at the question of toilet facilities for churchgoers.

### MAJOR PLANS FOR C.U.H.

A major development plan for Cork University Hospital is already under way. The Southern Health Board has produced a four-page leaflet outlining the different schemes.

Among the more notable is the building of the new Amalgamated Maternity Unit directly in front of the main hospital building and immediately inside a re-designed main entrance.

It is also proposed to develop a new access road for Bus Eireann buses and for the emergency services. This will be located at the top of the Wilton Road.

Residents with queries may contact Mr. Dan O'Connor, Project Liaison Officer, at 4922021 for information.



## Rest In Peace

Maircad Hurley, Kenley Drive died peacefully on 15<sup>th</sup> July. Taken from us at such an early age of 38, she had lived through five years of serious illness with faith, courage and love that shone through in her positive attitude towards life. A wonderful daughter, wife and mother, she will be sadly missed by all the family. Her friendship links with St. Catherine's, her daughters' school, was endorsed by the pupil and teacher participation in the singing and the music at her funeral Mass in which both her daughters shared. To Pat her husband, her young daughters Gemma and Ashling, to her parents, sister Trish and the wide circle of family, friends and neighbours, we offer our sincerest sympathy. Fé choimíre Mhuire, go raib sé.

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We offer our sincere sympathy to BREDHE RAFTERY, Bishops court, on the death of her mother in her 102<sup>nd</sup> year.

To NOELEEN AHERNE, Kenley, on the death of her mother.

## Bible Corner



Some books in the Bible are named after their authors, like the gospel of St. Luke. Others derive their names from their content like Exodus, or the Acts of the Apostles. The book from which this Sunday's first reading is taken is named in both ways. It is called the Book of Sirach after its compiler and Ecclesiasticus because of the frequent use the church makes of it. (Ecclesia means Church).

The book itself, and Sunday's reading in particular, offers practical wisdom about happy and fruitful living. The format of presentation of this wisdom is a series of pithy sayings that might have been spoken by a parent to a child or a teacher to a pupil. Different ones will strike a chord with different people. The one that struck me this time is:

"Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven."

## Announcements

### Education of Priests

The annual collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

### Wedding Announcements

We like to congratulate any of our parishioners who have got married. To facilitate this it would be a help if you could let us know about recent marriages, as some would have taken place in churches other than our own and we would not have them on record.

### Volunteers Wanted

Enable Ireland is currently seeking volunteers to work in their shops for 3 hours per week with full training provided. Please call Gina in North Main Street 4272828 or Ann in Princes Street 4278280.

### Charity Auction

In aid of Cork Deaf Enterprises on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at Rochestown Park Hotel. All items are new, special prize draw and raffle on the day.

### Oxfam Ireland

Men's and women's clothing, books and bric-a-brac urgently required at 10 Cook Street. Please contact Maggie at 4275490.

### Farranlea Park and District

Would the residents please cut back overhanging branches, which are dangerous to pedestrians. Also, to the dog owners among you, please obey the law, and do not have your "pets" fouling the footpaths. Attention to these matters would be appreciated.



### Friendship Club

Re-opening Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September in C.P. Centre.

### Wilton Park House

Now open.

Mondays: Relaxation and Gentle Exercises.

2.30 — Tuesdays: Cards, 45. Beginners welcome.  
2.30 — Wednesdays: Music, Bingo, Trips down memory lane, etc. Housebound and Respite for carers. (Transport provided, if required, on Wednesdays).

All our sessions include a cuppa and chat.

### Attention Older Adults

Are you over 65? Have you suffered a bereavement in the last 12 months? Would you like to participate in a group? If interested please contact Ciara Staunton (4902084), Counselling & Health Studies Unit, U.C.C.

### Creative Writing

Advanced and beginner level. The techniques of a short story, play, poetry, children's short story and other literary forms explored. 15 week course Mondays 7.30-9.30. Contact Deborah Culhane 086-8158449.

### Mother and Toddlers Group

Group has resumed each Thursday morning in the Crypt from 10.00 to 12 noon.

### Light out of Darkness

Light out of Darkness is a human/spiritual growth course, which allows us to know God as a true friend who is present every day in our lives. There will be an information night on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8 p.m. in St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road. Everyone is welcome. For further information please contact Eileen at 4541582.

### Handbell Ringers (Jubilee Bells)

A second group is being formed in October - if interested contact 4545781 or 4543016.

Parish e-mail address:  
[holyspiritparish@eircom.net](mailto:holyspiritparish@eircom.net)

### Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our once monthly recitals will resume at 3 p.m. Wednesday next 18<sup>th</sup> September in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross. Mary O'Connor will give the recital and, as always, everybody is welcome - old friends and new friends.

### Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning

A coffee morning in aid of Marymount Hospice will take place at St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road, 10.30 - 12 noon on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

### Pilgrimage to Knock

The C.I.E. annual pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, coach departing from Ballincollig at 7 a.m. arriving at 12.30 p.m. Full Irish breakfast and dinner in West County Hotel, Ennis. All in cost €37. Contact John C Hennessy 4506976.

### Youth Retreat

"Knock and the Door Shall be Opened". At Dominican Camp, Knockadoon, from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September. All welcome. For more information contact David Lyons 087-6492875 or Deirdre Lynch 086-8969076.

### God's Word

#### Readings for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

##### First Reading:

Is.55:6-9. Both the first reading and Gospel remind us that God's wisdom and generosity always exceed our expectations.

##### Psalm 144

##### Second Reading:

Phil.1:20-24,27. Paul tells us that Christ means everything to him.

##### Gospel:

Mt.20:1-16. Jesus makes individual arrangements with each of the labourers in the vineyard.

### EMERGENCY NUMBER

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