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DENMEHY'S CROSS, CORK



OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**

writes

It is Tuesday as I write. Twenty young Irish people have been deported from the U.S.A. as they did not have appropriate documentation. Knowing many who have escaped a similar fate, we may well feel that they were unlucky or harshly treated by an over zealous official.

Today, also, fifteen Romanian asylum seekers were not allowed to land in Ireland and instead were sent back to France as they did not have the appropriate documentation.

Hopefully, the Irish are returning home to family, friends, and work opportunities. The Romanians are returned to a country where they do not belong, where they have no right to work and no great prospects for their future. It makes one think.

Could we be smug about this little country of ours and the privileges and blessings it gives us and our children? Could we be overprotective of our privileges? When we meet the Lord, will we have the appropriate documentation?



**THERE WAS NO ROOM
FOR THEM IN THE PLACE
WHERE TRAVELERS
LODGED * LK 2:7**



Rest in Peace

Michael Hennessy, who died recently at the age of 89, retired from farming at Killee, near Mitchelstown, to live in Wilton Gardens with his son Liam, daughter-in-law Catherine, and their children Michéal and Aoife. They are now mourning the loss of a great and gentle father who had a fine attitude to life and people – and a wonderful sense of humour. Michael's wife Alice, died many years ago and, in January 1991, due to failing health, he left the countryside he loved to live with Liam, Catherine and their children. He spent the next seven years in Wilton Gardens before transferring, five years ago, to St. James Ward at St. Finbarr's Hospital where he died in the tender, loving care of staff there. He is survived by his son Liam, and by two daughters Eileen (Murphy) in Mitchelstown and Mary (Daly) who lives in Scarriff, Co. Clare, to whom we offer our deepest sympathy. Michael was laid to rest in Mitchelstown.



Cork Association for Autism

Urgently require volunteers to collect for their flag day on Thursday 24th October. Help needed in all areas.

Ned Stack, Laburnum Lawn, died at Cork University Hospital on 11th July. Ned was a native of Listowel, and a well known and highly respected member of the *Gárda Síochána* prior to his retirement some years ago. He served in Bandon and Union Quay before his appointment to Bishopstown Station. He was noted as a kindly, understanding and gentlemanly representative of the law, and many minor transgressions were treated with a fatherly word of advice rather than the strict rigour of the law. We extend our very sincere sympathy to his devoted wife Eileen, sons, Paddy who gave a memorable oration at his graveside, Gerard and Eamonn, daughters Colette and Marie, brother, sister, son-in-law, and daughters-in-law. We remember too his grandchildren who were especially close to him and dearly cherished. May his noble soul rest in peace.



**IRISH
HEART
FOUNDATION**

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World Heart Day

To mark the event, next Sunday 29th September the Irish Heart Foundation is holding a walk from the Sunset Ridge Hotel to Blarney, starting at 11.30 a.m. This is not a fundraising event and we would ask both young and old to participate in the walk. More information from 4505822.



Mercy Day

Tuesday 23rd September is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mercy.

Wednesday 24th September: Mount Mercy School Mass at 11.30 a.m.

Friday 26th September: St. Catherine's Primary School will join the parish congregation for 10.00 a.m. Mass. Parents and parishioners welcome to both Masses.



Our Parish Vincent de Paul Conference

Did you know that Fiona O'Driscoll, Cork's star of their All Ireland Camogie win on Sunday last, was an active member of our Vincent de Paul Conference prior to her transfer to East Cork earlier this year.

But you don't have to be an athletic star to join our Vincent de Paul team where there are several vacancies at present. A special information evening will be held at Vincent de Paul House, Tuckey Street, next Tuesday 24th September, at 8 p.m. or call on us at the C.P. Centre any Monday evening around 7.30 p.m. – no strings attached.

Bible Corner



MISSION TO EUROPE

In expanding their Empire the Romans built several important roads to move their armies efficiently. On one such key road to the Middle East, the town of Philippi developed with a military colony as well as a Jewish community. It was there that Paul established his first Christian community in Europe among the Jews, the Roman military and the native Greeks. This was about 50 A.D. As a missionary preacher, Paul moved on, probably to Thessalonica, and did not visit the converts at Philippi again before writing back to them. It is from this letter that our second reading at Mass will be taken over the next four weekends. The Philippian Christians were obviously very committed to faith in Jesus and very generous towards other communities. Paul inspires them to remain faithful to the fullness of their calling.

Power to Change

Why not do an Alpha Course? A ten-week course, it is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith – low-key, friendly, fun, relaxed, listening and learning. Course commencing 2nd October from 8.00-10.00 at the Prayer Centre, 9 North Main Street. Contact 4270362 between 12.30 and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, or Jeanette at 4542468.



Announcements

Catechism Study Group

In New Catechism, will meet in the C.P. Centre on Wednesday 25th September at 8 p.m. Subject – ten commandments.



Music

With a Song in My Heart

Concert in Christ the King Church in aid of their Restoration Fund on Wednesday 16th October at 8 p.m. Tickets €12 available at Pro-Musica, or in our church here after Mass.

N.A.O.M.I.

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

Bishopstown G.A.A

Two weeks ago the footballers of Bishopstown made history when, in defeating U.C.C, they qualified for the first time ever for the Senior County Championship final. You may have noticed the flags going up already around Bishopstown. In a few weeks time the club will be asking everyone in the parish to support them on the big day at Pairc Uí Chaoimh. Watch this space!

Yoga Classes

Sacred Heart Church Tues. 10.30-12.00.
S.M.A. Wed. 7.00-8.30, 8.30-10.00.
Bookings 4343218 after 6 p.m.

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Arthritis Foundation

Conventional and Complementary Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis. Speaker Dr. Brian Mulcahy, at Kingsley Hotel, Victoria Cross on Tuesday 8th October at 8 p.m. Adm. free, all welcome.

Wilton Park House

Now open.

Mondays: Relaxation & gentle exercise.

Tuesdays: Cards, 45. beginners welcome.

Wednesdays: Music, Bingo, trips down memory lane, etc. Housebound and respite for carers. (Transport provided, if required, on Wednesdays).

All sessions commence at 2.30 p.m. and include a cuppa and chat.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 29th September

First Reading:

Ex.18:25-28. Ezekiel reminds us that our actions have consequences.

Psalm 24

Second Reading:

Phil.2:1-11. Contains Paul's ancient hymn to Christ, which is read each year during the liturgy of Palm Sunday.

Gospel:

Mt.21:28-32. Jesus teaches us that God wants our full commitment, not lip-service.

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