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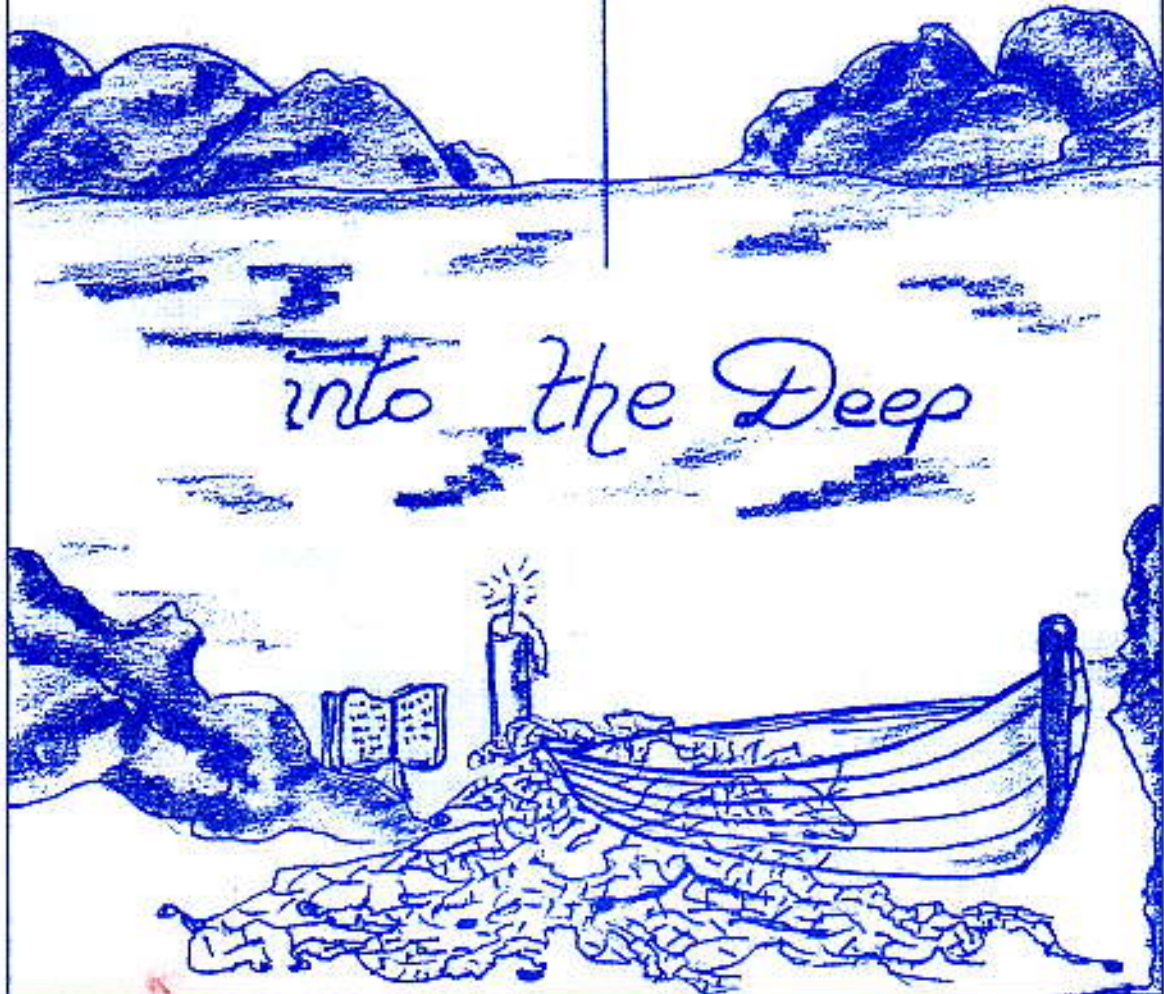
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, COOK

Launch Out



into the Deep





FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

Mission Sunday 2002

Some years ago when Gay Byrne was still presenter of the *Late Late Show*, Brendan Kennelly was invited as a guest to take part in the show. Amongst other items discussed on the night was the tradition of priests, nuns, and brothers leaving Ireland to preach the Gospel to people who never heard of Christ. Brendan Kennelly expressed the opinion that the work they were doing, and the sacrifices they make, were of doubtful value, if not downright harmful – leave these people in their blissful ignorance. The only trouble was – it was anything but blissful. This theory seemed to be going down well with quite a number in the audience when an unknown young man stood up and declared that no matter what Brendan Kennelly thought, he preferred to take his religious directives from the Lord Himself. And the words of Jesus were “Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations, baptise them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. (Matt.28:20). This of course was the inspiration that sent many young people to leave a comfortable life here and bring the Good News of God’s love to people in ‘far away places with strange sounding names’. From the very earliest days of Christianity the followers of Jesus did exactly that – and many still do. We too would do well to take our religious inspiration from Jesus

and his teaching. And, as St. Paul said, “Be faithful: success is God’s department.”

And to be practical, the people in the front lines need our prayers and financial support. I don’t know of any airline giving free travel to missionaries.

Aennis O'Looney



“Mission Sunday is important in the life of the Church. Mission cannot be left to a group of ‘specialists’. It is a matter for all Christians, dioceses, parishes, Church institutions and associations... to pray for and encourage offerings for the missions” (Pope John Paul II). Please be as generous as possible in the Propagation of the Faith Collection, which will be sent in its entirety to the Missions. *MISSION IS SHARING.*

Local Schools

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

LEAVING CERTIFICATE RETREAT

On September 26th., the Leaving Certificate classes went on a Day Retreat to Bessboro Retreat Centre. The Retreat was organised by the Redemptorist Order Scala Team. They greatly enjoyed their day of reflection.



Pastoral Council News

Council members together with the priests of the parish and representatives of associated groups came together last Saturday for a half-day renewal meeting at Presentation Brothers, Mardyke House. Our facilitator for the afternoon was Fr. Pearse Timoney, Church of the Real Presence. The programme included a very relevant scripture-based address followed by a lively workshop session. Many interesting ideas and suggestions were made arising from a review of parish life and Council will follow these up. The afternoon concluded with Mass and was voted a great success by all present.

At our council meeting on Monday last decisions were taken as follows:

1. Some parking restrictions will be introduced in the church grounds in the near future. Parishioners will appreciate that there is no simple solution to the problem, which has been examined and researched and discussed with other parishes.
2. Refurbishment of the crypt is to proceed following a period of discussion and planning. The Finance Committee has given approval for the necessary expenditure and it is hoped to begin work early in 2003. We look forward to having a meeting/social facility worthy of our parish.

3. Guided Meditation will be held on three Wednesdays of the approaching Advent season and will be led by Fr. Donogh O'Shea O.P. More information will be available later.
4. The Liturgy Committee is arranging to have an enhanced Celebration of the Eucharist at 10.30 a.m. Mass during the season of Advent. More information will be given in future Bulletins.

In the coming weeks parishioners will be contacted with a view to becoming Ministers of the Word at Sunday Mass. If you are interested in this important participation by laity, please contact any of the priests or our parish secretary.

Bible Corner



The West Bank is in turmoil almost every other day with stories of army raids and suicide bombings. The territory involved is the west bank of the River Jordan, just south of where the river leaves the Sea of Gallilee or the Lake of Gennesaret, as it is called in this weekend's gospel. Refugee camps have sprung up in places where Jesus preached to the crowds and worked his miracles. The disputed Golan Heights overshadow the tranquil sea where the disciples put out their nets in response to the command of Jesus. This holy war-torn land and its beleaguered people must be in our prayers each time we recall the life steps of the Lord Jesus.



Novena for Holy Souls

Saturday 2nd November is the commemoration of all the faithful departed. Each priest will start a Novena of Masses on that day for all the dead on our November list. Envelopes and prayer cards available in the church. Please place your completed envelope **in the box at the altar rails** before the start of November.

Afternoon of Prayer

At Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 27th October, 2.00 to 6.00 p.m. Spiritual Director Fr. Patrick McGlanaghey, MSC, Theme: "God's Love for Us". Day's programme will include Mass. Offering €5. Contact Nell Kelleher at 026 41236.

Bishopstown Community School

The Principal, Mr. P. McDonnell, invites 6th Class Primary School pupils and their parents to the Open Night on 24th October at 7.30 p.m. to view the school facilities and to meet staff and students.



Cork Association for Autism

Volunteers urgently needed to collect for Flag Day on Thursday 24th October in all areas of Cork.

Bishopstown G.A.A. Club

Indoor sports complex opening soon. Enquiries for bookings to Vincent Manning at 4545616.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly recital will take place next Wednesday 23rd at 3 p.m. in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross. The recital will be given by Kevin Giltinan, and do not miss an afternoon of delightful music.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 27th October

First Reading:

Ex.22:20-26. The people of Israel are reminded that in bad times they depended on the kindness of strangers. They should therefore treat the weak and helpless with compassion.

Psalm 17

Second Reading:

Thess.1:5-10. Paul praises the people of Salonika for their good Christian living, which they had learned from him.

Gospel:

Mt.22:34-40. Jesus discloses the greatest commandment – love of God and neighbour.

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