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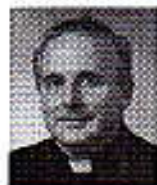
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

A few years ago the beginning of the financial year was changed from April 6th to January 1st with the consequent change of the Budget to December. For the well off it may not matter. For the poor a neutral or harsh December Budget can be a crushing blow. For the less well off this is a difficult time of year always. Yet, it can be also a time of hope, a hope that there may be a better future, a hope that God will still be with his poor ones, that Jesus will come anew at Christmas. And there was the hope that a Spring Budget might bring relief. That hope is now gone.

So the onus and the opportunity of enkindling and nurturing hope in burdened weary hearts rest with us as individuals, families and neighbourhoods.

Will the poor have the gospel of hope preached to them? Only if it is preached through the life giving care of those loving believers who practise what they preach. It is a way of life open to each of us this Christmas time and 2003.

Fr. Donagh O'Shea

THE LIGHT WITHIN

GUIDED ADVENT PRAYER

by

FR. DONAGH O'SHEA O.P.

"CHEER UP"

Wednesday 18th December 1.10 - 1.30 pm

Snack and chat afterwards

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The Light Within

Fr. Donagh O'Shea continued the series on Wednesday last. Introduced by Fr. Pat Walsh, the theme was Jesus the Lord of Life who, unlike the modern advertiser who makes a big splash, came quietly into the world and desires to come quietly into our lives. He respects our free will and waits on us to receive and welcome Him.

Final session next Wednesday 18th at 1.10 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS



LOCAL SCHOOLS

Congratulations to St. Catherine's National School on coming 2nd in the Tidy Districts Schools Competition (beaten only by the North Mon!). Great credit is due to Mrs. Griffin and her class (this year and last year) and also to our caretaker, Mr. Joe O'Keeffe, who takes a keen interest in the garden. Special mention also to 3rd Class who are our litter wardens!

At the celebration Mass in the North Cathedral to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Trócaire in Cork, 72 members of the Mount Mercy School Choir performed by invitation. The choir, accompanied by Annabel Adams sang four pieces - See the Conquering Hero Comes, By the Waters of Babylon, Kyrie Eleison and As I Kneel Before You.



Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.



A Blessing Before a Family Meal

Heavenly Father,
not only did you make us
but you have also
provided this food
to sustain us in life,
and we thank you.

Amen



PUNISHED FOR THEIR FAITH

Last Saturday, 7th December during the evening Mass at the S.M.A. people who parked their cars on double yellow lines got stickers for parking fines. The young Garda Síochána who was seen placing these stickers mustn't have realised that these people were performing their religious duties, even though he felt that he too was performing his official duties. Cromwell ordered our churches to be burnt and prevented Catholics from practising their faith.

Name of Contributor withheld - afraid of being punished, but just wanted people to be forewarned.



CHRISTMAS

MASSES

Saturday 21st: Vigil 6.15 p.m.
Sunday 22nd: 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 p.m.
Monday 23rd: 9, 10.00
Tuesday 24th: 9.00, 10.00, *Vigil 6.15 p.m., Midnight
Christmas Day: 9.00, 10.30, 12.15
St. Stephen's Day and each weekday up to and including New Year: 10.00 a.m.

*N.B. * 6.15 p.m. Mass restored.*

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 21st: 12.00-1.00, 4.00-5.00, after 6.15 p.m. Mass
Christmas Eve: 12.00-1.00, 4.00-5.00, after 6.15 p.m. Mass.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Church of the Holy Spirit: Sunday 22nd at 4.30 p.m.
The Lough: Sunday 22nd at 5.00 p.m.
S.M.A. Wilton: Tuesday 17th at 7.30 p.m.
Curraheen: Wednesday 18th at 7.30 p.m.
Sacred Heart: Friday 20th at 8.00 p.m.



Help Wanted

Again we're looking for volunteers to fold the Bulletins. The commitment would be for about an hour on one Saturday morning in the month. any offers?



Parish Dues

Many parishioners have returned their envelopes either directly or through our dedicated collectors. Your contribution to the support of the priests is very much appreciated. Remaining contributions can be given to any of the priests or dropped into the sacristy. Many thanks.

Alzheimer Society

Carers' support meeting on Monday 9th in Jurys Hotel at 8.00 p.m.

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**MAKE STRAIGHT THE
WAY OF THE LORD**
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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 22nd December

First Reading:

2 Sam.7:1-5,8-12,14,16. David is told it's not his job to build a temple for God.

Psalm 88

Second Reading:

Rom.16:25-27. The mystery kept secret for ages is a secret no more, says Paul. The mystery is revealed in Jesus Christ.

Gospel:

Lk.1:26-38. The story of the Annunciation is told again; Mary is shown as the model of faith at Christmas time.

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