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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CURK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Patrick writes

SALVATION

Salvation is often seen in terms of being free from sin. Certainly it does include this, as it is sin which separates us from God, but surely it is much more than that. God came to save every part of us, body, soul and mind. His salvation is total. We get an insight into this when we read today's gospel. Jesus cures the leper, saying to him, "Of course I want to. Be cured!". When we approach Jesus we should have that same confidence that he wishes to heal us totally and completely. We should lay before him whatever area of our lives that is in need of healing, whether it is some part of our body, a memory from the past, some evil in our soul, some fear.... And when we meet the risen Christ surely the words of the psalm can be ours:

"You are my refuge, O Lord,
You fill me with the joy of salvation."

CIVIC AMENITY SITE
RECYCLING CENTRE

KINSALE ROAD LANDFILL SITE

Mondays - Fridays 8.00am - 3.45pm
Saturdays 8.00am - 12.45pm
Sundays, Bank Holidays Closed

Bible Corner



THE FIRST RULE BOOK

This weekend's first reading is taken from the Book of Leviticus, the third book in the Bible. The first two books, Genesis and Exodus, give the early history of the Hebrew people. Leviticus comes next with all its rules and regulations about offering sacrifices to the Lord and about dealing with sinners, outcasts, the sick, including the lepers who are the focus of this weekend's gospel. The harshness of living only by self protective rules is contrasted with the compassionate love of the Lord Jesus.



We offer our sincere sympathy to CON MURPHY, The Ridgeway, and MARIE O'HALLORAN, Court Cairn, on the death of their sister Anne.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

CRYPT RENOVATIONS

Work has begun to make the Crypt safer and more user-friendly for the various parish groups who use it now, and others who will hopefully use it in the future. The work can be classified under seven main headings:

1. **Safety:** An additional emergency exit is being installed and fire doors fitted throughout.
2. **Access:** Ramps for wheelchairs are to be put in place.
3. **Heating:** A gas-fired heating system is planned to make the crypt more user-friendly throughout the winter.
4. **Flooring:** Wear and tear over the years necessitated new floor covering.
5. **Kitchen:** Facilities for tea making and wash up need to be improved.
6. **Furniture:** Chairs need replacement.
7. **Lighting:** Inside and outside is to be improved.

THE EXTRA EURO

The cost of the renovations will be over €60,000. We will be relying on everybody's financial support for this community project. People appreciate that in this church we avoid having a second collection during Mass. But to help pay for the crypt renovation, everybody is invited to put **ONE EXTRA EURO** in the ordinary offertory collection each weekend for the remainder of 2003. In this way we hope to clear the debt with a little extra from those who can afford it.

THE EXTRA MILE

There will be some people or groups who may be willing to make bigger contributions. These can be made by donation or by sponsorship and will be very welcome, indeed!!

DONATION: Gifts can be made in cash or by cheque, payable to the parish through the Parish Office or through any of the priests. Donations over €250 may attract a tax back benefit (details on request).

SPONSORSHIP: Would you like to sponsor a chair at €50? €75 would purchase blinds for a window. We need a fairy godmother or godfather for a dishwasher €1,500, and the tea-making machine €1,200. Maybe we have a Lotto winner amongst us!!

THANK YOU.

Tom Lohoney P.P.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2002

The accompanying statement on the opposite page shows your continued support for the running of the parish and the prudent management of your contributions. The age of the church demands the establishment of a maintenance reserve fund to safeguard against the possibility of a major expense, e.g., the roof or the heating system. Otherwise, the ordinary expenses continue to be covered by your contributions. Thank you.

Financial Committee



FINANCIAL REPORT 2002
Presented by the Parish Finance Committee

INCOME	€	EXPENDITURE	€
Sunday & Holyday collection	107,668	Wages & PRSI	30,210
Shrines	12,434	Heating and Lighting	9,769
Bank Interest	810	8% Levy to Diocesan Office	8,123
Folds, Directories, Booklets, etc.	1,872	Insurance	5,732
Rents from Groups	2,101	Parish Council	250
Miscellaneous Income	1,732	Bulletins	5,676
		Eucharistic Procession Fund	400
TOTAL INCOME:	€126,617	Folds, Missalettes, Booklets	2,785
		Microphones	2,235
		Church requisites	8,973
		Repairs and maintenance	12,658
SUMMARY	€	6% Retirement Levy	5,578
Balance 11/1/02 (credit)	51,186	Telephones	1,680
Income 2002	126,617	Bank Charges	641
Expenditure 2002	99,343	Miscellaneous expenses	4,633
Transfer – maintenance reserve	<u>50,000</u> (149,343)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	€ 99,343
Working Balance 1/1/03 (credit)	28,460		

Special Church Collections 2002

C.M.C.C.	€300	Peter's Pence	€1,186
Holy Places	€580	Trócaire	€4,365
Episcopal Commission	€462	Mission Sunday	€2,450
Peru (incl. church boxes)	€4,025	St Anne's Adoption Soc.	€860
Education of Priests	€1,600	Lourdes Invalid Fund	€430



Announcements

Bulletin Folders

Revised Rota available in C.P. Centre.
Please collect your copy.



Bishopstown Meals on Wheels

Urgent need of two cooks for one Wednesday in three for approx. two hours, and a driver for the Fridays of every third month. If you can help please contact Pat at 4545790 (cooks) or Betty at 4541487 (drivers).



Bereaved Parents Support Group

We are an Irish voluntary non-denominational group of bereaved parents offering friendship, support and understanding to those suffering bereavement, especially child-loss. We meet each month on the second Wednesday and all are welcome. Our handbook is available free – please send 9" x 6" stamped self-addressed envelope to BPSG, 106 Grange Heights. Contact: Helen/Tony 4364695 or Catherine 4321978.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 23rd February

First Reading:

Is.43:18-19,21-22,24-25. Isaiah presents God as the one who forgives, the one who is always doing new things for all people.

Psalm 40

Second Reading:

2 Cor.1:18-22. Between now and the start of Lent, the second reading each Sunday is from Paul's second letter to the people of Corinth. This epistle was written to curb over-enthusiastic people, and keep them on a steady track. In this Sunday's excerpt, Paul emphasises how central Christ is to Christian faith.

Gospel:

Mk. 2:1-12. Jesus shows his power by forgiving the sin of the paralytic as well as raising him from his sickness.

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