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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK.



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

## MOTHER'S DAY

Next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March is noteworthy for at least two reasons. First, Summer time kicks in (regardless of the weather) – so put the clocks fast forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night next, or you may be meeting the people coming out of last Mass when you are going in.

Something more important altogether is the fact that it's Mother's Day – so I am writing a week ahead to remind people to make timely preparations to celebrate this very special occasion.

You never miss the water till the well runs dry – and we never really miss those close to us until they are gone. As we gather after the funeral and recall the wonderful attributes of our mother – it might do us good - but it's too late for the absent one. So now is the hour for those who are fortunate enough to have their mothers still with them. Nobody, but nobody deserves it more. A mother's love is so special because it is given unconditionally. It is given not because of what we may have achieved, or how important we are, or what we can give, but simply because we are who we

are.

All over Ireland small children will write their first card in a shaky hand for the 'Best Mum in the World'. The greatest ruffians I have ever known maintain a soft spot in their hearts for the 'Mam'. And though the Mother would disapprove of much of what their wayward son or daughter may do, their love is never taken back – they are still their child. It's the nearest thing in the world to the love of God for us.

So do something special next weekend – a gesture of love for someone so special – a visit, a little present, take her out for lunch, or whatever will make her feel like a princess for the day. You'll be glad you did.

# Lent on the Edge

LUNCH TIME TALKS

FR. PATRICK McGRATH

A.I.D.S. CHAPLAIN

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 1.10 – 1.30 p.m.

Light Snack Available

**Church of the Holy Spirit**  
DENNEHY'S CROSS



## *Rest in Peace*

David A. O'Connell Wilton Road, died peacefully on 1<sup>st</sup> March at C.U.H. after some months of declining health. His parents were among the earliest arrivals on Wilton Road where David and his late wife, Eileen, set up home next door and reared their family. David was a farseeing and pioneering business man, keen and talented in many sports, an active participant in several community and charitable ventures. Above all, he was a wonderful father, a man of sincere faith and enduring friendship which was very evident at his funeral services. He will be missed by all who knew him. We extend our deepest sympathies to his children David, Daniel, Declan, Orla, his brother Ted, sisters-in-law Dorothy and Catherine, daughter-in-law Ethel, son-in-law Mark, grandchildren, relatives and friends. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a anam dilis.

May O'Driscoll, late of Farranlea Park, passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> March last at the grand age of 91 years. May had not been well in the past couple of years, but prior to that had been an extremely active member of the community. She loved to regard herself as 'almost' a founder member of the Friendship Club, all of whose members she dearly loved, and wouldn't miss a Monday meeting for any reason barring an emergency. She would have been so proud of the guard of honour given her by her friends of the Friendship Club at her funeral on 4<sup>th</sup> March. She was also an enthusiastic

attendant at the gramophone circle. May loved and was loved by all her friends. She is survived by her son Derry and daughters Norma, Rene, Myra, Paula and Clara, her 24 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, her brother David and sisters Kitty and Sheila. Her beloved husband died 8 years ago, also at the great age of 91 years. Rest in peace, May.

Paddy Healy, Páirc na Gréine, Victoria Cross, died at the Mercy Hospital in the early hours of 18<sup>th</sup> March. Paddy was a man who loved life and inspired everyone he met to enjoy it with him. He related easily to children, to teenagers, as well as people of more mature age. His care for others was loyal and sincere. He loved the simple things in life, his game of cards, the matches – indeed he had been a skilful wielder of the comán himself. We offer very sincere sympathy to his son Michael, his daughter Marian, grandchildren, sisters and all so were close and precious to him. May his generous soul rest in peace with his dear wife Babe, who predeceased him.



We offer our sincere sympathy to MARY O'RIORDAN, Woodleigh Park, on the death of her father, John Hallahan.



## YOU CAN TACKLE RACISM

Last Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, was International Day against Racism. Even if you didn't mark it on the day, you can still implement some of the following suggestions.

1. Treat people from minority groups with the same respect you show to other people.
2. Challenge racist remarks and insults.
3. Report racist incidents to the Garda.
4. If you see racial harassment occurring in a public place, such as a shop, cinema, restaurant, etc. inform the management.
5. Support initiatives, which help to combat racism – e.g. wear the *Know Racism* emblem.
6. Look for opportunities to establish and strengthen your personal ties with local ethnic, religious and cultural minorities.
7. Extend a hand of friendship to persons of different cultural backgrounds,
8. Don't label people because of their cultural or ethnic origin.
9. Teach children to respect different cultures.
- 10 Make your workplace a comfortable environment for workers of all cultures, regardless of their ethnic or cultural background.

## Bible Corner



### THE NEW TEMPLE

John's gospel was written several decades after the other three gospels, which in turn had descriptive accounts of the well-known highlights in the life of Jesus. So, taking these stories for granted, John was able to select certain key events and show how Jesus used them to carry some very important teachings.

This is what happens especially this weekend with the account of Jesus driving the moneychangers from the Temple. The magnificent sanctuary of the Temple had long been the focus of God's presence for the Jewish people. John was highlighting that, from now on, Jesus was to be the focus of God's active presence. Jesus was to be the New Temple and He refers to His body as the new sanctuary or holy place where God lives.

By the time John's gospel was being written, the old Jewish Temple had been razed to the ground by the Roman forces of occupation and was irreplaceable. So, John is reflecting on the fact that when Jesus was justifying his authority for cleansing the Temple of all its fringe commercial activity, He was also foretelling that, even though He would be put to death by the same Romans, He would rise from the dead, the new Temple.



**NOTICE BOARD**

**LENT**

Masses Monday to Friday: 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m.

Saturday: 9.00, 10.00 and 6.15 p.m.

Sunday: 9.00, 10.30 and 12.15 p.m.

**Irish Catholic**

The Church is going through hard times, so starting in March, there will be a series of interviews with the title of "Me and my God", giving a positive outlook rather than negative that is aired in the secular media. Persons being interviewed are David Begg, General Secretary I.C.T.U., Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh of RTE, Mrs. Finola Bruton, Bishop Willie Walsh, Niall Tobín and Joe Duffy.

**Bishopstown Community School**

Assessment dates for incoming First Years starting September 2003:

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10.00-12.00 noon

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 -1.00 p.m.

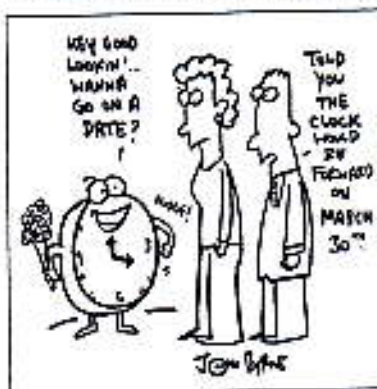
For further information please contact 4544311.

**MOUNT MERCY NEWS**

Congratulations to Championship Irish Dancer, Aisling O'Meara of 2<sup>nd</sup> year, who recently was the 'All Ireland Irish Dancing Champion' in the 13/14 age group in Killarney. Aisling danced a Reel and a Hornpipe.

*Comhghairdeas Aishling*

**A TIMELY REMINDER**



**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**First Reading:**

2 Chr.36:14-16. The history of the Jewish people is interpreted, with their misfortunes linked by the writer to their sins.

**Psalm 136**

**Second Reading:**

Eph.2:4-10. God is rich in mercy, a free gift we each receive. We are invited to be God's work of art.

**Gospel:**

Jn.3:14-21. God loved us so much that he was generous with his mercy. If we have faith in that mercy, we will not be lost

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