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Second Sunday of Easter



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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENEHY'S CROSS, DCRK

Parish Peace Pilgrimage and Picnic Gougane Barra Sunday, 18th May



PILGRIMAGE PROGRAMME

1.30 p.m.

Coaches depart Church grounds

3.00 p.m.

Coaches and cars assemble in Gougane Barra

*Celebration of our Faith
including*

- ◆ *Lighting of Peace Candle*
- ◆ *Walking in Prayer*
- ◆ *Reflecting together in Peace*
- ◆ *Pilgrimage Mass*
Parish Picnic
- ◆ *Pilgrimage Conclusion on the Island*

6.30 – 7.00 p.m.

Departure of coaches

N.B. If you wish to travel by coach, please reserve your seat at the C.P. Centre on or before Sunday, 4th May. Adults: €10; children €5.

C.P. Centre opening hours: Weekdays: 10.00 – 12.30.
Coach tickets will also be on sale at the C.P. Centre after the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 3rd May, and all Masses on Sunday, 4th May.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

Thomas was not at home.

There is an old saying which goes: "God often visits us, but most of the time we are not at home." This is exactly what happened to the apostle Thomas when the Lord called on the rest of the Apostles on the first Easter Sunday evening. When he came back the others told him how Jesus had called, but Thomas would have none of this crazy talk. He was a deeply wounded, disillusioned, and angry man. He had invested his whole life on Jesus making a success of things, and what happened? He finished up on a cross, scorned and ridiculed. "Unless I can see the holes that the nails made in his hands, and put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." When Jesus did appear to him later He invited Thomas to do exactly that: "See my hands and my feet, come here and put your hand into my side."

The encouraging lesson for all of us is that Jesus is patient and understanding with us too. It can happen, and sometimes does happen, that our path to faith in the Lord is a slow walk through moments of doubt and confusion. It's all very well to have faith on a sunny Easter morning, but when the bottom falls out of our world with a sudden death, a marriage on the rocks, being turned down for a job, a failed exam, a young person going all wrong – we too can experience anger and disappointment. Jesus understood the doubts and

problems of Thomas. He was patient and reassuring towards him. He understands our problems and weaknesses too, and is with us every step of the way. When Thomas was confronted with the situation where seeing is believing, he made that wonderful profession of faith so neatly summed up in his own words: "My Lord and my God." The Lord's response was: "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

That's us.

**TRÓCAIRE
Thank You**

Over €5,000 has already come in to the parish Trócaire collection and this amount is due to rise as the remaining boxes come in this weekend. Some contributions were small like the widow's mite. Others were more substantial. Each was an act of generosity and love and will bring great relief to people in need and great blessings to you, the generous donors. Sincerest thanks.



We offer our sincere sympathy to TIM O'FLYNN, Farranlea Grove, on the death of his brother Christy.



NOTICE BOARD

Leisure Painting

Wednesday Art Group at the SMA Centre on Wednesday mornings from 10.00 to 12 noon. Bring your own equipment and enjoy the creation time. All levels and styles and media are welcome.

Beginners & Advanced Creative Writing

Techniques of a short story, play, poetry, children's short story and other creative literary forms explored. Directed exercises. One to one feedback. Maximum class size 15. Twelve week course commencing 28th or 30th April, 7.30-9.30 p.m. at Abbey House, off North Mall Contact Deborah Culhane at 086 8158449.

Bridge

Continues on Tuesday next in the Crypt at 2.30 p.m.

Foreign Student Accommodation

Carraig Linguistic Services are seeking homes for foreign students during July and August. Please contact 4300722, 10.30-1.00 p.m. and 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh Table Quiz

will be held in the Viaduct Inn on Wednesday, 7th May, at 8.00 p.m.

Mount Mercy News

Feis Maitiu: The Soroptomist

International Trophy & Bursary

Congratulations to our First Year Choir who were awarded 3rd place for Unison or Part Choirs 13 years and under, singing "The Girl with the Buckles on her Shoes" and "Beidh Aonach Amarach i gContae an Chlar".



Rest in Peace

John Forde, Wilton Road, died peacefully at home with his family on 11th April 2003. Despite being in failing health for some time, John retained his mental alertness, his humour, his interest in friends and family until the end of a long and fulfilled life. He will be fondly remembered by generations of Presentation Brothers for his kindness to them while he worked at Mount St. Joseph's before he joined Cork Corporation. John was devoted to his wife Mary, who predeceased him in 2000, and his sons Gerard and Noel to whom we offer our deepest sympathy. A native of Goggin's Hill, Ballinhassig, John always retained a deep love for his native place and its people and returned there for burial. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 4th May

First Reading:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19.

Psalm 4

Second Reading:

Jn.2:1-5.

Gospel:

Lk.24:35-48.

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PARISH PILGRIMAGE COACH RESERVATION FORM

If you wish to travel to Gougane Barra by coach please complete the form below and return it to the C.P. Centre with the full fare on or before **Sunday, 4th May.**

Parish Pilgrimage and Picnic

Please reserve _____
coach seat(s) as follows:

_____ Adult(s) @ €10.00 each

_____ Child(ren) @ €5.00 each

Total sum enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact number: _____

REMINDER

Election of members to Pastoral Council will take place in the Crypt this Monday 28th April at 8.00 p.m.

Further nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

First Friday

Next Friday 2nd May is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 2nd May from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. following my Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Annual Mass will be held in the Crypt next Thursday 1st May at 8.00 p.m. All welcome.

Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima

Mass and Holy Hour at St. Maries of the Isle this Monday 28th at 7.30 p.m.
Priest: Fr. John McCarthy, Fermoy.

VEC Art for Seniors

Will continue on Thursday 1st May in the Crypt at 2.30 p.m.

Gala Concert

Cork Barrack Street Band and City of Cork Male Voice Choir join in concert at the Lough Church on Friday 2nd May to perform some of the world's most beautiful melodies. Admission €10 and tickets are on sale at the church doors on the night.

Access to Education for Adults

You are invited to attend a public meeting at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday 30th April at Colaiste Stiofain Naofa.

Alzheimer Society

Carers support meeting on Monday 12th May in Jurys Hotel at 8.00 p.m.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

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