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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK.



OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**

writes

CRYPT INVITATION

The refurbished crypt is now fully operational and many groups are enjoying the enhanced facilities. It has been particularly admired on such great occasions as Holy Thursday night, First Communion and Confirmation. Those who appreciate it most, of course, are the regular users including The Friendship Club, the Art Classes, the Mothers and Toddlers Group, the Bridge Players, Gramophone Circle, some residents' groups and St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society.

Many people have contributed to the cost of this work (€57,000). Gifts from individuals and small groups have brought in €14,500 to date. There may be some more donations on the way from well wishers who intended to contribute but let it slip. Hopefully, these will arrive this month and they will be very welcome.

More long term, it is hoped to clear the debt through the extra euro plan. This idea was that everybody who could afford it would contribute an extra euro to the Sunday collection each week until

the end of 2003. This extra euro campaign has yielded €5,500 to date. While it has slipped a little these last few weeks, we hope that there may be a renewed spurt over the coming weeks.

To one and all who have contributed, we say thanks very sincerely. As a token of thanks and to give an opportunity to everybody to see the crypt, there will be a cup of tea and an opportunity to chat there after each of the Masses next weekend June 21st /22nd. Do join us there to meet friends and neighbours.

Thank you and God bless.

Tom Clancy

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Both U-19 and U-14 Tennis Teams won the Munster Schools Cup Final in Rushbrooke on 15th May. The U-19 team were Aoife Turner, Clare Crowley, Audrey Grant and Aoife Walsh. U-14 team were Emma Duffy, Siun Tobin, Deirdre Crowley and Una Shiel.

Congratulations to all players who took part.

"PRAY CONTINUALLY."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

LETTER

Wilton Avenue

Dear Editor,

Just a note on the most talked about item in the Bishopstown/Wilton area. It is the parking of cars on the roads and avenues serving housing estates. The problem extends even to Business Centres and our Church at Dennehy's Cross. The area in the church designated for use by Mass goers has been taken over completely by car owners not normally church goers. In the areas adjacent to the CUH, the roads are continually used for parking by people either working in the hospital or visitors visiting patients. In Wilton Avenue where I live, I have counted over 50 vehicles parked, and some of them obstructing residents' gates. This avenue has virtually become a one way traffic route and constitutes a traffic hazard.

One of the reasons why there is such a spate of car parking in this area is mainly due to the failure of both the Health Authority and the Planning Authority to have made adequate provision for development. Seemingly, nothing will be done until the residents make a worthwhile protest to the police - the Traffic Authority, and also to the planning (traffic) section of the City Council and the Health Authority.

I can only hope that with the existing chaotic parking arrangements, no serious traffic accidents will take place.

Comments from parishioners are welcome.

Sincerely,
Des Dunnion



PRAYSE YE THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD:
SING YE TO HIS NAME,
FOR HE IS SWEET.

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ENCOURAGING WORDS

What is the relationship between tenderness and faith? We have many examples of tenderness in the life of Jesus, especially to those who needed his healing touch. People approached him without fear of rejection, with complete trust in his tenderness.

Jesus was saddened at the Pharisees' hardness of heart. He looked on them with indignation. Sadly, we have many examples of a lack of tenderness in our world which brings cruelty, sadness and misery to the lives of innocent people. On the other hand, we witness deep tenderness when people give their lives and hearts to ease the hunger and suffering in their near and faraway neighbours.

Loving God and neighbour with tenderness involves the courage to take small steps. We must make small affective investments (a smile, a word, a good wish, an expression of thanks). There is wisdom in these small gestures, but we need prudence and courage because we are never certain how we will be received.

Keeping the tenderness of Jesus and his mother before us, we will nourish a constant attitude of tenderness on our road of life.

Jill Sheehan
Intercom



Rest in Peace

St. Ita O'Connor, St. Joseph's, Model Farm Road, died on 2nd June 2003. Her going was sudden and swift, leaving all who knew her reeling from shock and grief. She had been a Minister of the Eucharist at 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning in the church here, became unwell that evening and died during the following day. St. Ita, a Sister of the Infant Jesus, a gifted teacher of Mathematics and Science had come to live at St. Joseph's eleven years ago when she came to teach in St. Al's after the closure of Drishane where she had been both a pupil and teacher. She had a deep faith and her love for God, the Father, was reflected in her fidelity, her respectful love for others, her deep appreciation of the gift of friendship and her gentle kindnesses to all whose lives she touched. As a Eucharistic Minister she served the parish with joy and fidelity and will be greatly missed by many parishioners. We offer our sincere sympathy to her family, her community of Infant Jesus sisters, to her many friends, colleagues and pupils (past and present) in Drishane and St. Al's. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí i gconaf.

Out of the depths
I cry to you,
LORD
LORD, HEAR MY VOICE!
LET YOUR EARS BE ATTEN-
TIVE TO THE PRAYER OF
YOUR SERVANT

Maura Canty died unexpectedly in Dublin on Tuesday 3rd June – returning home from a visit to her daughter in England. Maura was pre-deceased by her husband Paddy almost thirty years ago. She was a lady who was deeply involved in the life of our parish as a life-long member of the choir, who incidentally gave a beautiful musical tribute at her Requiem Mass. She was also our parish representative in Lima Lawn, and organised the annual Mass for Mended Hearts at Cork University Hospital. We extend the very sincere sympathy of our community to her family, Una, Gerald, Breeda and Terry, and indeed to all her wider family and her many, many friends. May she rest in peace.

Abina Mulligan, St. Clare's Avenue, died very unexpectedly at home on 26th May. A native of Grenagh, Abina came to live here with her Cavan born Gárda husband Jim many years ago. Jim died just over two years ago. Well known in the area, Bina will be remembered as a good neighbour, a woman of faith, a devoted supporter of the Poor Clares nearby, a devoted wife and caring mother. She will be greatly missed. To her devoted daughter Eileen (Burton), her son-in-law Pat, her grandson Peter and to the wider circle of family and friends we offer our sincerest sympathies. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.



NEWS

Appeal for Collectors

We need collectors for all Sunday Masses to collect on alternate months, but especially for 10.30 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. Masses. Ladies and gentlemen of all ages welcome. Contact parish team, the sacristan or any collector.



Bereaved Parents Support Group/The Compassionate Friends

An Irish voluntary non-denominational group of bereaved parents offering support, friendship, and understanding in a sharing and caring way, to anyone suffering bereavement, especially child-loss. Meetings on second Wednesday of each month, 8 pm to 10 pm in Cork. Everyone is welcome. Contacts Helen/Tony 4364695, Catherine 4312978. Handbook available free. Please send self-stamped-addressed-envelope to - BPSG, 106 Grange Heights, Cork.



Sponsored Walk

You can help the street children of Calcutta by taking part in The Hope Foundation's sponsored walk to the foothills of the Himalayas, which takes place from 20th September to 5th October 2003. For further information please contact 4292990.



Kenley/Mount Eden

Residents' Association meeting on Monday 16th June in the Crypt of Dennehy's Cross Church at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 22nd June

First Reading:

Ex.24:3-8. Moses made an agreement with God on behalf of the people and sealed this covenant in blood.

Psalm 115.

Second Reading:

Heb.9:11-15. The new covenant we celebrate was sealed in the blood of Christ.

Gospel:

Mk.14:12-16. It was at the Last supper that Jesus gave his body and blood as a parting gift to his followers.

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