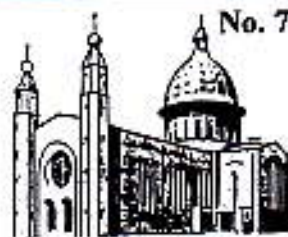


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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, DUBLIN

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**  
*The Dean writes*

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Wednesday next, 11<sup>th</sup> February is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope John Paul II dedicated this feast as World Day of the Sick – to be celebrated each year. It's very appropriate that he should. Any of us who ever visited Lourdes will recall the honoured and privileged care afforded to all the sick at this prayerful shrine. It's also a place associated for ever with miraculous cures – though it must be said that though wondrous indeed as these are – they are comparatively rare. Miracles of grace are commonplace.

The Pope's intention in focusing our attention on the sick is to highlight our duty as Christians to care for them in every way we can. As we all know, serious illness is usually painful and frightening – as well as making us totally dependent on other people. Our ministrations to the sick call for dedication and sacrifice – and delicate sensitivity. It's also a sure way of doing something beautiful for God. It gives us also a better understanding and acceptance of people and their problems.

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is a day to pray also for all in our community who professionally care for the sick day and night in our hospitals, care centres and at home. They are human too, and the weight of their duties and responsibilities can place a heavy burden on their shoulders. Most of us have seen at first hand the dedication that goes far beyond the call of duty that these carers, nurses and doctors provide for our sick. We ask Our Lady of Lourdes to be close to these people, and fill them with the care and compassion of the Lord himself.

*Denis O'Connor*

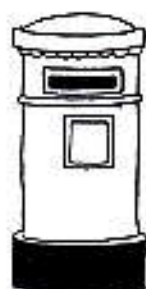
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### DID YOU KNOW?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church there is no obligation on the elderly or the infirm to observe the one hour fast before Holy Communion. Many people are over anxious about this and need not be.

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**Please take a copy of  
the Bulletin home  
or give it to a  
friend or neighbour.**



## LETTERS

Dear Fathers,

With the help of Cllr. P.J. Hourican and the community, we have recently established in Wilton Park House a *No Name!* Club for teenagers. The young people are rather slow to join and I was hoping that you could mention the club to your parishioners and encourage young people to come along to try it out at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesdays. I am sorry this is being done with such short notice but I know Sunday is your busy day! I would be pleased to meet you next week if you wish to discuss same.

Many thanks,  
Yours sincerely,  
Carole Goulding

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### IN SYMPATHY IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to **PATSY TEAHEN and FAMILY**, Leedsdale, on the recent death of John. To **KITTY SEWARD**, Bishopstown Avenue, on the death of her brother, Fr. Berard Creed, O.F.M.Cap. (late of St. Bonaventure's). To **KAY TOHER**, Wilton Road, on the death of her mother. To **MADGE HANLEY**, Laburnum Lawn, on the death of her nephew.

Dear Editor,

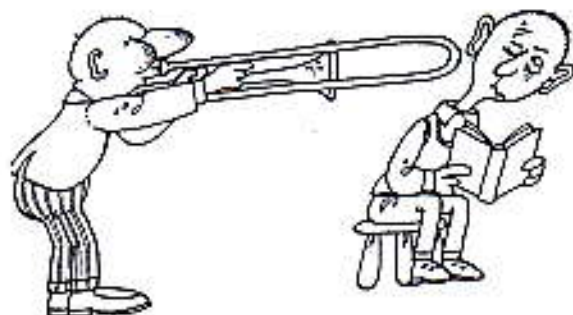
Eileen and I were heartened to read in the Bulletin of February 1<sup>st</sup> about the 'new arrival' in the parish, the 'Laudate' hymnal. It was always our hope that the beautiful Church of the Holy Spirit would be filled with the Sound of Music. Surely the introduction of the hymnal brings this dream one step nearer?

The Sunday Eucharist is the occasion of the community gathering together to worship. Without doubt, this weekly assembly is enhanced by singing. John O'Donohue, in his delightful new book, 'Divine Beauty', claims that 'there is a profound sense in which music opens a secret door in time and reaches in to the eternal'.

So, let there be music in Dennehy's Cross! Like some of Fr. Declan's "Welsh sheep", my 'baas' are distinctly low! So could I make a plea for the music to be transposed down to a key which would facilitate all worshippers, to ensure that 'all God's creatures get a place in the choir'!!!

Best wishes and God's blessing on the venture.

Pat Lemasney.



Love thy neighbour - even when he plays the trombone.



## LOCAL SCHOOLS

### COLAISTE AN SPIORAID NAOIMH

Transition Year students organised a Readathon for first and second years that raised almost €2500 to build a reservoir in Kenya and over €2000 to help relieve the suffering caused by the recent earthquake in Iran.

**Preparations for Harty Cup Quarter-Final.** Having already secured the Cork Colleges Senior Hurling title, excitement is building in the school in the run up to the Munster Colleges Quarter-Final against Doon, Co. Limerick. Best of luck to parishioner, Shane O'Neill of Court Cairn, and to his team-mates.

### MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE

#### Cork Schools Science Award

Congratulations to Gillian Casey, Leaving Certificate 2003, who obtained the highest marks in her Leaving Cert. Physics in Cork City and County. Gillian will be presented with a gold medal by the Lord Mayor at an awards ceremony in Jury's Hotel on the 3rd March, 2004. Well done Gillian.

Congratulations also to Freida Long and Jane Cunningham, Leaving Cert. 2003, who were awarded U.C.C. scholarships based on their outstanding results. Jane is studying Medicine in U.C.C. and Freida is studying Accounting, also in U.C.C.

## Bible Corner



### "WHOM SHALL I SEND?"

At Mass, the first reading is chosen to fit in with the Sunday gospel. This weekend, Isaiah depicts his God as the all powerful, the all holy One in whose presence we are totally unworthy. On the other hand, the gospel shows Jesus as a wandering preacher inviting Peter and three of his fishing colleagues to be his companions and shares in his life's work. The contrast could not be more stark. Where is the link?

The link is that it is God's choice and invitation that empowers both Isaiah and the disciples to answer the Lord's call to be his messengers and co-workers. Isaiah's call is recounted in a highly dramatic way and he responds, "Here I am, send me." The call of the fishing quartet was more muted but "they left everything and followed him." Each of them said yes to God's individual call to them. In our world, the need for such a positive response was never greater.

I cannot  
imagine how  
the clockwork  
of the  
universe  
can exist  
without  
a clockmaker.





**NOTICE BOARD**

**TAKE NOTE:**

**Bulletins to the Homes**

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

**Pastoral Council**

Meeting takes place this Monday, 9<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Centre at 8.10 p.m.



**N.A.O.M.I.**

For information on pre-marriage course, natural family planning, achieving a pregnancy, menopause counselling and support group, contact N.A.O.M.I., 36 Washington Street, tel. 4272213, Tuesday to Friday, office hours.

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**Lourdes 2004**

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage, 11-16 June - 5 nights - full board accommodation. Booking forms available from Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick Street, tel. 4277959. Enquiries for Special Invalid Section to the Pilgrimage Director, Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan, Parochial House, Bandon, Co. Cork. tel. 0504 20528.

**International Day For Religious**

Celebrating the gift of religious life, laity and religious, praying and sharing on today Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>, 3.00-5.00 at The Commons Inn, Commons Road, Facilitator Linda Irwin. Come and celebrate with us. All are welcome.

**Talk and Exhibition on Heart Health**

At City Hal on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February. Come along and find out what you can do to help improve your own health. For details on free transport from designated areas on 16<sup>th</sup> February please call LoCall 1850 742000.

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

**First Reading:**

Jer.17:5-8. The blessed one is the one who trusts in the Lord.

**Psalm : 1.**

**Second Reading:**

1 Cor.15:12,16-20.

Our faith is founded and dependent on the resurrection.

**.Gospel:**

Lk.6:17. 20-26.

What brings blessedness or true happiness.