

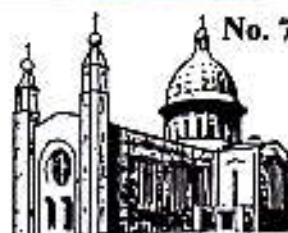
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

ANNUAL REPORT

This issue of the Bulletin contains a summary of the income and expenditure of the parish for the year 2003. Again, it shows healthy financial support for parish services and for the maintenance of the church and parish property. Thank you.

The single biggest item in 2003 was the refurbishment of the Crypt which you supported very generously, so that it required just €15,000 from ordinary income to cover the cost entirely. In 2004, we will probably have to replace the boiler for the main heating system, and the finance committee hopes to take on board requests for more accessible toilet facilities and better lighting in the church.

In this parish, our maintenance expenses are comparatively low due mainly to the generosity of many of you who 45 years ago helped to build our fine beautiful church so well. We must safeguard what the parishioners of that time have entrusted to us, especially as it heads towards its fiftieth birthday.

Your continuing support in every area is much appreciated.

P.S. The bulk of parish income comes through the Sunday collection. It needs your generosity and efficient collection each week. Extra collectors (female/male) are urgently needed. Contact Charlie Leahy, please.



PASTORAL COUNCIL

At the monthly meeting last Monday, Fr. Declan reported on the Youth Liaison Group meeting set up to listen to the needs and concerns of the young people of our parish and area. Thirty-five secondary school students attended and there was an excellent exchange of views on what was a very successful venture. Tributes were paid to teachers, Anne Cleary of Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh, and Therese Hogan of Mount Mercy, for their invaluable assistance.

Kevin O'Mahony reported on the new rails at the altar steps, which it is hoped parishioners will find helpful.

Fr. Clancy presented the parish financial report for 2003, details of which appear in this Bulletin.

Faith in Action: A Lenten Programme

The parish 'Faith in Action' group came together some years ago, to inform itself on issues of justice and equality at home and in the Third World, to see what action could be taken, and, from time to time, to bring some of the issues before the wider parish community. Please put these dates in your diaries. Further details later:


Shrove Tuesday, Feb 24th, 8 p.m., in the Crypt, a Table Quiz in aid of Cois Tine, a support centre for immigrants and refugees. (See block notice.)

Ash Wednesday, Feb 25th, 1.10 pm, in the Crypt, a talk on the 2004 Trócaire theme.

Wed March 3rd, 1.10 pm, in the Crypt, a talk on Fairtrade products and the importance of buying them.

6th/7th March, after all Masses a Parish Coffee Morning in the Crypt: serving Fairtrade tea, coffee and refreshments, to encourage community, and to promote the use of Fairtrade products.

Wed March 10th, at 1.10 pm in the Crypt, a talk from Cois Tine, on supporting immigrants and refugees in Cork.

**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.**

FAIR TRADE is a MATTER OF JUSTICE

Fairtrade products, which carry the Fairtrade Mark, are products which guarantee a fair price to the producers in the Third World.

Shoppers who choose FAIRTRADE-marked products pay a vital role in alleviating poverty, and supporting marginalized producers, in a manner that promotes dignity and self-sufficiency. Products such as tea, coffee, bananas, oranges, lemons, and chocolate are available locally.

Look for the logo. Ask for the products.

Buying Fairtrade products is not charity; it is a way of changing the system.



TABLE QUIZ

Faith in Action will hold a Table Quiz on Shrove Tuesday, 24th February, at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt. This is a parish community fund-raising event in aid of "Cois Tine". Tables of four - €40 per team. This will be a 'fun-night' with lots of spots and *maybe* Pancakes!!

Please get a team together and send into Seamus Murphy, Parish Centre.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our monthly Recital will take place on Wednesday next, 18th February in the Crypt, when Joan Murpy will present a programme of delightful music. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Senior Citizens Party

On Friday 20th February at 8.00 p.m. in the SMA Hall, Wilton organised by Bishopstown Lions Club. Music, dancing, refreshments provided. Everyone welcome - no charge.

Ministers of the Eucharist at CUH

Are you a minister of the Eucharist in your parish? Are you interested in becoming a Minister so that you might serve the sick in a major hospital? We are looking for people to give an hour or so once a fortnight any weekday morning at 11.00 a.m. Monday to Friday. We would really appreciate your becoming involved in a very important ministry. Contact the Chaplaincy Department 11.00 - 12.00 noon, 2.00-3.00 p.m. Monday to Friday at 4922178.



We offer our sincere sympathy to EILEEN CORRIGAN, Sheares Park, on the death of her son, Peter.

To MYRA BARRETT, Model Farm Road, and AUDREY GLEESON, Wilton Road, on the death of their brother John Gleeson.

To ANNE HURLEY, Wilton Avenue, on the death of her mother, Anne Gallagher.

To JOHN KIELY, Magazine Rd. on the recent deaths of his sister, Sr. Sheila Kiely of London, and of his sister-in-law, Mary Kiely of Donoughmore.

To MICHAEL O'DRISCOLL, Belfry House, Model Farm Road, on the death of his mother.



God's Word

Readings for Sunday 22nd February

First Reading:

1 Sam. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23.

Psalm : 102

Second Reading:

1 Cor. 15:45-49.

.Gospel:

Lk.6:27-38.

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FINANCIAL REPORT 2003
Presented by the Parish Finance Committee

INCOME	€	EXPENDITURE	€
Sunday & Holyday collections	119,085	Wages & PRSI	34,209
Shrines	13,215	Heating & Lighting	10,018
Bank Interest	1,085	8% Levy to Diocesan Office	9,142
Folds, Pamphlets, etc.	1,647	Insurance	6,314
Rents from Groups	4,830	Parish Council	565
Miscellaneous income	952	Bulletins, Missalettes, Booklets	8,729
Crypt	42,793	Eucharistic Procession Fund	400
TOTAL INCOME:	€183,607	Folds, Pamphlets	1,635
		Hymnals	2,313
		Church requisites	12,580
SUMMARY	€	Repairs and maintenance	26,862
Balance 11/1/03 (credit)	28,460	6% Retirement Levy	6,460
Income 2003	183,607	Telephones	1,202
Expenditure 2003	182,987	Bank Charges	422
Transfer – maintenance reserve	10,000	Miscellaneous expenses	4,466
	(192,987)	Crypt	57,670
Working Balance 1/1/04 (credit)	19,080	TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	€182,987

Special Church Collections 2003

C.M.C.C.	€450	Peter's Pence	€1,090
Holy Places	€1,255	Trócaire	€6,040
Episcopal Commission	€340	Mission Sunday	€1,860
Peru (incl. church boxes)	€3,810	St. Anne's Adoption Soc.	€660
Education of Priests	€1,120	Lourdes Invalid Fund	€850