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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

## ST. JOSEPH

Everybody knows that St. Patrick's Day is the 17<sup>th</sup> March – but did you know that another very important feast day falls just two days later on 19<sup>th</sup> March – St. Joseph.

St. Joseph had a very special place in God's plan for our redemption. He had to be a very special person to care for God's Son who was coming into the world, and for his mother. St. Joseph was that man.

As you might expect, St. Joseph was a very practical man – very much in touch with the realities of life, and how they affect us. He understands our problems, and will pray for us, if we ask him. Just to give a very personal experience. I worked in a parish in this city at one time where the people had an enormous financial burden to carry, with new schools, churches, etc. The parish account was deeply in debt. One day a young man from our parish here called to me, told me he had great devotion to St. Joseph and would be glad to place a suitable prayer card in the church. To my shame I hadn't any special devotion to St. Joseph at the time, but I had very good reason to seek his help with the huge parish debt, which I felt largely responsible for. Every morning after Mass I prayed that prayer to St. Joseph, and to St. Joseph's credit, and the good people of the parish, the parish account

which had been deeply in debt was changed to a credit balance when I was transferred just over a year later.

St. Joseph understands the problems of family life, our practical concerns. Devotion to him will bring great rewards – you should try it.

*Aenis O'Loonov.*

## LOCAL SCHOOLS

### ST. CATHERINE'S

Saturday last was a very special day for the girls in Second Class. It was the occasion of their **First Penance**. They came with their families and teachers to our Parish Church, where Fr. Tom led the ceremony. The emphasis was on forgiveness and reconciliation, and this was reflected in the readings, songs and prayers. Now the girls and their families can focus on the big day in May, when they will receive their First Holy Communion.

Our Parents' Association present Fiona Kennedy on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Highfield Pavilion. Should be a great night! Tickets €5 in aid of school activities.

Congratulations to Ellen Murphy, 1<sup>st</sup> class, who won first prize in the Cork Chapter of the Credit Union Poster competition, under 7 category. She goes on to represent the county at All-Ireland level! Go n-éirí leat, Ellen.

Further information about the school, and all our activities, is available on our web site: [www.stcathns.com](http://www.stcathns.com).



## Rest In Peace

Nora O'Shea died on February 26<sup>th</sup> at Marymount Hospital. She was a woman of quiet, serene disposition. Faith, family and friends were the cornerstone of her life. Nora had a deep commitment to her family and to the old home at Roger Casement Park. Her children and her grandchildren came to be assured of a listening ear and kindly advice. Neighbours and friends were always welcomed with the cup of tea and homely chat. But above all she had a deep faith that she was surrounded by God's love in which she found inspiration and peace. Deepest sympathy goes to her family, Kathleen, Noreen, Paddy, Maureen, Breda and Derry and to all who knew and loved her.

Matthew Dunne, Model Farm Road, died peacefully after a very short illness at the Mercy Hospital on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. A native of Drombane, near Thurles, Mattie came to Cork to work with the Department of Agriculture at the nearby Model Farm. Together with his beloved wife Joan, who predeceased him some years ago, Mattie and family ran the shop (now the Post Office) near the church and so were central to so much of the life of the community. A winner of a Harty Cup medal as a schoolboy, Matt never lost his love for his native county and his loyalty to its hurlers was total. So indeed was his loyalty to his wonderful family and to the Church. He was a faithful collector at the 6.15 Vigil Mass right up to the Saturday week before he died. His service was much appreciated. Loved and respected by all who knew him, he will be really missed by friends, colleagues and neighbours, but especially by his children, Patricia, Brendan, Bernie, Donal, John and Siobhán, their spouses and their children to whom we offer our sincerest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sé.

## LOCAL SCHOOLS

### MOUNT MERCY

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February, fifth year student, Elizabeth Harris, participated in the Munster Final of the E.S.B. Schools Debating Competition in the Philosophical Society, U.C.C. The debate was chaired by the president of the European Parliament, Mr. Pat Cox. Elizabeth opposed the motion that the house would support child labour in developing countries. Elizabeth was runner up in the Individual Best Speaker Category, and now proceeds to the next stage of the All Ireland finals.

*Spring into Action* with Margaret Griffin of Griffin's Garden Centre on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m. in Mount Mercy College organised by the Parents' Association, for advice on planting patio containers and hanging baskets. All welcome. Tickets, €10 each, from the School Office (4542366 / 4542685) and can be collected at the door on the night.

Congratulations and well done to the Senior A Hockey Team who won the Coca Cola Munster Schoolgirls Senior A Cup Final, by defeating Crescent College Comprehensive, Limerick, 3-1 at Villiers School on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. They will now go on to represent Munster in the Kate Russell All Ireland Hockey Finals on March 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> in Dublin.



### COLÁISTE AN SPIORAID NAOIMH

After the excitement of the Harty Cup Hurling championship, attention now turns to the Senior Footballers who play St. Augustine's, Waterford, in the Munster Colleges B Final. Best of luck to parishioners Brian Murphy and Terence O'Donoghue.





## Faith in Action: Cois Tine

In the third Lenten lunchtime talk last Wednesday, Fr. Angelo Lafferty, SMA spoke graphically and inspiringly about the plight and problems of asylum-seekers in Cork, and the role and activities of Cois Tine in providing support. Cois Tine (the fireside) is so-called because a primary objective is to provide a safe place, where people can come and find a welcome, a place where they can tell their story (many of which are almost unbearably horrific), and find a listening ear, direction and advice, receive counselling, and find the atmosphere and opportunity to relax.

There are 4,500 asylum-seekers in Cork of 46 different nationalities. An **asylum-seeker** is a person who, under the 1951 Geneva Convention on Refugees, applies for **refugee status** to a country other than his/her own. An asylum-seeker is **legally entitled** to live here while awaiting a decision on the application, but may not work during that period, (anything up to 3 years!). If the decision is positive, then the asylum-seeker

is granted **refugee status**, which confers the **right** both to live and to work here.

Fr. Lafferty urged listeners to inform and educate themselves on the issues, and to do everything possible to "welcome the stranger". He outlined ten action steps which all of us could take, (and in discussion he emphasised the need for persistence):

1. Increase your awareness
2. Become involved
3. Understand the principles of the international system
4. Understand the policy issues in Ireland
5. Strive for justice and peace
6. Demonstrate solidarity
7. Extend hospitality: "welcome the stranger"
8. Join the immigration debate
9. Engage in advocacy
10. Provide services which respond to material, welfare, social and spiritual needs.



We offer our sincere sympathy to the TWOHIG FAMILY, CATHERINE, PHIL, DENISE and DES, on the death of their sister Helen Kenneally of Ballincollig



### LETTER

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the "Bulletin Boost". It's an excellent start to my campaign - I'm running for President !?!

Michael O'Shea, O.F.M.

### GOLDEN WEDDING

Congratulations to TIM and PAT ROHAN of Wilton Gardens, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in February.

### Never Too Late to Learn!

Cork College of Commerce will hold an **Adult Information Morning** on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 12.30 p.m. Information on a wide variety of courses will be available on the day. Come along and have a chat with our students and staff. Refreshments will be served. Adm. free. All welcome.

### Irish Night

At Ardfallen Centre, Douglas Road, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Donal Ring Ceili Band, compere Paddy O'Donovan. Entire proceeds to the third World.



**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY 2004  
RECONCILIATION SERVICE  
SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
5.00 P.M.**

### **HOLY WEEK 2004**

Times of Services will be printed in full in the Bulletin on 4<sup>th</sup> April. They will also be circulated with the Dues envelopes in the interim.

#### **Easter Dues**

Through the kindness of our dedicated dues collectors, we hope to get an envelope to each home in the parish over the next ten days. Our distribution network has some blank spots. If you do not receive an envelope, please let us know. Thank you.

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to a meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt. The meeting will focus on preparations for Holy Week especially distribution of the Eucharist under both species on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday. Thank you.

**Note: 29<sup>th</sup> March, 8.00 p.m.**

#### **Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle**

Our monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt, when Frank Casey will present an afternoon of glorious music. Everybody is welcome to attend.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

**087 - 251 9940**

#### **Priesthood in Cork & Ross**

First step on the path is... listening, discussing, praying and reflecting. Priesthood information day will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at Ennismore Retreat Centre, 11.00 - 5.00 p.m. (lunch provided). If you are unable to attend, in confidence telephone Fr. Aidan O'Driscoll at 4303015 (9.00-3.00) or Fr. Bertie O'Mahony at 4371684, or email [priesthood@corkandross.org](mailto:priesthood@corkandross.org).

#### **Co-ordinator of Youth Ministries**

Scala, a Redemptorist Youth Ministry Project, is seeking a co-ordinator to facilitate and organize its School Retreat and other Youth Programmes. Previous experience in Youth Ministry is essential. Salary negotiable. Interested applicants are invited to submit their C.V. before 31<sup>st</sup> March to Fr. Dan Baragry, C.Ss.R. at Scala, Bessboro, Blackrock, Cork, tel. 4358800.

### **God's Word**

#### **Readings for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

##### **First Reading:**

Is. 43:16-21. This reading from the Prophet Isaiah speaks of the new deed that the Lord is doing. This new deed gives life to God's people.

##### **Psalm : 125**

##### **Second Reading:**

Phil. 3:8-14. St. Paul has no doubts about what is the very best thing in his life. It is knowing the Lord Jesus.

##### **Gospel:**

Jn.8:1-11. Jesus' way of seeing things is very different from the way his religious authorities, the Scribes and Pharisees, see things. They are in the business of condemning a woman. Jesus says: "I do not condemn... but sin no more".

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