

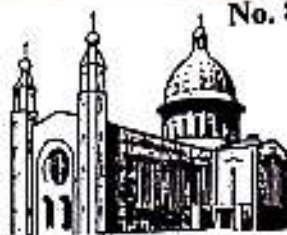
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CO. DK.





FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
The Dean writes

MARY'S MONTH OF MAY

People of my age are inclined to view the past through rose-tinted glasses – and add a note of sentimentality for good measure. Not too much wrong with that, but it brings me to my subject matter for this week's Bulletin. In days when we were young May altars and May devotions were very much part of our lives.

Small children proudly brought primroses and bluebells, and even daisies and buttercups in their tiny hands for the May altar at home and at school. And teens who would shudder to be regarded as devotional in any sense of the word would make an exception when it came to devotion to Mary in the month of May. Indeed, I can recall some of my peers in ages past who could rival the late great Canon Sidney McEwan in their rendering of "Bring flowers of the rarest".

Devotion to Mary found a soft and responsive cord in our hearts and, believe me, we were the better for it. Sadly it's something that has been in decline, and for everybody's sake deserves to be re-kindled. This weekend we are joined in our membership of the E.U. by a further ten countries. Not all have a Catholic tradition but, by and large, the majority of the greater twenty-five have, and devotion to Mary is very much part of that tradition. France, Portugal, Poland, all have their well-known places of pilgrimage. In Austria special feasts of

Our Lady are also public holidays.

So why not join them also in devotion to Mary – a decade, if not the Rosary in the family circle, the May altar in the hallway, and let's sing again:

O Mary, we crown thee
with blossoms to day,
Queen of the angels
and Queen of the May.

Rest In Peace

Tom Buckley, Ballinvrinsig, Waterfall, died at St. Patrick's Hospital, Fermoy, in the early hours of Wednesday 14th April. Tom was born and reared on the Model Farm road, and began his working career as an apprentice mechanic at Dennehy's Garage. Later he opened his own premises in partnership with Mr. Duggan – the well-known B & D Garage at Kinsale Road – where he worked until his retirement a few years ago. He was happily married to Olga Roche, a member of the well-known Tramore Road family. Olga predeceased him in February 2000. Tom was an honest and kindly man, loved by his own and esteemed by his business colleagues. May he rest in peace. We extend our very sincere sympathy to his family, John, Ronnie, Janice, Sandra, Louise and June, his brother Miah, sisters Maureen, Juie, Elsie and Olive, grandchildren and many relatives.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to HIGHFIELD RUGBY CLUB on winning Division 3 of the A.I.B. All Ireland League, and being promoted to Division 2.



PRAYER OF WELCOME

MAY 1ST/2ND 2004

Father, as ten new states join the European Union, we welcome the ties that bind us together as your people.

May this day stir us to a deepening appreciation of each other's identity and culture.

May we recognise each other's gifts and needs.

May this new Europe become a more effective instrument of justice for all its own people and for the poorest of the poor throughout the world.

Teach us to be generous, recognising that every blessing in creation is your gift for all your children.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all Europeans and particularly upon our leaders, so that we may live in deeper harmony and more secure peace.

Here in the Church of the Holy Spirit, we pray God's richest blessings on the increasing number of students, nurses and others from overseas who live among us and who join our weekend Eucharist. May our welcome sustain them and may we be enriched by their presence among us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Our congratulations to TED and DOROTHY O'CONNELL, St. Christopher's, Wilton Road, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last week.

Bible Corner



OUTWARD BOUND

Since Easter, the first readings at the weekends have concentrated on Peter's upbraiding of his Jewish contemporaries for their stupidity in crucifying Jesus who later rose from the dead. Peter hopes they will repent.

This weekend the focus moves from Peter to Paul and his preaching, not only to the Jews scattered all over the Near East, but to people who had never heard of Jesus nor, indeed, of the one true God.

Accompanied by Barnabas, Paul preaches in the synagogue but when the Jews reject them, they move on to those who are more receptive. This will be the pattern of all Paul's missionary journeys.

EASTER CROSSWORD By Portia



There was a great response to the Easter crossword.

CAOIMHÍN Ó DONNCHÚ, Farranlea Park, and MARY NOLAN, Wilton Road, were drawn for prizes.

Portia would like to thank all those who sent in entries.



**ADVANCE ALERT
CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS**

To facilitate the broadcast of our Mass on Sunday 30th May and Sunday 6th June, Mass will be at 10.00 a.m. to replace the 10.30 Mass.

Other Mass times remain unchanged. Please cut out for reference.

CONFIRMATION DAY

Our parish Confirmation ceremony will be at 10.30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday next 5th May. You are invited to keep our young in your prayers and to attend the ceremony if free to do so.

First Friday

Next Friday 7th May, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

On next Friday, 7th May, from 10.30 to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

The A.G.M. including Mass will be held in the Crypt on Thursday 6th May at 8.00 p.m. Members and friends are all invited to attend.

Alzheimer's Tea Morning

The Friendship Club will host our Annual Tea Morning at the Parish Centre on Thursday 6th May, from 10.30 to 12 noon. Everybody welcome.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

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TRÓCAIRE THANKS

€8,000

The Trócaire Boxes have brought in almost €8,000. Sincerest thanks. If there are any more boxes out there, we would like to have them soon, please, this weekend if possible! Thanks again.

The Celtic Tenors in Concert

At Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross on Thursday 13th May at 8.00 p.m. Tickets €20 at Pro Musica, Veritas, or Turner's Cross parish office.

The Transition Year Students
of Mount Mercy College
Presents

THE BOYFRIEND

by Sandy Wilson.

**Date: May, 6th., 7th., 8th., @
8.00pm**

**Venue: M.M.C. School Hall
Tickets: €7 & €5**

(available at the Door on the night)

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 9th May

First Reading:

Acts 14:21-27

Psalm : 144

Second Reading:

Apoc.21:1-5

Gospel:

Jn.13:31-33,34-35.

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