

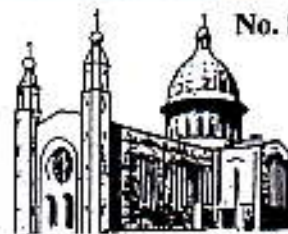


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Ascension of the Lord



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DENHY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

*"The evil that men do lives after them,  
While the good is often interred with  
their bones."*

On May 1<sup>st</sup> we had the single biggest accession of states to join the European Union – ten added to existing fifteen. Many fine speeches were made by leading politicians throughout Europe to celebrate the occasion, led by our own Taoiseach, and President of the European Union. It was a wonderful and very historic occasion.

But in all the speeches I found no word of gratitude or honour for the brave and clear-headed men who set up the Union back in the Fifties. What a pity that it should be so. Remember the Second World War had just finished. France and Germany had once again fought to the death – as indeed had happened so often over the generations – with other states sucked into the conflict on either side. The flower of their youth had become fodder for the guns on opposing sides. Then men of huge stature, in a political sense, stood up and said they had enough of this. Jean Monnet and Robert Schuman in France, Konrad

Adenauer in Germany, De Gasperi in Italy made no apology for acting out of their deeply held Christian principles and convictions. They were joined by Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

One outstanding feature of their social and political aspirations was to present a united Europe based on Christian democratic ideology – against extreme capitalism (as in U.S.A.) and Marxism as in U.S.S.R. Not everybody cheered their efforts. Communist parties especially in Italy and France led the charge against them.

What started tentatively in 1950 with a proposal to pool their coal and steel resources took real shape in the Treaty of Rome in 1957, and has progressed ever since. I can't see for the life of me why our present political leaders of Europe are ashamed to include the name of God in the New Constitution for Europe.

I suppose "eaten bread is soon forgotten" - and Christianity - and with it Christian principles and influence has since declined in Europe. The fact remains it has huge possibilities to influence us for good.

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## Rising Expectations

Can there be a greater compliment than to be 'left in charge'? While some go dizzy with power, most feel a strong sense of responsibility in their new duties.

We all experience little 'ascensions' in our lives. Parents and teachers work towards becoming redundant in the act of child-rearing and education. Mind you, some young adults are slow to leave the nest; the prospect of free laundry, no rent and full fridges proves all too tantalising.

Still, partings are well... 'part' of who we are. Even nature in all its summer splendour will in a few short months have autumnal trees saying: 'unless we go away, you cannot be renewed'. Sometimes we have to be left on our own to discover the uniqueness and strength that is ours. A widow discovers some previously unknown abilities, just like the family member far away from home.

It is as though in leaving, whether it be of Jesus, a friend, or a leaf, or death, something of them returns to convince us that we are not alone. We have not been abandoned. We have, perhaps, in that leaving been given the gift of ourselves in a new deeper, and more lasting way.

*Fr. Tom Cox  
Intercom*



## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

At the meeting held on Monday last, Clare McCutcheon, Chairperson, presented a report on the meetings held recently to examine and discuss the diocesan strategy programme. Six parishes were represented from which four delegates were nominated, including Fr. Mansfield from this parish. They will attend a further meeting with delegates from the other parishes within the dioceses in June.

It is anticipated that the parish web site will be fully operational by early Autumn.

Kevin O'Mahony informed the council that the first of a series of talks, organised by the Adult Education Committee, will commence on 14<sup>th</sup> September. The chosen theme of the first topic is "Marriage". A panel of people who work in the area of marriage counselling will attend.

Fr. Clancy announced that an Inter-Church Service will be held in the crypt on 1<sup>st</sup> June at 8.00 p.m. Rev. Michael Burrows will be guest speaker - everyone welcome.

The annual parish seminar was arranged for 25<sup>th</sup> September.

## ARE FAIRTRADE PRODUCTS ON YOUR SHOPPING LIST?

Remember! Every time you buy fairtrade products you ensure that farmers like Carlos Reynoso from Guatemala can stay on the land: "The premiums we receive from Fairtrade help us send our children to school, and provide food and medicines for our families."



## Rest in Peace

Nora O'Sullivan of 'College View', Wilton, passed away on May 13th last. At 89 years of age, Nora had lived a full life, retaining her full health and sharpness of mind until a few months ago. Her husband Mort, with whom she had gone everywhere, died eight years ago, followed two years later by the premature death of her daughter Mary (Lucey). Nora grew up in the Gaclacht of Ballingcary, had to learn English when she went to school, and retained a keen appreciation of Irish music and culture. She will be missed by her son, Bobby and his wife and children, with whom she lived, and by her daughter Joan (Barry) and family, whom she visited twice weekly; also by the Lucey family, as well as many friends, relatives and neighbours. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis.

Michael O'Connor, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, died on his 51<sup>st</sup> birthday – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Too young to die by our reckoning, but the Lord had his own reasons for calling him home. In fact, he had endured patiently a great deal of ill health, and had spent the past ten months in hospital. We extend our very sincere sympathy to his wife Norma, his daughters Sinead and Orla, his young son Darren, who paid a very moving tribute to his Dad after the Requiem Mass, his grandson Troy, his mother Nora, his ten brothers and four sisters. May he rest in peace.

## Bible Corner



### ST. PAUL'S BLESSING PRAYERS

For St. Paul the good news is that, in God's plan, Jesus died and rose from the dead to enable us to share in all the riches of God's love for us. Paul's enthusiasm for exploring, explaining and spreading this message is tangible in his letters, especially in his prayers of blessing for us. One of these blessing prayers forms the second reading this weekend. It is taken from Paul's letter to the people of Ephesus.

His wish for us is beyond our imagining. It is that God our Father will give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding of what is revealed about God's relationship with us. Paul highlights the connection between faith and love. The knowledge he prays for us is not a knowledge of facts about God, but the personal experience of knowing God in love through the gift of his spirit. Be open to receive this vibrant gift.

### Wanted! Volunteers!

If you are cheerful and reliable, over 18 years of age, love children and have one morning or afternoon a week to spare, just 2-3 hours, find out more about becoming a volunteer for hospital play-schemes by contacting 4211822 (Chris or Bernadette) or email: [info@childreninhospital.ie](mailto:info@childreninhospital.ie)



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Next Sunday

Broadcast Mass – 10.00 a.m.

Note change of time.

**Pentecost - Day of Prayer and Healing**

An invitation to attend at Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30 to 5.30 p.m. Speaker Fr. Eamonn O'Driscoll. No charge, collection taken up, tea and coffee provided. Bring a packed lunch.

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

For information on pre-marriage courses, natural family planning, achieving a pregnancy, contact NAOMI at 36 Washing Street tel. 4272213, Thursday to Friday, office hours.

**Alzheimer Society**

Support Meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 p.m. in Jurys Hotel. All are welcome.

**ANNUAL INTER CHURCH  
PRAYER SERVICE**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 8.00 p.m.

in the CRYPT

Preacher:

Very Rev. Dean Michael Burrows  
St. Finbarre's Cathedral

Parish e-mail address:  
[holyspiritparish@eircom.net](mailto:holyspiritparish@eircom.net)

**CORK EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2004

3.00 p.m.

**Poor Clares Fund**

Last weekend's once off collection at this church to help with the renovation of the chapel at the Poor Clares brought in €3,455. It was a very generous response to a crucial project of our co-parishioners. May God reward all who contributed. Thank you.

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Annual Triduum at Holy Trinity commencing Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday Mass at 10.00 and 7.30 p.m., blessing of lilies at each Mass on Sunday. Preacher: Fr. James Harrington, O.F.M.Cap.

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**First Reading:**

Acts 2:1-11. The experience of the first Pentecost is given by Luke in chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles.

**Psalm : 103**

**Second Reading:**

Rom.8:8-17. Unity and harmony are gifts of God's Spirit.

**Gospel:**

Jn.14:15-16,23-26. The presence of Jesus fills his disciples with peace and joy.