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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**
Fr. Declan writes

September Madness.....

Really, the beginning of each year should be changed from January 1st to September 1st! September is much more full of new beginnings and re-starts. Everyone comes back from holidays. The new school year begins. Traumatic events take place in many households; beginning school, changing classes, new teachers, hems on uniforms left down, new sports kits, a fortune for new books. In secondary school; new subjects, exam classes, grinds...

The parish is no exception. July and August are quiet. Schools are closed. Congregations at weekends drop in numbers. No meetings, no courses. The priests too take a breather. But suddenly, in the first week of September, the 809th Weekly Parish Bulletin has to be prepared, and Fr. Declan has to start thinking.....

This week's bulletin is full of announcements: a short four-night investigation of Liturgy in September and October; a short Parish Adult Education programme – one night per month; Scriptural Prayer groups resuming. New Altar Servers have to be recruited. New Ministers of the Word and Eucharist will be needed soon. Opening-of-the-year Masses have to be arranged for the primary and secondary schools. Parish Pastoral Council meetings resume. A Parish Seminar has to be arranged. Liturgy Committee begins again.... I'm almost breathless from thinking about all this!!! Help!

But it's great, as a priest, to be part of a parish that's alive, thinking, planning, working together, trying to develop a sense of community, of belonging, of togetherness in the service of the Lord. Anyone that's out there saying 'Where do I fit in?' - please contact us. Anybody with a bit of time to spare, and with an interest in developing their faith or contributing, please take a risk and get involved. **YOUR PARISH IS YOU.** Now is the time to consider something new.

May the God of Creation, who began everything at the dawn of the world, and who draws all things to completion in Himself, bless us all, priests and parishioners of the Parish of the Holy Spirit, as we make a new September start.



Rest in Peace

Una Scannell, Wilton Road, died at Maryborough Nursing Home, Douglas, on 19th June. She had retired there from her home on Wilton Road a few years previously. Una was a member of the Cross family, Sullivan's Quay – well known in professional and business circles in this city. She was pre-deceased by her son Tom, and husband, Dónal Ó Scanaill, a prominent member of the teaching profession, and a great promoter of all things Gaelic. Una opted to be laid to rest next to her husband in the hallowed grounds of their beloved Gougane Barra. We express our sincere sympathy to her family, Martha, Tadhg and Margaret, grandchildren, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, and her many close relatives and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.

John Joe Kearney died quite unexpectedly at his home in Leecsdaile, Model Farm Road, on 22nd June. The suddenness of his death at a comparatively early age came as a terrible shock not only to his dear wife Rose and family, but to all his friends and neighbours. John Joe was well known as a genial bus driver with Bus Éireann and a prominent member of the Halfway Bowling Club. He was also a keen follower of the G.A.A. and was a nifty hurler with Glen Rovers in his younger days. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Rose, his family John, Edel, Stephen, Brendan, Margaret Kenneth, Alan and Catherine, his brother, sisters and all his close friends and relatives. May he rest in peace.

Lily Casey, Bendemeer Park, died at the Bon Secours Hospital, Tralee, on 25th June. Lily came to Cork from her home in Co. Laois as a young student to study at U.C.C. After graduation she stayed on to work in Cork and there met and married John Casey of Highfield Avenue. Later she worked in the library at U.C.C. She was also very involved in helping in different ways in our parish – notably in the distribution of the parish bulletin. She was pre-deceased by her husband John, and suffered a good deal of ill health towards the end of her life. We extend the sincere sympathy of our community, but especially of her neighbours in Bendemeer Park and her colleagues on the Bulletin team, to her family – Michael, John and Patrick, her sisters Sr. Anna, Presentation Convent Ballyphehane and Ita Culliton, her grandchildren, daughters-in-law and many friends. Her funeral Mass was a moving celebration of thanksgiving for a beautiful life – all the family and grandchildren taking part. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

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We offer our sincere sympathy to LILY CRONIN, Farranlea Grove, on the death of her sister, Breda Hutchins.

CORK & ROSS MISSION TO SOUTH AMERICA

Mass of Celebration and Thanksgiving

North Cathedral

on

Thursday September 23rd 2004

at 7.30 p.m.

All are invited to attend.



Parish Scripture Prayer Groups:

The **Monday morning group** which meets to read and pray the Sunday readings will resume in the Parish Centre this **Monday, September 13th**.

The **Tuesday night group** will resume in St. Catherine's convent this Tuesday night, **September 14th, at 8p.m.**

Anyone who would like to spend one hour with a group in prayerful reflection, sharing a few thoughts on the readings of the following Sunday, is welcome to come along. No knowledge of Scripture is required. No study, no learned discussion – just a little on what the readings seem to be saying to me about my life. Come and try it!!

Parish Pastoral Council Annual Seminar

Each year, the group chosen to share in the responsibility of running this parish – the Pastoral Council organise a seminar for themselves and for a wider group of representatives from all of the groups which are active in the pastoral work of the parish. This year, Mr. Martin Kennedy, who has been a lay pastoral worker in the Parish of Tullamore, and who is a facilitator with considerable experience in the area of Parish Councils, will spend a few hours with our group, sharing his experience of 'New Signs of Hope in the Irish Church'.

KEEP OUR CHURCH TIDY

You are invited to take the Mass leaflet and Bulletin home with you, or to a neighbour. Otherwise, please return to the tables near each exit. Thank you.

An Exploration of Liturgy

What makes good Liturgy and public worship? How to celebrate the Presence of God, how to make our liturgies more lively, inclusive, relevant, involving art, music, and creativity. **Four nights (8-9.30) of input, using Video, some discussion and learning.** Open to all. Light and informative. Anyone who wants to explore a little, please come along. No charge, no commitment, no previous knowledge.....

Led by Fr. Declan and members of the Parish Liturgy Group. Anyone is welcome.

Where? Crypt

When? Monday nights 8 p.m. September 20th, 27th, October 4th, 11th.

ALTAR SERVERS

We invite boys and girls who have already made First Communion to join our servers' team. On alternate weekends, a boy or girl serves at a time arranged in consultation with parents. The training of new servers begins next Saturday 18th September at 1.00 p.m. in the church and will continue on 25th September, 10th and 17th October. Each session lasts about one hour. Please contact Mercedes Cunningham at 4544413 or any of the priests.

SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2004

To mark the opening of Festival of Mission, Mass in our church will be televised live on RTÉ 1 at 11.00 a.m.

To facilitate the telecast, Mass time will be moved from 10.30 to 11.00 a.m.



PASTORAL COUNCIL

PARISH ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2004

September : RELATIONSHIPS TODAY

Marriage – Separation – Divorce –
Second Relationships.

Format: A *Questions & Answers* type
format consisting of a panel of four
under a Chairperson and taking
questions from the floor.

Panel: Fr. Gerard Garrett, Diocesan
Marriage Tribunal.

Mr. Des Hourihan – Psychologist, UCC
Dept. of Education

Ms. Berna O'Shea – Pastoral Counsellor
on Separation

Ms. Catherine Kelleher, Solicitor –
Family Law background.

Chairperson: Mr. Seamus Murphy.

Venue: Crypt, Tuesday 14th at 8.00 p.m.

Date: Tuesday 14th September.

Cuppa to follow.

Bulletins to Homes

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

Pastoral Council

Meeting this Monday 13th at 8.10 p.m. in
Parish Centre.

Friendship Club

Meetings will resume on Monday 13th in
the Crypt at 2.30 p.m.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

087 - 251 9940

Parish e-mail address:
holyspiritparish@eircom.net

Coffee Morning

Mary, May and Dorothy will be back in
action next Tuesday after the 10 o'clock
Mass. Coffee, biscuits and great chat
guaranteed.

Venue: Parish Centre

All are welcome.

Crypt Bridge Club

Re-opened on Tuesdays at 2.00 p.m. All
welcome. Tea and coffee served. New
members welcome.

Bishopstown L.C.A.

Meetings resume on Thursday 16th
September at the S.M.A. Wilton at 8.00
p.m. New members welcome.

Alzheimer Society

Ladies (and gentlemen) – why not join
the 'Alzheimer Society Team and *RUN
TO REMEMBER* in the Cork Evening
Echo Ladies Mini Marathon on behalf of
the society. For sponsorship cards
and T-shirts contact Maria at 4391690.

Community Anti High-Rise Association

Meeting in the Crypt on Thursday 23rd
September at 8 p.m. All welcome.
Visit: www.corksouthwest.com

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 19th September

First Reading:

Am.8:4-7. We are called to act with
justice.

Psalms: 112

Second Reading:

1 Tim.2:1-8. Paul reminds us to think of
others and to pray for them.

Gospel:

Lk.16:1-13. Today's gospel invites us to
make some definite choices.