

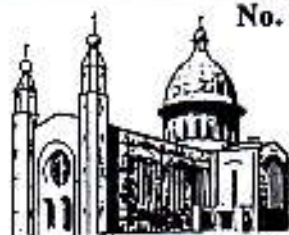


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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, DORK.



FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*Fr. Declan writes*

## Month of the Missions

October 1<sup>st</sup> was the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux. She received permission to enter the enclosed Carmelite Convent at the age of fifteen. Her life was a series of tiny sacrifices made each day, of heroic sufferings, at times almost of despair through loss of comfort or consolation from her prayer. She died of TB at the age of 24, having achieved nothing in the eyes of the world, yet she was canonised twenty eight years after her death. Her life-story, 'Story of a Soul' is a spiritual classic. She never set foot outside the convent again, yet she was declared Patron Saint of the Missions, since she prayed constantly for all to come to know the Jesus whom she knew so intimately.

October is traditionally the month of the missions. You and I may never have worked in a missionary country, or done any great deed in the third world, but we belong to a Church which is missionary to the core. Jesus told us clearly 'I am the light of the world', 'I am the way, the truth and the life', 'Go teach all nations, baptising them in the name of

the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. To continue the mission of Christ is the responsibility of all of us. But how?

**At home:** pray about handing on the faith to the next generation. People today are under so much pressure; faith is not a priority in many people's lives. Depression, anxiety, fear, despair and suicide among the young are on the increase. Do we know the value of intercessory prayer? People like Therese can teach us.

**Further afield:** pray for the needs of the Church throughout the world. A young Korean friend of mine, Otilia Lee, 26 years of age, qualified psychotherapist, with degrees in theology and spirituality, outgoing, bubbly, full of life, achieved her ambition since childhood last year by entering an enclosed Carmelite Convent in Korea. Her only brother has been ordained a priest to try to minister in Communist North Korea; her parents have now given up their home to run an orphanage. There are many other such inspiring stories. Remember that family. Continue to pray for and support our own mission fields in Peru, now without the support of our priests. Pray.....

**Fr. Declan Mansfield, C.C**

Margaret (Rita) Desmond (nee Sheehan), Roger Casement Park, died at home on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Her entire life was spent in the Glasheen area surrounded by family and friends, and lived in the light of faith. She was born in the family home on Glasheen Hill where her grandmother had been born. The family was one of the first to move to the 'new' houses in Sheares Park. When Rita married Jerry, she moved to the 'new' house in Roger Casement Park. There she reared her five children and there she died in the loving care of the family. Her daughter and grandchildren continue to live in the family home. Rita was buried with her parents in St. Finbarr's cemetery. At the funeral, five generations who have lived and continue to live in the Glasheen area were remembered, as were the strong roots that have forged vibrant family, community and faith connections. We offer our sincere sympathies to sons Derry, Michael and David, daughters Eileen and Brenda, sister Delia, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, wider family and many friends.



We offer our sincere sympathy to TONY CANTY, Model Farm Road, on the death of his brother, Liam.  
To MARY O'LOUGHLIN, St. Catherine's School, on the death of her father, Joe O'Connor.

John Breen Manderly, The Orchard, Farranlea, died peacefully on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at the Bon Secours Hospital. John had spent some of his working life in London and Dublin before returning to work and live in Cork. He has been ill for some time before his death, but bore his illness without complaint. His determination and his sense of humour sustained him during this time. John was a keen reader and possessed a sharp and curious mind, he also enjoyed listening to classical music. His attention to details was admirable and his ability to 'read' the financial markets by wheeling and dealing in stocks and shares was an interesting hobby. He had a great interest in soccer and was a loyal Manchester United supporter. John was always positive, thoughtful and generous, was never critical of anyone and spoke well of all he knew. Above all, John was a gentleman and for this he will be remembered. We extend our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

## BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian community the following children who were baptised in recent months:

Rory Matthew Buckley  
Sarah Maria Hanafin  
Elliot Joseph Le Cointe  
Aidan Michael Barry  
Kelly Margaret Forrest  
Jennifer Kate Reardon  
Jonathan Stephen Hackett-McSweeney  
Aaron Mark O'Brien-Kiely  
Sasha Dionne McSweeney  
Eolann Terence O'Toole  
Shane Andrew O'Donovan



Coming soon.....

## ADULT EDUCATION

**Prayer:**

*The Lord's Chat room – Are you online?*

**Format:** Directed and interactive. A solo presentation is envisaged.

**Personnel:** Fr. Eltin Griffin, Carmelite Fathers, Dublin.

**Venue:** Crypt

**Date:** Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00 p.m.

### Calling Older People

Would you like to improve the quality of life of older people? Would you be willing to take part in a study in UCC? Are you over 60? If so, contact Mike Murphy at 087-6438798.

### Coeliac Society

October meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> in the SMA Hall, Wilton, at 8.00 p.m. Gluten free cookery demonstration and a talk from our dietician, followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Quotable quotes from Lord Soper:-

“Spirituality does not consist in cuddling one another in the assumption that we are God’s pets. Spirituality consists in the interpretation of the affairs of life in a way which corresponds with the will of God.”

“ I certainly have no use for those who have got their spiritual hats and coats on, waiting for the next world, when they should be rolling up their sleeves in this one.”

## Bible Corner



### KEEPING UP WITH THE NEIGHBOURS

The Hebrews always kept a close eye on their neighbours. They needed to. They were often under attack from them. As well, these neighbours were often wealthier and more powerful than they were themselves. So the Hebrews were often tempted to ape those whom they saw as better off. Still, their stronger tradition was that they were God’s chosen people led by divinely appointed leaders in the tradition of Abraham and Moses. Such leaders were both key figures, both religiously and politically. They were the ones who would care for the whole people compassionately, especially the vulnerable and the poor. But their neighbours had high profile kings to rule over them. The fact that these kings were despots who exploited their people did not deter the Hebrews from appointing their own to such roles.

So in the Hebrew tradition there was an ambiguity between God being their King and some civilian ruler being in power. This caused particular confusion for an occupying force like the Romans for whom Caesar was the supreme authority, and any talk of any other kingship was equivalent to treason. This is the dilemma that Pilate is trying to tease out in the weekend’s gospel. Jesus’ reply to Pilate’s questions was probably of little help to one who was terrified of even the slightest rumour of a Jewish conspiracy. Hopefully, it will be of more help to us who believe that he is the Son of God.



**MOUNT MERCY NEWS**

**New Principal**

As a parish community, we extend a sincere céad míle fáilte to Pádraigin Uí Riordáin who began last Monday as Principal of Mount Mercy College.

We thank Ms. Mary Murphy very sincerely for her many years of dedicated service and hope that her years of retirement will be happy and fruitful for her.

**You Are God's Work of Art**

This was the theme for the opening of the year's school Mass celebrated by staff and students, led by Fr. Declan in our parish church last Wednesday. Sincere thanks to all who participated in the preparation.

**Congratulations** to all Junior and Leaving Certificate students who performed so brilliantly this year. A sincere well done also to their parents and teachers.

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**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**First Reading:**

2 K. 5:14-17. Naaman was cured of his disease by believing the word of the prophet. God's word brings us healing and restoration.

**Psalms:** Ps. 97

**Second Reading:**

2 Tim. 2:8-13. St. Paul tells of his own suffering and of the eternal glory that comes with it.

**Gospel:**

Lk. 17:11-19. the gospel story has a lot to say about being thankful.

**LOCAL SCHOOLS**

**COLÁISTE AN SPIORAID NAOIMH**

Parents/guardians of prospective entrants to the school in September 2005 are cordially invited to an Open Evening on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. From 7.00 p.m. onwards you will be free to take a tour of the school, to view its facilities, and to meet teachers and pupils. At 8.00 p.m. the Principal will address the gathering in the School Hall and give a broad outline of the philosophy of the school and its curriculum.

**The Parents' Association AGM** will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October, at 8 p.m. in the School Hall.

**Sponsored Hill Walk:** Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup>. Old Killarney to Kenmare Road. Duration: 5 hrs. approx. This walk is for parents and friends to have a great day out while raising funds for a school canteen. Further information and sponsorship cards available from Rosarie 4975087 or Margaret 4342438.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**

The monthly meeting will take place next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**

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**TODAY SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER**

REMINDER THAT 12.15 P.M. MASS  
WILL COMMENCE AT 12.25 P.M.