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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
CENNEHYS CROSS, CORK

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ***Welcoming Sunday - an Invitation for you***

Are you new to the area?

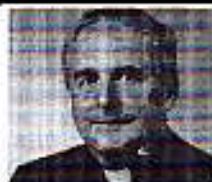
Have you moved here recently?

Are you a student - new to Cork or to Ireland?

***The priests and people of our parish  
would like to welcome you  
to our community.***

***You are warmly invited for coffee with us  
in the Crypt beneath the Church  
after the 6.15 p.m. Mass  
on Saturday, 16th October,  
or from 11.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.  
on Sunday 17th.***

***We look forward to meeting you.***



OUR  
**PARISH  
PRIEST**  
writes

### NEW LINKS

One of the songs small children sing enthusiastically in school nowadays is "Circle of Friends". It highlights their need and all our need to truly belong. The inner circle of belonging is the family where gifts can be nurtured, joys shared, hurts healed, setbacks overcome in secure acceptance and enduring love. But family on its own is not enough for enriching human living. We need to belong where we live, work, play and pray.

So our parish Welcoming Sunday this weekend is one contribution to building up links of belonging among us in our mobile and fast changing world. Nobody, no family can blossom as an isolated island. We need to be always nurturing the links that bind us together, but especially at times of major change in our lives. We owe this to one another. Each of us can take the initiative in reaching out. If you and I do not do it, it will be left undone and we will all be the poorer.

Even if you cannot join us here at Church, make contact this weekend with a new neighbour or work colleague and welcome him or her into one of your circles of living. We will all be the better for your doing so.

*Tom Clancy*



*Rest in Peace*

Jim McCarthy, Farranlea Road (and late of Halycon Villas, Magazine Road) died peacefully at Cork University Hospital on August 28<sup>th</sup> 2004. As a young man, Jim was a baker with Simcox, one of the local firms taken over by a multinational many years ago. His many talents included boats and engines, interests that brought many friends. His last weeks of serious illness in wonderful care by family and hospital staff were stressful but very blessed before he left us to join his beloved son Brian who predeceased him at all too early an age. To his wife Ann, his sons David and Michael, daughter-in-law Gillian, brothers and sisters and the wider circle of family and friends, we offer our sincerest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sé.

#### **Mass for those who died during the past year**

Our traditional annual Mass  
for parishioners who died since  
November 2003  
will be celebrated on  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m.  
Families and friends of the bereaved  
are especially invited to attend.  
During Mass, as each name is called,  
A family member will be invited to  
bring a lighted candle to our  
November shrine.  
All parishioners are invited.

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## QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. What do you think of those prayers which are supposed to guarantee a favour if said so many times and the leaflet passed on to a certain number of people.

A. Usually the words of the prayer are okay but tying it up with numbers of leaflets is superstitious nonsense. It gives religion a bad name by turning God into a slot machine who pays out when you hit the required number. Some people feel blackmailed to spread these leaflets in fear of offending God. People who leave them in churches should be charged with litter offence!

*Fr. Sylvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.*

## POOR CLARES UP-DATE

On Our Lady's Birthday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Sr Joseph-Maria, after three years in initial formation, made her First Profession. She was joined by her family from Rosscarbery for the special occasion. Fr. John Bosco OFM, from St. Francis, celebrated Mass during which Sr. Joseph-Maria made her vows of Chastity, Poverty, Obedience and Enclosure for three years.

The Poor Clares number eleven in community – nine solemnly professed and two in simple vows. We pray for an increase in vocations to the Poor Clares and to religious life and the priesthood in our parish and the Diocese of Cork and Ross.

Lord of the harvest – send labourers!



## Bible Corner



### A Biblical Sit-in

Jesus is the great storyteller. He used strong parables to make the central points of his teaching as we see in this weekend's gospel. The image is of a one-woman pressure group and a very formidable one she was. In her widowhood, the authorities had not dealt firmly with her. She decided on a sit-in at the judge's door until her case was heard. Her conduct was not politically correct but it brought results.

Jesus suggests that we do the same with God. We should refuse to leave his presence until our prayer is heard. An intercessory prayer sit-in is his recommendation. The point is that we need to show God that we are serious about him. When we camp at his door, he will come. Living as we do in a society of instant food and instant communication, we often expect God to take our calls instantly.

God tests us more than that. He tests our perseverance in prayer and through that perseverance we grow in his love.





**Family and Media Association**

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference will take place on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October in the Arts Building in UCD, Belfield from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. . For details see notice in the porch..

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**First Reading:**

Eccles (Sir). 35:15-17, 20-22. The Lord hears the cry of the poor person.

**Psalm:** Ps. 33

**Second Reading:**

2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18. St. Paul is coming near the end of his life. He looks forward to a place in the heavenly kingdom.

**Gospel:**

Lk. 24: 46-48. Wherever the gospel is preached, there will be a message of repentance.

**Grinds available**

A qualified secondary school teacher is available to give grinds in Junior and Leaving Certificate ordinary and higher level Irish. Also Junior Certificate higher level and Leaving Certificate ordinary level Maths.

Phone: 087 2297521.

Our best wishes to  
**BISHOPSTOWN**  
In their quest for honours this  
weekend.

**Novena for Holy Souls**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is the commemoration of all the Faithful departed. Each priest will start a Novena of Masses on that day for all the dead on our November list. Envelopes and prayer cards are available in the church. Please place your completed envelope in the box at the altar rails before November starts.

**Friends of Paray-Le-Monial**

Afternoon of Renewal and Prayer at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Western Road. Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m..

Theme: "A celebration of Harvest – Gifts of the Holy Spirit".

Includes Mass. €5. Tel.:02641236.

**Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle**

Monthly recital on Wednesday next, 20<sup>th</sup> October at 3.p.m. in the crypt, Dennehy's Cross Church., where Eddie Hogan will present Music and Song we Love. Be advised – be there.

**Anti-Highrise Association.**

Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October at 8 pm for those opposed to the proposed highrise buildings in the parish. Venue: The crypt.

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

Meeting takes place on this Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Centre at 8.10 pm.

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