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DENNEHY CROSS, CORK



OUR  
**PARISH  
PRIEST**

writes

## NEW BEGINNINGS

The darkening November days have been brightened for me with a variety of new beginnings. Eighteen young boys and girls have begun their term as new altar servers. Their enthusiasm, excitement and expectations have evoked nostalgic smiles and anxious frowns among some of you. Next weekend, a new monthly rota of Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, with several new young faces among them, starts their year of service. During this week, we had an enrolment ceremony for the girls from St. Catherine's preparing for First Communion on 21<sup>st</sup> May, and a commitment ceremony for those to be confirmed on 13<sup>th</sup> May. For each one involved, it is another stage in growing in appreciation of God's gifts of life, of family, of friends and of faith. Such new beginnings are an opportunity for all the wider connections to allow God to enrich our lives.

Starting this weekend, Advent is calling each of us to new beginnings. With the Toy Show behind us, it is time to prepare a way for the Lord by

allowing him to undermine our selfishness, to open us to his mercy, to come to us as family on Christmas Day and so be renewed in hope, peace and joy.

In the hustle and bustle, don't miss the opportunity

### Dates to Remember

- **Children's Gift Mass** – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12.15 p.m.
- **Reconciliation Service** – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00 p.m.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection** – 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> December.

## LOCAL SCHOOLS

### Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh

#### Readathon

This year's Readathon will take place on the 8th December. As well as encouraging students to read, the money raised (last year it was €5000) will go to various charities.

#### Young Enterprise

A Directors Day was held in Rochestown Park Hotel recently for student managers representing two companies. Young Enterprise, which is co-ordinated by Mr. Malone is organised to encourage an entrepreneurial spirit among students. The companies hope to sell their products in the run up to Christmas.

**WIN A FAIRTRADE HAMPER  
FOR CHRISTMAS**

A Fairtrade hamper worth €100.00 is being raffled in the parish during Advent. It will be an attractive Christmas gift for family or friends.

To enter, simply attach your name and address to a wrapper from any Fairtrade product and drop your entry in the Fairtrade box at the back of the church. You may enter - free of charge - as many times as you like. The closing date for entries is Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**CHICKEN OR FISH?**

Not your choice from the lunch menu, but a choice which can transform people's lives. People like 24-year-old Maria Lesboa from Mozambique. Thanks to a Trócaire-funded literacy class she now dreams of completing her education and starting a small business. This year's Global Gifts from Trócaire range in value from €15 to €150, from a clutch of chicks to a fish farm to a hectare of land.

The Global Gifts are available by post, by phone (Callsave 1850 408 408), on line ([www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)) or from the Trócaire (9 Cook Street) or Veritas (Carey's Lane) shops in Cork. Why not change someone's life this Christmas?



*As often as you did it for one  
of my least brothers, you did  
it for me.*



**Do you look for this Fairtrade mark when you are buying your groceries? This ensures that the grower/producer gets a fair price.**

You can buy these Fairtrade (FT) products locally:

**Dunnes Stores, Bandon Road** (on the shelves on RHS next to the off licence):

**Tea:** Robert Roberts FT 80 teabags;  
Tea Direct FT80 teabags

**Coffee:** Bewleys FT Fresh Ground;  
Bewleys FT Organic;  
Fairtrade Direct Rich Roast  
Fairtrade Direct Medium Roast  
Fairtrade Freeze-dried Instant

**Tesco Wilton:**

**Tea:** Robert Roberts FT 80 teabags;  
**Coffee:**

Tesco FT decaffeinated Roast Ground;  
Tesco FT Medium Roast Ground;  
Bewleys FT Organic Fresh Ground;

**Sugar:** Whitworths Fairtrade sugar  
**Bananas:** Fairtrade Banana pack 1 kg.

**Supervalu, Wilton:**

**Tea:** Robert Roberts FT 80 teabags;  
**Coffee:** Bewley's FT Mild Fresh Ground  
Robert Roberts FT Decaffeinated Ground.:

Also the Quay Coop, Sullivan's Quay stocks Fairtrade teas, coffees, juices, honey, peanut butter, sugar, and biscuits





## Rest in Peace

Captain Pat Lane must surely have been one of the most colourful characters of the Parish. He died on November 9th in St. Finbarr's Hospital, after several months of illness which he battled with cheerfulness until the very end. In his long life of 88 years, Pat worked as Examiner clerk, seaman, captain with Shellmex BP, harbourmaster in Bantry, and at the age of 72 went to Saudi Arabia for three years as Training and Supervision Expert in Marine Pollution. Until a couple of months before his death, Pat was a daily swimmer at the Brookfield Club, at 7.30 in the morning! Again, until a few years ago, Pat was training and travelling with juvenile boxing teams. He had his usual favourite spot close to St. Anthony for morning Mass. We extend our sympathy to his daughter Derval, granddaughter Caroline, sisters, relatives and friends. The Belfry too will miss him. May the Lord welcome him to his final home.

It was with great sadness that the Parish said farewell to one of its oldest residents last week. Mary Buckley had lived to the ripe old age of ninety-nine; she passed away just a few months short of the century. Until she contracted a chest infection only a few weeks ago, though frail, Mary was up and about, in remarkable good health, reading the paper and taking an interest in everything around her. She loved to talk of her younger years in Blackpool. In the last year, she had enjoyed taking part in the weddings of two of her grandchildren. She had lived for many years with her daughter Loretta and husband Jim on College Rd., where she was a valued member of the family. To them, and to her other family members, relative and friends, we offer our sympathies. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

## Bible Corner



### IN THE TEMPLE'S SHADOW

Isaiah was a city boy, born in Jerusalem about 800 years before the coming of Jesus. He lived under the shadow of the Temple at the centre of Jewish life in difficult times, both religiously and politically. He was called to speak God's messages of reprimand, challenge, encouragement and hope throughout his life. At that time, there were no books as we know them, but Isaiah's teachings were kept alive in a little community of committed disciples who handed them on from generation to generation. Eventually, when the Hebrew Scriptures were written, they filled four scrolls, of which one was called the Scroll of the Prophet Isaiah. This was the scroll that was handed to Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth one weekend when he went back home during the earliest days of his public ministry. Each weekend of this Advent our first reading at Mass is taken from the very same scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Such is the enduring power of the Word of the Lord.

### St. Francis Xavier – Feast Day on December 3<sup>rd</sup>

St. Francis Xavier, a native of Pamplona in Spain, was a student of the University of Paris when he joined St. Ignatius of Loyola and became one of the first members of the Society of Jesus. He went as a missionary to India and Japan and had extraordinary success in winning thousands over to Christ. He died in 1552 at the age of 46. He is honoured, along with St. Therese of the Child Jesus, as patron and protector of the Foreign Missions.





**NOTICE BOARD**

**TAKE NOTE**

**First Friday**

Next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10.30 to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

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

Monthly meeting next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Parish Centre at 8.00 p.m.

**The Monthly Mass for Pioneers**

Mass will take place on the First Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7.30 p.m. in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher. Please come and join us. Our prayers can turn the tide of alcohol abuse. Join us afterwards for a cup of tea.



**Autumn Dues**

Through the courteous and unfailing help of our distributors, dues envelopes have been sent to each house in the parish. You can return it to the collector, drop it in or post it. Your ongoing support is appreciated. If our distribution network does not reach you, let us know, please.

**Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima**

Mass and Holy Hour at St. Maries of the Isle at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Priest: Fr. C Harrington.

**Attention!**

Planning application has been lodged for a 20m. high communications mast at Magazine Road near Pres. grounds, for mobile phones, etc. Plans may be seen before 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Planning Office, Kennedy Quay.



**Christmas Craft Fair**

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, L'Arche will hold a Craft Fair at their Community Centre, Togher (next to the parish church and national school) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Choral Recital, children's entertainment, hand crafted gifts, and lots lots more. All welcome. Admission free.

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**First Reading:**

Is. 11:1-10.

**Psalm : Ps.71**

**Second Reading:**

Rom.15:4-9

**Gospel:**

Mt. 3:1-12.

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