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OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

As a parish community, we send our sincerest sympathies to Mark and Majella Holohan on the tragic death of their dearly loved son, Robert. Robert was born among us here and was baptised into God's family in this Church of the Holy Spirit just over eleven years ago. We can only glimpse the family's pain. We pray God, our Father, to send his Holy Spirit of consolation, healing, courage and hope upon them and upon the wide circle of friends and neighbours who are devastated by this great tragedy.

The outpouring of generous practical support from the wider community remind us all of the goodness and care that is in people's hearts. It is a sign of hope that we continue to treasure our children as God's great gift to us and continue to ask him to bless them and keep them safe from all harm.

Children baptised in 1993 like Robert are approaching Confirmation and adolescence. It is our privilege and duty to care for them, to lead them by word and experience into the best ways of living, inspiring in them a deep faith that each of them is truly loved by the Lord.

Now is a time to build up networks of families and friends that will truly enrich

the lifestyle of our children, enabling them to appreciate the goodness in God's creation and to respond to it in generosity, courage and joy. Above all, now is a time to realise once more that our lives are intertwined as brothers and sisters in the human family, that God created us to live in his presence through love of one another. Such is our destiny. May this mission sustain us in times of doubt and darkness.

'Help My Unbelief!'

(Mark 9: 23)

An Invitation for Lent

Has your faith been hurt or damaged in recent years?

Have you doubts about faith/Church/practice?

Do you sometimes long for the simple faith you once had?

Do you feel your doubts have never been listened to?

Do you feel the Church doesn't care?

If you would like the opportunity to voice/discuss/tease out these issues in a respectful small-group forum, come along to

The Crypt
Thursday Feb 10th
8 - 9.30p.m.

The listening process will continue on
Feb. 17th, 24rd, March 3rd

For those who wish.



Rest in Peace

Nancy O'Donovan of Farranlea Park died recently in her home after a short illness. A lady of indomitable spirit, she showed little sign of her 92 years. Up to the age of 90 she was still tearing around in her red mini, much to the alarm of some of her friends. Nancy's favourite philosophy was that we should praise people when they're alive and not wait till they're dead. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Maurice, by many years. She used to say he liked to talk about his part in the Boer War and the more he talked about it the more boring he got! She was well cared for by various neighbours who, in different ways, helped her to lead a full life to the end. Nancy will be missed by her friends in the two Bridge Clubs of which she was a member. We offer our sympathy to her nephews, nieces and grand-niece. May she rest in peace.



We offer our sincere sympathy to EILEEN VARIAN, Rossbrook, on the death of her father, James Wolfe.

He who wants to enjoy the glory of the sunrise must live through the night.

Jerry Forde, Kilcrea Park, passed away quietly at his home just before Christmas, surrounded by his wife Maureen and family. He was in his usual good health up to about eight weeks prior to his death. Jerry was a very dedicated member of our community at this church. He was a loyal and trusted collector at Sunday Mass, and himself and Maureen were an example in their dedication to weekday Mass. Loyalty was an outstanding feature in Jerry's life – his life-long loyalty to Maureen and their family, his loyalty to his work at Sunbeam, and above all his loyalty to his Lord. We extend the sympathy of our community to Maureen, his family, Michael, John, Brian, Dorothy and Audrey, his brothers Michael and Neilus, his sister Joan, and all his extended family. They can remember him with pride and gratitude. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

The Final of the City Schools Debating Competition was held in the Ambassador Hotel on December 13th. Mount Mercy swept the board, winning both the team and individual competitions.

Niamh Costelloe and Fiona Barrett were the winning team and Kate McCutcheon won the best individual speaker.

Well done!



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

St. Angela Merici

St. Angela founded the Ursuline Order in Brescia in Italy. From there it spread throughout Europe and came to Ireland in 1711.

St. Angela looked to the needs of her time and saw the education of girls as one of the most pressing. Her aim was to educate girls so they would be a Christianising influence in the homes in which they lived and the homes they would later establish for themselves.

Almost four hundred and fifty years later the Ursuline policy remains the same – to develop students to their full potential spiritually, academically, physically and socially.

St. Angela's feast day is on 27th January.

"Be bound to one another by the bond of Love,, respecting, helping, bearing with each other in Jesus Christ"

(St. Angela Merici)

St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas was born in the Castle of Aquin and received his early education at Monte Casino. Despite opposition from his family, he entered the Order of Friars Preachers.

He taught philosophy and theology with such profound understanding that even today he is regarded as the prince of sacred sciences. He died in 1274 and Pope Leo made him the patron of all Catholic schools.

His feast day is on 28th January.

Bible Corner



There are just three weekends between now and Lent. On each of these, the second reading at Mass will be part of the first letter St. Paul wrote to the people of Corinth. The seaport of Corinth was the home base of many small sea-going ships and was a key port of call for any ships trading in the area. It was to these port people Paul preached the gospel, hoping not only to convert them but also their contacts. When he moved on, he wrote back letters of encouragement and correction.

It seems the first thing the Corinthians did when Paul left was to organise a split, indeed, several splits. Now Paul challenges them to rid themselves of cliques and of the serious differences that have arisen between them. Christ's followers must be united in what they are called to do. Division is the hallmark of the evil one. Realising that God can use whomsoever he chooses to bring salvation is an essential strand in the fabric of life of the true Christian. Harmony must be the badge of our loyalty. This weekend's reading is an invitation to examine how we are measuring up.

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?



Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

(as part of Cork and Ross Pilgrimage)
Leader: Fr. Declan Mansfield C.C.

June 11th-16th 2005

Hotel Tara

Cost €585

(incl. taxes and Insurance)

(Deposit €130)

Bookings to: Joe Walsh Tours
117, Patrick St.

(Tel: 4277959/4277120)

Parish Booking Reference: 20744

(Please quote when booking)

Limited places available
Immediate booking recommended

Further Information:

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Fr. Declan @ 4346818

SACRISTAN REQUIRED

Due to the coming retirement of our much loved and esteemed Sacristan, Charlie Leahy, we are now seeking a replacement.

For further information, please write to
The Secretary, Parish Office,
Dennehy's Cross Church, Cork.

The closing date for receipt of
completed applications is

Tuesday 8th February

EMERGENCY NUMBER

087 - 251 9940

HELP NEEDED

**CORK SIMON COMMUNITY –
Helping the homeless.**

Can you spare two hours a week to help with Food Collections? Please contact Niamh at 021-4377643 or Email:

Niamh@corksimoncommunity.ie

Songs of Praise with David Parkes

The internationally renowned gospel singer will give a recital of prayer through song and he will also give testimony on his miraculous healing. David is part of the Music Ministry in Medjugorje.

Venue: St. Mary's Church
Innishannon.

Friday, 11th February at 8pm.

Tickets €15 available from Sheila 021-4775153, Kay 023-41175, Claire 023-34620, Trasa 028-2288.

Proceeds to church restoration.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 30th January

First Reading:

Zeph. 2:3,3:12-13. Describes the kind of people who find favour with God.

Psalms : 145

Second Reading:

1 Cor. 1:26-33. Reminds us that we are to rely not on our own efforts, but on God's power.

Gospel:

Mt 5:1-12. Describes Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

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