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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



OUR  
**PARISH  
PRIEST**  
*writes*

## GRATEFUL AND MOVING ON

The church has buried Pope John Paul with dignity and sadness but above all, with deep gratitude for the gift he was to God's people. Now it must move on and find a new leader.

Leadership is a demanding way of life. The Christian leader is expected to have:

- The firm strength of the all powerful with the tenderness of the shepherd for the wounded.
- A fidelity to duty that allows for no weakness in oneself.
- An aloneness that demands close bonds with everybody.
- The wisdom of the all knowing and the trust of a lover.
- The courage of a lion and the sensitivity of a mother.
- An attachment to tradition and a vision of the future.
- A willing ability to nurture leadership of equal calibre in others to enrich the community.
- A faith that is nurtured in deep daily prayer and especially, by the Eucharist.
- A hope that sustains all who need it.
- A love that appreciates the gifts that God gives to others including those from whom we differ.

To be called to leadership in the church is a call to grow in Christ's likeness, to give one's life for the community one serves. Such is the call that awaits our new Pope this week. On this vocations weekend, we pray that the one the Spirit calls may respond to lead God's people.



## GRATEFUL AND MOVING ON (2)

Here in the parish, it is a transition time too. This Saturday evening at the 6.15 Mass we formally say thanks to ever faithful retiring sacristan, Charlie Leahy. Many will miss him greatly, especially the priests, the parish secretary, the servers and their parents, the collectors, the altar ladies, the liturgy committee, and so many more who are indebted to him in a myriad of ways. The Crypt reception after Mass will be an opportunity to say thanks.

We welcome his successor, Mrs. Gertrude Hurley, College Road, and wish her well in her new role.

*Tom Bloney*

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

The theme of the Pastoral Council's role in the wider community was again discussed at this week's meeting.

It was agreed that as our parish has an increasing residential population, the importance of new residents being welcomed as part of the community was most important. The Council decided that at the weekend Masses during the summer, Council members and other parishioners would welcome visitors and new residents to the church.

Reflecting on the Easter ceremonies which were well attended, it was stated that over 200 adults and children were involved in the preparation of the various ceremonies. This participation by so many was greatly appreciated.

Fr. Clancy announced that work on the heating system in the church will commence in June.

To mark the retirement of our sacristan, Mr. Charlie Leahy, the 6.15 p.m. Mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April will be celebrated for his intentions and to ask God's blessing on himself and on his family. Afterwards the Pastoral Council will host a reception in the crypt. A presentation to Charlie will be made and light refreshments served - all are welcome.

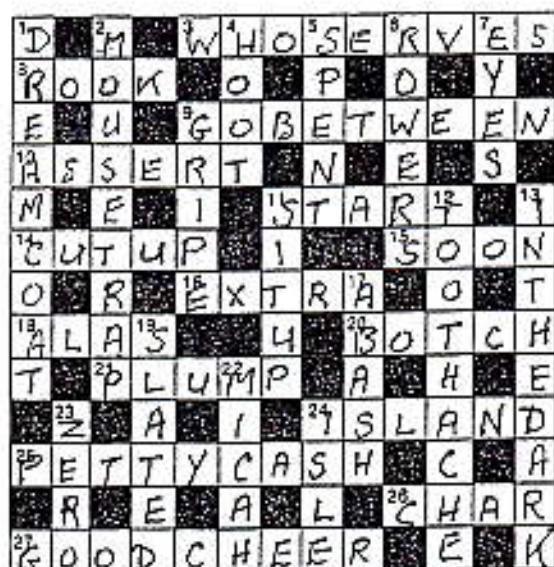
Next meeting of Council on 9<sup>th</sup> May at 8.10 p.m.



Congratulations to the residents of Highfield Lawn who started moving in 50 YEARS AGO this week end! Coffeys were soon followed by Sreenans, Noonans, Mulcahys, Donovans, Ms Downey, Duggans, Dulleas, Connollys, Crowleys, Kearys, Sheehans, Kinsleys and Corkerys who are all still residents today!



## EASTER CROSSWORD



Mary Fleming, 1 Kenley Crescent, and Colm Lynch, 23 Tara Lawn, were the prizewinners in our Easter Crossword. Thanks to all who sent in entries. A record number were submitted!

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth - that way the whole world would be blind and toothless.



## MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations to Leaving Cert. student Laura Hurley who won a senior prize in the 2005 Europe at School Art or Essay Competition. To mark the occasion, the Dept. of Education & Science will hold a prizegiving ceremony for successful students on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April in Dublin. Laura will receive a cash prize and a travel prize to gatherings in other European countries where she will meet prize winners from all over Europe. Well-done Laura.

Well done also to Karen Cassidy, a first year student, who won the poster competition for the Irish Heart Foundation's anti-smoking campaign.

## PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW POPE

Heavenly Father, we praise and we thank you for your goodness and kindness to us. Guide now the Cardinals as they gather in Rome to choose a successor to Pope John Paul.

In your mercy, give us a loving shepherd who will reflect Christ's love for us. May He, by words and example, inspire all people and bring us to the joy of everlasting life.

Amen.

At cool of day, with God I walk  
my garden's grateful shade;  
I hear his voice among the trees  
and I am not afraid. *Chinese proverb*

## VOCATIONS DAY

Sunday is Vocations Day. It is an opportunity to focus on how priesthood and religious life will be lived out in the coming years. However, no matter what happens in the rapidly changing decades of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the person called to the priesthood or religious life will be:

*One who believes that God is achieving great things in and through this generation.*

*One who believes that the Eucharist is the cornerstone of life.*

*One whose hope is founded on living faith, shared and nurtured in a praying community.*

*One who will risk going the extra mile for Christ.*

*One who will risk surrendering personal freedom for security in the Lord.*

*One who will risk undertaking the most menial jobs for love of others.*

*One who will risk being exploited for the sake of the gospel.*

Such a one will be a person of hopeful joy rather than of cynical despair; a person of generous risk rather than of comfortable cuteness. Only God's grace could inspire such living. It is open to each of us to create an atmosphere where such a call can take root.



We offer our sincere sympathy to PADDY KILGALLON, Model Farm Road, on the death of his mother Mary.



### **Securing Fairness and Well-Being in a Land of Plenty**

A Seminar organised by CORI Justice Commission will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at The Ambassador Hotel, Military Hill, from 8.00 to 10.00 p.m. Admission free. All welcome. Speakers: Fr. Sean Healy and Sr. Brigid Reynolds. The seminar will address a range of questions about the direction of Irish Society.

### **Join The Fun**

The City Library will stay open for 24 hours next weekend, 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April. Events all through the night - music, song and story Tea and coffee available. Admission free. On Saturday watch out for food stalls, book barrows, street entertainment in the Grand Parade. A unique family event. Pick up a programme of events at your local library



### **Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle**

Our monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next 20<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt of our Church at Dennehy's Cross, when Margaret Miller will present glorious music. Everybody is welcome to attend.

### **Annual Padre Pio Pilgrimage to Holy Cross**

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Bus departs Opera House at 10.00 a.m. Cost €10. Tickets from Jackie at 4541144 after 6.00 p.m.

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### **THANKS AGAIN**

The priests of the parish thank you for your recent and indeed, ongoing contributions to their support. The twice yearly dues, together with the Christmas Day and Easter Sunday collections form the bulk of our income, so we appreciate your faithful generosity at these times.

A special word of thanks to our envelope distributors and collectors. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir agus beannacht Dé oraibh.

### **Concert**

In aid of Cork ARC Cancer Support House and Trócaire, featuring Mary Hegarty, with Sr. Francis Choir, City of Cork Male Voice Choir, Chorus of Opera Cork, Carrigaline Singers and Madrigal '75, on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 p.m. in St. Francis Church. Tickets €20 available from the Mass Office, Liberty Street, and Opus II, 131 Oliver Plunkett Street.

### **God's Word**

#### **Readings for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

##### **First Reading:**

Acts 6:1-7. The first reading tells us about the selection and ordination of deacons in the early Christian community.

##### **Psalm : 32**

##### **Second Reading:**

1 Pet.2:4-9. This reading, from the first Letter of Peter, uses an image from the building trade, and speaks of Jesus as the cornerstone on which all depends.

##### **Gospel:**

Jn. 14:1-12. John's gospel presents Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life.