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DENNEHY'S CROSS, DORK



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Declan writes

The Greatest Gift Ever Given

This week, the girls of St. Catherine's School received the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Church of the Holy Spirit. Most of the other schools have celebrated the Sacrament already in the last few months. There has been a huge outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our young people. We congratulate them.

But later in life, do we as adults remember the day of our own Confirmation? The tour of the relations and neighbours, and the gifts and money – is that all we can remember? We frequently renew our Baptismal promises; we renounce sin and evil and renew our faith. But what about the greatest gift we were ever given in Baptism and Confirmation – the Holy Spirit? Do we remember and renew and make use of that gift given to us by Father and Son?

I have a few pieces of Waterford Crystal. I was given them as gifts. They look lovely. I remember with gratitude those who gave them to me. But they never get used. They get dusted occasionally, packed and unpacked when I move. But I'm afraid to use them

- they'll get broken. Don't do the same with the Spirit! This quiet guest of the soul needs to be called on and prayed to. Most neglected member of the Trinity, unseen, unappreciated, mysterious, this parting gift of Jesus is Breath of God, Finger of God's Right Hand, the Great Consoler, Bringer of Gifts....

We call upon the Spirit, the God living within us: 'Bring light to our senses, pour love into our hearts, strengthen our bodies, fortify us with courage.'
(Veni Creator, 8th c. hymn)

Annual Interfaith Service

Our Interfaith Service will take place
in The Crypt at 8 p.m.
on Monday 16th May.

Parishioners are encouraged to invite
neighbours and friends
of other Christian Denominations
to come along and join with us
on this annual occasion
of prayer and reflection.

Light refreshments will be provided.



First Holy Communion

The girls from St. Catherine's School will
receive First Holy Communion
on Saturday next, 21st May, at 11.30.

IN SWAN DARTMOUTH

We offer our sincere sympathy to **BRIDIE CURTIN**, Victoria Village, on the death of her sister, Eileen.

To **MAY KIRBY** and **CREINA BARRY**, Bishopstown Avenue, on the death of their brother, Tommy, who died in England.



CHURCH FLOWERS

We need volunteers to arrange flowers. The commitment is to one session per month.

Please contact our sacristan Gertrude, or parish office 4344452.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

ADVANCE NOTICE

SUNDAYS

12TH JUNE AND 19TH JUNE

Our mid-morning Mass will be at **10.00 a.m.** on both Sundays and will be broadcast by R.T.E. Radio.

Please join us to fill our beautiful church with songs of praise and worship.

The 9.00 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. Masses remain unchanged.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

At the monthly meeting on Monday last, an invitation to attend a one-day parish pastoral workshop at Ballinhassig was discussed. After some debate three council members agreed to attend as it was considered important to meet and discuss shared experiences with other Pastoral Councils.

The Parish Council annual seminar was arranged for Saturday 1st October. The theme for this year's meeting will be 'Our parish now, and the year ahead'. A number of possible initiatives for our parish were suggested by council members.

The 'Welcome Ministry'. This is the plan by council members and others to welcome visitors and new residents at weekend Masses during the summer months and will begin in June.

Our annual inter-church service will take place on Monday next, 16th May in the crypt at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome – light refreshments will be served.

Next meeting on Monday 12th September, 2005.

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

1ST YEAR MATHS STUDENTS' VICTORY!!

Congratulations and well done to Jenna O'Sullivan (Rm.4) and Danielle Barry (Rm.2) who came 1st and 2nd respectively in the final of the Irish Junior Maths Competition held in Cork last Saturday. This is a great honour for the school and is the first time that two Mount Mercy girls took the two top places.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena at Curraheen Church commencing at 8.00 p.m. on Friday 20th May and concluding Saturday 28th with Mass at 10.00 a.m. Everybody welcome.



Reminder of Open Garden Afternoon

On this Sunday, 15th May at 2.00 p.m. in aid of Marymount Hospice, on winning farm of Jerome and Mary Byrne, Ballymorisheen, Grenagh. Home made cakes, jams, plants, books, bric-a-brac items new and old. Music, set dancing Irish dancing, bee-keeping display, old and new methods. Wheelchair accessible.

Kerry Association

St. Brendan's Mass for all living and deceased members will take place on Friday 20th May at 8.00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church, followed by a get-together in the Rendezvous Bar. If you have a Kerry connection, why not come along. Details from Ann O'Regan at 4871632.

PPSG Cork Social Support Group

Meeting at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 18th May in Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire. The purpose of the gathering is to give polio survivors and their friends/families a chance to meet each other, exchange news, information, have a chat, have a drink and so on. The event is strictly informal. To have an idea of numbers, a call to Evelyn Wainwright the Group Convenor, on 086-8829267, would be appreciated.

Bible Corner



HEEDING THE SPIRIT

The reading of Scripture is a central part of our community gathering each weekend. It is not a history lecture or even, a scripture lesson. It is Christ speaking to us in the Liturgy of the Word. The invitation is to ensure that in listening to it, we allow the Spirit to touch our hearts and lives as happened at the first Pentecost.

We prepare ourselves to listen fruitfully by praying before Mass that we may be open to this action of the Spirit. It is helpful to reflect on the Sunday gospel, at least, during the preceding week. Afterwards it is vital to return and reflect on what the readings may have said to us, and not merely what the preacher has said. It is better still to talk to one another within family or among friends about how God's word in the Sunday Eucharist has influenced us. Did it show us something about our need for God or for one another? Did it highlight the need to respond more generously or more creatively to people in need?

We hear the Word of God together. It challenges us, not just as individuals, but as a community, as families, as a parish, as people God has called. If we never talk to one another about the challenge, how can we respond as a community in the way God intended? The loss is great. The reward is life-giving.

Fr. Tom Clancy



Padre Pio Pilgrimage to Holy Cross

The Annual pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29th May. Bus departs Opera House at 10.00 a.m. Cost €10. Tickets from Jackie at 4541144 after 6.00 p.m.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

The annual Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Friday 3rd June (Feast of the Sacred Heart) at 7.30 p.m. New members will be enrolled at this Mass.

Any Pioneer of 25 or 50 years who would like to be presented with silver or gold pins, please contact Judith Coffey (4345281) or Liam O'Driscoll (4544682) before 23rd May, as pins and brooches have to be ordered.

Silver Jubilarian Badge and Certificate - €25;

Gold Jubilarian Badge (silver gilded) and Certificate - €28;

Gold Jubilarian Badge (9ct. gold) and Certificate - €116.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our final recital for this season will take place on Wednesday afternoon next, 18th May, at 3.00 p.m. in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when Dan Murphy will present a wide selection of delightful music. Everybody is welcome to a great afternoon.



Alzheimers Tea Morning

The Friendship Club would like to thank very sincerely those who contributed so generously to our Tea Morning last Thursday. It was a great success, thanks to all of you.

Time to Go Back

Four-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg leaves Cork on Saturday 11th June at 9.00 a.m. returning Tuesday 14th. Booking and information at 4893453.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 22nd May

First Reading:

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9. God is described in terms of tenderness and compassion, kindness and faithfulness.

Psalm : Dan.3

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 13:11-13. A plea by Paul for unity in the Church, in the grace of Jesus, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel:

John 3:16-18. Jesus came to show God's love for the world: no one who believes will be condemned.

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