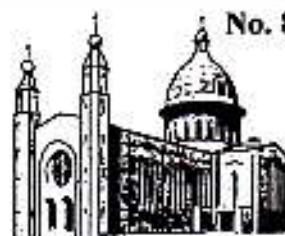


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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK



OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

OUR DAILY GIFTS

The Navan tragedy has shocked the nation. We offer our sincerest sympathy to all who are bereaved, parents, families, friends and teachers. We pray for them and for all who are injured.

The tragedy itself reminds us of how deep are the hopes we harbour for the young, how we long for what is best for them, how we visualise their potential for goodness, how precious and unique each one of them is for all of us. How could a good God allow such a tragedy happen? We do not know how the mind of God works, but we do know that his love never fails no matter what the pain. We pray that Sinead, Amy, Deirdre, Claire and Lisa will live forever in the heart of God and that their families will be supported in their grief.

Experiencing the fragility of life, we become more aware of the preciousness of each day with its opportunities of thanks, generosity, service, joy, prayer and growth in love. It reminds us that today's blessings and opportunities are exactly just that – today's. It reminds adults that the young are God's gifts to

all of us just now, gifts to be gently unwrapped, treasured in wonder, guided wisely, lovingly challenged, creatively encouraged, protected from exploitation and inspired by our life styles in the ways of the Lord in faith, hope and love.

Such is our privileged responsibility and opportunity. Thanks be to God.

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

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Funeral Howlers

Recent coverage of the Pope's funeral by foreign stations, by commentators with little knowledge of Catholicism, and with instant subtitles under the coverage produced some amusing results. (courtesy of 'The Tablet')

The International Herald Tribune described the late Pope 'laid out in the Clementine Hall, dressed in white and red vestments...tucked under his left arm was the *crow's ear* that he had carried in public.'

(Say it, out loud - bit of a confusion between sheep and crows!)

A subtitle as a camera weaved through the crowd described a group of '*Karma light nuns*'

Another described the presence of some '*Fancy Scam Monks*'

Another gave up translating '*Oremus*' (Let us pray), and settled for '*Chanting in a foreign language.*'



We welcome into our Christian community:

AIMEE LOUISE CONDON
LAOISE MEIBH MURPHY
ROBYN ANNE DEVINE

AN 8-YEAR-OLD EXPLAINS GOD

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies, I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to walk and talk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

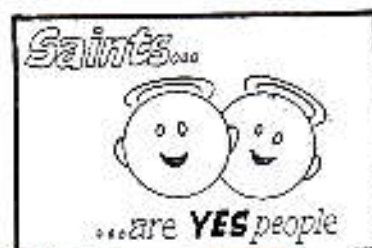
God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of that goes on since some people, like priests and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything there must be an awful lot of noise in his ears, unless he has some way of turning it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy.

Jesus is God's son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and doing miracles and trying to teach people who didn't want to learn about God. But they got tired of him preaching to them so they crucified him. He told his Father they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His Dad (God) appreciated all he had done and he doesn't send him out on the road anymore. Now he helps his Dad in heaven by listening to prayers and such, like a secretary only more important.

Jack





FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY AT ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

An excited buzz could be heard on Saturday morning last when thirty-two happy girls with dazzling smiles on polished faces arrived at the church with their families. The big occasion was St. Catherine's First Holy Communion ceremony, traditionally a great celebration for both school and parish. Relatives had travelled from the four corners of Ireland, a granny from America and an auntie from Spain. Attendance by the Principal, Carmel O'Sullivan, many of the staff and retired teachers, Ita Cronin, Mary O'Hea and Sr. Frances demonstrated the high esteem in which this annual ceremony is held.

Having guided them through the Commitment Ceremony, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Annual Class Mass and the climax of the year, Holy Communion, Father Tom Clancy has a special relationship with the children of Miss O'Regan's class and their parents. This connection was obvious from the rapt attention with which they listened to his words.

Much attention to detail on the part of Miss O'Regan and others meant that the entire ceremony was flawless. Reading, singing, presenting gifts, each child had her own unique part in the ceremony. The gifts, a school book and a skipping rope symbolising the elements of a child's life, work and play, were presented at the altar.

The innocence on the faces of the children moved many to quiet tears as Holy Communion was dispensed by Fr. Tom, Dean O'Connor and Fr.

Mansfield. An awed reverence followed, enhanced by a beautiful reading of 'A Parents Blessing' by Pat Murphy.

The Parents' Association, highly organised as usual, provided refreshments afterwards in the crypt.

It was a day of which St. Catherine's, parents, teachers and children and the priests of the parish can be justly proud.

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

HISTORY PROJECTS

Congratulations to Transition Year Students Claire Murphy, Aoife Hayes, Ann Crowley, Deirdre Crowley, Aimee Fox and Jean Crowley, who won first prize in the Senior Group Section of the *Discover Cork Schools History Project*.

Also well done to first year students, Michelle Donovan, Niamh Coughlan,

Elaine Dwyer, Suzanne Finnegan and Laura Finn, who came third in their section.

Well done to 2nd Year Students Eimear McAuliffe, Margaret Perry and Nicole Crosbie who have been chosen to participate in the Southern Law Exhibition.





NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday 3rd June is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 3rd June from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 2nd June in the Parish Centre at 8.00 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection will take place next weekend.

Novena to St. Anthony

From Saturday 4th June to Monday 13th June at St. Francis Church, mornings 10.30 a.m., evenings 7.30 p.m., Saturday 6.30 p.m. Mass for students' intentions on Friday 10th at 7.30 p.m.

Farranlea District Residents

Residents' Association meeting on Tuesday 31st May in the Crypt of Dennehy's Cross Church at 7.30 p.m. (doors open at 7.20 p.m), finishing at 8.30.

Kenley/Mount Eden Residents

Residents' Association meeting on Monday 30th May at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt of Dennehy's Cross Church. All residents welcome.

Making the Eucharist Matter

Coffee morning on Wednesday 1st June at Ballinlough Pastoral Centre (next to Church) after 10.00 Mass. Guest Speaker: Fr. Christy Fitzgerald.

**YEAR OF EUCHARIST
CORPUS CHRISTI
PROCESSION**

TODAY SUNDAY 29TH MAY

Parish Group assembles near Proby's Restaurant at 3.30 p.m. and walks over South Gate Bridge to Daunt's Square.

All invited.

Preacher:

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 5th June

First Reading:

Hosea 6:3-6. God's love for all people is certain, but people who love God experience this best.

Psalm : Ps.49

Second Reading:

Romans 4:18-25. Between now and mid-September, the second reading each Sunday is from Romans, one of Paul's greatest letters. Today's section reflects on Abraham's faith. Our faith can have the same effect as his, if we believe in Jesus.

Gospel:

Matthew 9:9-13. The call of Matthew, the author of this Gospel, is described in today's excerpt: Jesus explains that it's not always the most worthy who are chosen.

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