

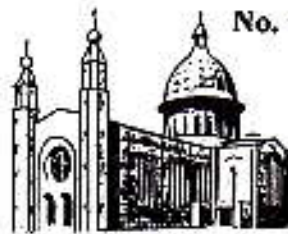


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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CO. DK



## FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

*Fr. Declan writes*

### Words – or the Lack of Them

In spite of myself, I slowed down as I drove past. Two youths who could not hear or speak were having a heated argument – in sign language. Naturally, I couldn't understand what it was all about. It was extraordinary to watch two people communicating strong emotions in loud gestures, with very little sound, no words, no cursing or swearing. You'd have to learn sign language to be able to understand and communicate with those two young people.

I drove on, wondering about how we communicate with God, and God with us. Obviously, we have the Bible, the Word of God. We have commandments, parables, miracle accounts. We have the Word of God made flesh in Jesus, who spoke in human language and signs. But human language is completely inadequate for us really to communicate with the Mystery of God. That's why we use signs and symbols, trying to go beyond the limitations of language.

The Sign of the Cross well made is a dedication of ourselves to the mystery of the Trinity. A genuflection well made is

a gesture of reverence to the unseen Presence in the Tabernacle. Offering bread and wine to be consecrated on the Altar is a linking of human work and hunger to the God on whom we depend. Receiving a small disc of Consecrated Bread in our mouths is our greatest communication with God in sign language, going beyond anything words could say. God and us in communion with each other, united and communicating, Person to person, Body to body, Heart to heart, Life to life. Sign language goes beyond words, expressing a truth we could never understand fully. Our Liturgy, our Mass and our Sacraments come from our hearts, and the language of the heart is Love. The Wordless image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus says it all.

A short meeting of all those travelling from the Parish to Lourdes from June 11-16<sup>th</sup> will take place on

**MONDAY NIGHT**

**JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8.00 p.m.**

**PARISH CENTRE**



### WORLDWIDE WORSHIP

Each week, R.T.E. Radio One (Medium-wave 729 and Longwave 252m) broadcasts Sunday Eucharist from around the country. This weekly broadcast link with different praying and praising communities is welcomed in Ireland and Britain and much further afield through the Internet.

As happens annually now, Dennehy's Cross parish welcomes the opportunity to be the host community on the next two Sundays (12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June). To facilitate radio schedules, we need to change the time of our mid-morning Mass from 10.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. on both Sundays. (Please alert others to the time change).

While our excellent choir will have a key role in our praise of the Lord in song, we really need to fill our beautiful

Many will join us in prayer from their sick beds at home or in hospital. Some will join us from their prison cells. Others may be unable to come to Church because of travel or work commitments, or duties of care. There will be listeners who have drifted from coming to church regularly, but who hold on to this contact with their Sunday worship. Here and there, somebody tethering on the edge through depression and despair may take a lifeline of hope from this broadcast.

For all of them and for ourselves, it is our privileged responsibility to enrich our worship especially on these two Sundays.

Hope to see you here, and please come a few minutes early to tune ourselves to the great occasion.

Tom Clancy

R.S.V.P. at 9.50 a.m. on Sunday next 12<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Come as family and bring a friend.



We offer our sincere sympathy to SR. MARGARET MARTLEY, St. Catherine's Convent, on the death of her brother Denis.







## GRADUATION MASS AT MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, the Leaving Certificate Students of Mount Mercy College, together with their Parents, College Staff and Fr. Declan Mansfield, celebrated their Graduation Mass. The theme of the Mass was 'La Vita e Bella' and proved to be a most moving and joyous occasion. We hope this life view will permeate the future lives of all our Leaving Certificate class and wish them well in their forthcoming exams.

## SCANDALOUS OR SPIRITED?



*Scandalous Saints and Spirited Sinners* is the latest book by Fr. Bernard Cotter, curate in Dennehy's Cross from 1984 to 1991. It is published by Veritas.

Saints can seem remote and distant, close to God but far from people. But they're more like us than we give them credit for. Their lives were like ours, full of dilemmas and struggles, with bad choices as well as good. But their goodness won out in the end, as ours can. Interest in angels is quite popular at the moment, but it is the saints who are really like us in both their strengths and frailties.

You'll find their stories here, told simply and briefly, with cartoons throughout. There's a saint for every week of the

year, and a list of patrons – find out why Clare is the patron saint of television or how Andrew came to be patron saint of Scotland. Who knows – you may even find your own personal saint to pray to!

## Bible Corner



Catholics are often classified as practising or non-practising. For the former, Sunday's gospel could be disconcerting. For the latter, it could have a great message of hope. In the gospels, lapsed Jews are described as sinners and it is with them that we find Jesus sharing Levi's going-away party as he leaves tax collecting to go into fulltime ministry. No respectable rabbi should risk fraternising with these social outcasts, but Jesus did. Such conduct did not endear him to those who saw themselves as faithful to the Law of Moses and its customary rituals. Their self-righteousness irked Jesus. With a somewhat severe directness, he reminded them that an essential prerequisite to receiving God is to acknowledge our sinfulness and our need of him. Only those who know their need of love, can be truly loved.

Our goodness is not our own handiwork. It is pure gift given through the mercy of God. Such mercy is our hope. Such mercy must inspire all in pastoral ministry to give priority time and resources to the lapsed, the deprived, prisoners, social rejects. Jesus did.



## CHANGE OF MASS TIME

NEXT SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Our mid-morning Mass will be  
at 10.00 a.m.

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

## God's Word

### Readings for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June

#### First Reading:

Exodus 19:2-6. The first reading contains a reminder of God's care for the people of Israel, our ancestors in faith.

#### Psalm : 99

#### Second Reading:

Romans 5:6-11. St. Paul explains that the death of Jesus proves God's love.

#### Gospel:

Matthew 9:36 - 10:8. Jesus shows compassion for the people by appointing apostles to heal the sick and cast out demons.

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### Housing for the Elderly

Bishopstown & District Lions Club invites the general public to visit and see the house units for the elderly in Bishopstown Park (Murphy's Farm) on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon between 2.30 and 5.00 p.m.

### Encouraging Words

I have always appreciated a remark or compliment with the words, "You have a great heart". Perhaps this influenced my love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I believe that it makes divine love human, interprets divine love in human language, and speaks in terms of our human experience. God has individual concern for me, irrespective of any weaknesses or shortcomings. I am the object of God's unlimited love.

Vulnerability goes with love. We have many examples from the life of Jesus. We note his reaction to the ingratitude of the nine lepers, his weeping over Jerusalem, his grief at the death of Lazarus and his response to the betrayal of Judas: "You betray the son of Man with a kiss."

The Feast of the Sacred Heart brings us to the first principle of the spiritual life - God's tremendous love for each one of us. Being conscious of this, we will be inspired and consoled. We will also be challenged to spread love around.

*O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you!*

Jill Sheehan