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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 25th
September

First Reading: Ez.18:25-
28

Psalms 24

Second Reading: Phil.2:1-
11

Gospel: Mt. 21:28-32

THE DEAN WRITES

NEVER PUSH A MAN WHEN HE IS GOING DOWNHILL

On my return from holidays last weekend, one of the first tasks that awaited me was to write this piece for the new look Parish Bulletin. Needless to say, thoughts from my holidays are still fresh in my mind. During my absence I visited Galway, there I saw a new bronze statue of the writer Oscar Wilde. It brought to mind a piece he wrote once. In his darker days, he was sent to prison for homosexual activities. It was a terrible humiliation. He had just achieved a reputation as a fine writer, and was a well-known celebrity. As he was led handcuffed between two policemen from prison to court a crowd gathered who jeered and jostled him, and hurled insults at him. Then a friend appeared among them and with a simple gesture of respect silenced the hostile crowd – he just lifted his hat as he passed.

Later on Wilde wrote: "Men have gone to heaven for smaller things. It is not something for which one can render formal thanks. I store it in the treasure-house of my heart – a secret debt that I can never repay. It is embalmed and kept sweet by the myrrh of many tears. It brought me out of the bitterness of lonely exile into harmony with the wounded, broken, and great heart of the world."

Jesus said: "If anyone gives as much as a cup of cold water in my name he will most certainly not lose his reward." A small gesture of support and empathy is very special in God's eyes. And as my grandmother used to say: "Never push a man when he is going downhill."

PILGRIM TRAIL IN CORK

Dr. Sean Pettit's
book tells about the
key places and peo-
ple that have shaped
a heritage of inter-
twining faith and
culture in Cork City.
Available in the
church bookracks at
€5.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Following the summer break, the monthly meetings resumed on Monday last.

The annual parish seminar was arranged for Saturday 1st October at Mardyke House at 2.00 p.m. Representatives of various groups attached to our parish will be invited.

The reaction to the Council's "Welcome Ministry" was considered very successful. This involved greeting visitors, new residents and parishioners on arrival for weekend Masses during the summer. After some discussion it was agreed to continue this initiative, recommencing at Advent.

A parish pilgrimage to Gougane Barra was suggested. The provisional date mentioned was Sunday 14th May next.

The annual outdoor Mass at Rossbrook was blessed with very favourable weather and enjoyed by the residents. Wilton Gardens residents were not as fortunate, very heavy rain forced them to move to the church crypt, where a large attendance participated.

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Next weekend 24th/25th September



Rest in Peace

Bridie Curtin, of Victoria Village passed away a week ago. Aged 86, she was a spirited independent woman of many interests. Gifts representing some of her many interests – music, Irish culture, art and painting, family - her sons and their families were brought to the altar at the beginning of the Requiem Mass. She had immense devotion to Padre Pio. Her thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild were her pride and joy, and she will be missed very much by them. Her husband Séamus had predeceased her in 1996. They had lived previously in Barrack St. and in Riverview Estate. To her sons, Don, Shay, Owen and Dave and their families we extend the sympathy of our Parish community. Suaimhneas síoraí dá h-anam.

Rosarie Lehane, Parkway Drive, died at Marymount on 9th August. In a way her death brought a cloud of sadness, because she was a lovely person who was too young to die. In another way, Rose's passing was beautiful, because in her illness she endeared herself to us all. She showed us how to accept illness and death with a wonderful serenity, no complaints, no demands, and ready to meet her Lord whenever he would call. We extend our very sincere sympathy to her husband Michael, to her family, Alan, Lorraine and Rachael, her brothers and sisters (the Hurley family, late of Copley Place), her mother-in-law, and her many friends and relatives. May her gentle soul enjoy the blessings of Heaven for ever.



IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

EILEEN COUGHLAN, Bishopstown Avenue West, on the death of her brother, Michael Healy.

KEVIN QUINLAN, Bishopstown Avenue West, on the death of his mother, Anna.

LILIAN NAGLE, Laurel Park, and NOELLE NEWTON, Farranlea Grove, his family, relatives and friends on the recent death of Ray Walsh.

A PARISHIONER WRITES

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank sincerely all those parishioners and neighbours who offered their prayers and good wishes during my recent stay in hospital; also the priests of the parish who all visited me and gave me their blessing. Hospital can be a lonely place despite the best of attention, but the security of being part of a community and the certainty of the prayers of one's neighbours means one need never feel alone.

Incidentally, congratulations to the Website committee on a truly impressive production, it puts our parish very firmly on the map.

Sincerely,

Finnbarr O'Halloran, 11 Farranlea Grove



Bible Corner

It will be easy to miss the central point of the weekend's gospel. The apparent unfairness of the vineyard owner could distract us from the real message. In highlighting how God treats us, Jesus focuses on the workers' need for enough to live on rather than on their late arrival on the job. He emphasizes their needs rather than the master's right to a day's work in return. Goodness is the motivating force in the heart of the master. Greed has no place there. The focus of God's life is a giving of himself, especially, to those in greatest need, no matter what our response. It is in the image of such a master that we are created. To grow in his likeness is the challenge of a lifetime. To shirk it, is to miss one's destiny.

Fr. Tom Clancy

NOTICE BOARD

Beginning Experience

A ten-week and weekend programme to help those who have lost a spouse through death, separation or divorce. The next ten-week programme commences on Wednesday 21st September. If you are interested please contact Kathleen at Family Ministry, 34 Paul Street, tel. 4275136.



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Resumes its monthly recitals on Wednesday next, 21st September at 3.00 p.m. in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross. The recital will be given by Margaret Millar, and as always everybody will be most welcome.

Farranlea Residents' Association

Meeting in the Crypt on Tuesday 20th September at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

Autumn Courses

At Colaiste Stiofain Naoia – Introduction to Christian Theology, Introduction to Islam, Spirituality for Living. For further details call 4961020.

Renewal and Healing Ministry

Fr. Campoli of Voluntas Dei Institute will give a talk followed by a Healing Service at Room 11, S.M.A. Wilton on Thursday 29th September at 8.00 p.m.

Wilton Bridge Club

S.M.A. Hall Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. All welcome, especially new members. Come along or ring Ann at 086 3118921.

Exhibition

St. Finbarr's Hospital and Triskel arts centre are collaborating on 25th September to showcase artwork done by patients. This will take place in the hospital grounds. We will also have a large marquee containing craft stalls, home-baking stalls, market stalls, and entertainment. The event will run from 2pm to 5pm and promises to be a fun day for all.