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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
23rd October

First Reading:
Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm : 17

Second Reading:
1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel:
Matthew 22:34-40



OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

GIVEN IN TRUST

The furore about the inappropriate spending of millions of euro of public money rumbles on. The suggestion that the amount involved is insignificant in the overall scheme of things appalled many people. Their gut reaction to the suggestion sprang from an instinctive belief that anything given in trust is never insignificant. Taxpayers give their money to the state, freely or reluctantly, in trust that it will be used for the good of the wider community. When trust is undermined, a sense of betrayal follows and this is not confined to politicians.

In family, so much, even life itself, is given by one to the other in trust. In such relationships gifts of love, care, kindness, tenderness, nurturance and forgiveness are central. To treat any such gift as trivial is a betrayal of family and undermines goodness itself. This is true also in health care, education, priesthood and a myriad of other relationships.

Every gift God gives is given to each one in trust for the benefit of the whole community starting at home. Every day, every hour, every talent, every relationship, every opportunity is given by God in trust to be appreciated, explored, enjoyed and shared.

Before we throw stones at the evening news, maybe some of us need to examine the beam in our own eyes.

Here in the parish of the Holy Spirit let us pray that the spirit of God will give us wisdom, right judgment, courage, gentleness and awe in the presence of those who love us.

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EUCCHARIST IN MY LIFE

A Parishioner's Thoughts

Eucharist – A Mystery of Light

Amid the shadows of the passing day and the darkness that clouds our spirit, the Risen Christ brings a ray of light which rekindles our hope and leads our hearts to long for the fullness of light.

Happily Married?

Ask yourself these questions:

Do you sometimes have a sense of wanting to be closer?

Wonder if things could be better between you.

Wonder what your partner feels.

Wish you talked more to each other.

Well then, whether you have been married one year or forty years a Marriage Encounter weekend may be just right for the two of you. The next weekend is on 18th-20th November in Ibis Hotel Cork. For further details contact Clive & Kathy Jones at 02648234 or email cliveandkathyj@iol.ie

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NOTICE BOARD

Novena for the Holy Souls

Wednesday 2nd November is the commemoration of all the faithful departed. Each priest will start a Novena of Masses on that day for all the dead on our November list. Envelopes and prayer cards are available in the church. Please place your completed envelope in the box at the altar rails before November starts.

Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday. "The Church must set out to lead people out of the desert of poverty, of hunger, of lack of God towards the Son of God who gives life." (Pope Benedict XVI). Please support the **witness of the faith** of missionaries by prayer, offering of suffering and a generous financial contribution on Mission Sunday.

Cork Simon Community

Church gate collection next weekend, Saturday/Sunday 22nd/23rd October. Please give generously.

Coláiste an Spioraid Naomh

Parents and guardians of prospective entrants in September 2006 are cordially invited to an Open Evening on Wednesday 9th November from 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. From 7.00 p.m. onwards you will be free to take a tour of the school, to view its facilities, and to meet teachers and pupils. At 8.00 p.m. the Principal will address the gathering in the School Hall and give a broad outline of the philosophy of the school and its curriculum.

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

The monthly recital will take place on Wednesday next, 19th October at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross. An afternoon of glorious music is assured and will be presented by Joan Murphy. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Development at Dennehy's Cross

A meeting to consider our community's response to the development of 163 apartments and multiple retail units at Dennehy's Cross will be held in the Crypt on Tuesday 18th October at 8.00 p.m. Local councillors will be in attendance. Please make every effort to be present.

Parkinson's Association

A patient information update meeting will take place on Sunday 23rd October in the Aula Maxima Theatre, UCC from 2.00 to 6.00 p.m. Prior registration necessary which closes on Tuesday 18th. Please call 1800 359359 or email: parkinsonsireland@eircom.net

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

meets every Thursday morning in the crypt of the church from 10.30 to 12 noon.

The toddlers and babies enjoy playing with the toys while the mums and dads chat and have a cup of tea.

Grannies welcome too!

Just come along, or contact 086-3764647



Bible Corner

Sport heroes and politicians are often viewed very differently by people on opposing sides. The acclaimed hero for one group may be the reviled villain for another. Cyrus of this weekend's first reading was such a person.

A man of great military prowess and political astuteness, he ruled many peoples including the Israelites who were already in captive exile in Babylon. It suited his long term plans to send the Israelites back to their own land and to reestablish them in that crucial Middle Eastern corridor.

However, Isaiah saw this move in another light. He saw Cyrus as God's agent returning His Chosen People to their homeland to fulfil His promise to them. Isaiah sees God as facilitating Cyrus' empire building to awaken an awareness of God's power over all people. So Cyrus is called God's anointed, a most extraordinary title for anybody, especially a pagan.

This reading is chosen as a backdrop to the gospel situation of centuries later, where conflict between the occupying Roman forces and the Jewish religious establishment is being used to trap Jesus into a no-win dilemma. As we read, he survives.

Fr. Tom Clancy

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Barking Dogs – A Plea!

Dear Editor

Please, please, would people whose dog (dogs) bark almost continuously ask themselves this simple question: "Could our adorable little pet be causing havoc to the lives of neighbours who want to enjoy the peace and tranquility of their homes and gardens – especially if working nights or trying to enjoy their later years?"

Constantly barking dogs make very bad neighbours. For the answer to the question don't ask the dog. Have the courage to get expert advice on how to own a calmer, more secure and unchallenging canine!

Yours,

"Dogmented"

(Name and address with the Editor)

MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Our traditional annual Mass for parishioners who died since November 2004 will be celebrated on Friday 11th November at 7.30 p.m. Families and friends of the bereaved are especially invited to attend. During Mass, as each name is called, a family member will be invited to bring a lighted candle to our November shrine. All parishioners are invited.