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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
30th October 2005

First Reading:

Mal. 1:14-22; 2:8-10

Psalm: 130

Second Reading:

1Th. 2:7-9,13

Gospel:

Matthew 23:1-12



FR DECLAN WRITES

Misneach – On Mission Sunday

Cáit was an old woman in the Ballyvourney Gaeltacht, raised in the Irish language. Whenever she met you, she would ask 'Conas tá an misneach?' (How is your courage/strength/spirit?), instead of 'Conas tá tú?' (How are you?) One day I asked her why she asked 'Conas tá an misneach?' Her reply was 'Ara a chroí, gan an misneach, bheifeá marbh!' – 'my dear, sure without courage, you'd be dead!' Thinking I would ask her a deep question, and get a wise answer, I asked her, 'Agus cad a thugann misneach duitse, a Cháit?' – What gives you courage/spirit/hope/ energy, Cáit? She looked at me as if she didn't believe I could ask such a stupid question. Her reply was one word: 'Dia!' (God!) She said it with such conviction that I was silenced, ashamed to have asked.

'**Misneach**' is a word that is difficult to translate. Courage hope, inner strength, energy, a strong spirit come near to it. But a wise person like Cáit knows when they have it. Courage comes from hope, and hope comes from God. Every Christian is a person of courage and hope, finding the spirit and the energy to cope with the difficulties of life, because we know we are loved by God, no matter what comes our way. Jesus has shown he is on our side. Our **Mission** is to bring that conviction to others, especially our young people. Those who act as carers for others need to be able to share their misneach in a special way. We all need a good dose of 'misneach'. Only the Good News of the Gospel can keep our spirits alive and hope-filled. **Our Mission Sunday Mass is a celebration of 'Misneach.'**

Pastoral Council

The monthly meeting was held on 10th October last. The recent Parish Seminar was discussed and considered very successful. A report on the main issues raised will shortly appear on the parish website.

The novena of Masses for the dead will commence on 2nd November. A family Mass for those who lost a loved one during the past year will be celebrated on Friday 11th November at 7.30 p.m.

Fr. Clancy informed the meeting that the new church heating system was now completed.

Next meeting on Monday 14th November at 8.10 p.m.

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Bible Corner



PERENNIAL DANGER

Our Celtic tiger has ensured that many of us are significantly better off than the generation that went before us. The danger is that we may forget the less well off among us or in the wider world. The danger is not new.

As we read this weekend, the Lord alerted the Hebrews to a similar situation. Back home from an oppressive exile and settling down nicely, they were very protective of their own.

They needed to be reminded that their own people had been migrants in a foreign country; that even in their now thriving homeland, some of their own were still vulnerable and must not be treated harshly, nor crushed with unbearable burdens of debt.

This Exodus message seems uncomfortably topical.

Fr. Tom Clancy

MISSION SUNDAY

WITNESS TO THE FAITH

The Church in Ireland has produced many missionary martyrs in the 20th century. The late Pope prayed that the celebration of their lives this Mission Sunday 'would draw numerous young men and women to tread the path of heroic fidelity.' People are asked to be as generous as possible in the Propagation of the Faith Collection which will be sent in its entirety to the Missions to support current missionaries in their **Witness to the Faith**.



EUCCHARIST IN MY LIFE

A Parishioner's Thoughts

Eucharist – A Healing Gift

It is as if I am overwhelmed by His love. I experience the healing power of Jesus in the Eucharist. The healing is for every area of my life that needs his healing touch.

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.

Bishopstown GAA Club

Cork Co. Board Draw – excellent prizes every month. Join the draw now at 4544516 and help your local club.

Adult Education

Vacancies still available on the following courses at Bishopstown Community School: Make-up (5 weeks) commencing 9th November, and Christmas Flower arranging (4 weeks) commencing 15th November. For further information please ring 4869310.

St. Columban's Variety Concert

On Sunday 23rd October at the City Hall at 8.00 p.m. in aid of the Columban Missionaries. Majella Cullagh, Breffni Horgan, Packie O'Callaghan, Filipino dancers, City of Cork Male Voice Choir, Barrack Street Band, Eleanor Malone. Tickets from Pro Musica, €30 & €40.

Cork Branch Irish Kidney Association

Fundraising concert with soprano Cara O'Sullivan and special guests at the Silver Springs Moran Hotel Conference Centre on Thursday 27th October. Wine reception from 7.30 p.m. Concert at 8.00 p.m. Tickets €20 available from Pro Musica.

Duke Ellington's Sacred Concerts

At St. Finbarre's Cathedral on Sunday 30th October at 3.30 p.m. Laurent Mignard Dukish Orchestra, soloist Sylvia Howard, narrator Pat Cox, Parisian choir and Voices of Cork. Adm. €25 and €15.

Curraheen Parish Library

This is an open invitation to use the Curraheen Road Parish Library located in the Parish Meeting Room (entry through the Church of the Real Presence). There is a wide range of spiritual reading, videos and audio tapes on every subject including self-help books, educational matter, scripture study, parenting, etc. There is no charge for borrowing. Opening hours: Sat. 6:40pm to 7:20pm (after the 6pm Vigil Mass) Sun. 11:10am to 11:50am (after the 10:30am Mass)

Bishopstown Community School

Open Night for prospective pupils and their parents for the School Year 2006/'07 on Thursday 27th October 2005 at 7.30pm.

Mount Mercy News

The Leaving Cert. class of 2005 celebrated their Debs Ball on September 26th at the Rochestown Park Hotel. The meal was followed by a band and D.J. Teachers also attended the event and a great night was enjoyed by all. The fashion was fantastic and the girls looked great.

On Wednesday, 28th September the students and teachers celebrated their annual school Mass in the Church of the Holy Spirit. Celebrated by the school chaplain Fr. Declan Mansfield, the theme this year was "Dochas". The pupils participated through prayer, readings, music and song with the 5th year choir, soloists and string players.

Congratulations to 2nd year student Karen Cassidy who was overall County winner in the *Design a Bookmark Competition* in the 11 and over age group run by Cork County Library. Karen designed a bookmark for the Children's Book Festival 2005 and attended an award ceremony in Dublin and also in the County Hall.

Well done to Transition year student Anna Clarke who won the Irish Examiner competition to be a member of the Cork Film Festival Youth Jury. The Youth Jury selected the short film they felt warranted the "Shoot It" Youth Jury award. Anna won V.I.P. passes to all Cork Film Festival films. Congratulations to Gemma Hurley who would also have been a winner, but Gemma being only 15 was under age as a student had to be 16 to be accepted.