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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
12th February

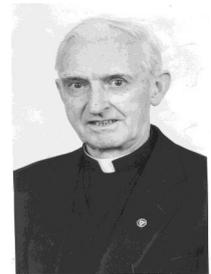
First Reading:
Lev. 13:1-2,44-46.

Psalms 31

Second Reading:
1 Cor. 10:31-11:1

Gospel:
Mark 1:40-45

THE DEAN WRITES



THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

There are direct flights now from Cork to Prague – and many new destinations on the continent. Apparently, many young people avail of these trips to see for themselves what's happening 'at the other side of the hill'. Recently a dear niece of mine made the trip to Prague. When she considered what would be an appropriate gift to bring her uncle the priest – what could be better than a neat little statue of the Infant of Prague. This she duly delivered.

She had done some elementary research into the history of the famous statue, but decided the uncle would be the man to give the authentic background. Alas – she found she was addressing a dummy. The only light he could shed on the matter was to quote superstitions he had retained from his youth. If a member of the family was to be married, the statue of the Infant of Prague should be put out in the garden the night before to ensure a fine day for the wedding. Never one to admit total defeat with a struggle, the uncle set to work to unearth the facts surrounding the famous statue. Here, Fr. Sylvester O'Flynn of Holy Trinity came to the rescue, and this is the story that emerged.

This small statue of the Child Jesus dressed in royal robes was given to the Carmelite Sisters in Prague by a member of the Spanish Royal family away back in the sixteenth century. The Convent chapel was destroyed by invaders, and a priest searching in the rubble found the statue – unharmed, except for the loss of one hand. The priest then heard a voice saying: "Have pity on me, and I will have pity on you. Give me my hand, and I will give you peace.

From this grew devotion to the Child Jesus, especially for the protection of children and the family.

There you have the whole story now just as given to me.

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On January 17th last, Maureen O'Sullivan of Woodlawn was laid to rest beside her late husband James, in St. Oliver's Cemetery. At eighty five years of age, she had lived a long and fulfilled life. Gentle and soft-spoken, but independent in spirit, she had grown frail under the burden of her years, and had spent the last year or so of her life in the care of the staff of Rosenalee Nursing Home, though she insisted on returning to her beloved home for part of last summer. She took great pride in her children and her grandchildren, constantly praying and offering Masses for them. She will be remembered with great affection by all who knew her. Our sympathies go especially to her daughter Elei and husband Brian and their children, and to her son Philip, his wife Paula and their daughter, as well as to her relatives, friends and neighbours. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sí.

Patrick (Paddy) Roche, Wilton Road, died unexpectedly on 24th January. The youngest of four boys, Paddy was born on College Road and educated at Glasheen Schools (Primary and Secondary), and his affinity to the area grew with the years even though he lived in England for a while. His interest in sport was very wide and he will be remembered locally with great gratitude by many young men (and their families) whom he initiated into rugby at Highfield where he coached under age teams with competence, dedication and insight into the lives of his young charges. Their presence in great numbers at his funeral was a glowing tribute to him. Above all, Paddy was a family man and so the suddenness of his death as he went about his daily work was an enormous shock to them. We offer our sincerest sympathy to his wife Anne, to his children Tracey- Anne, Karen and John, his son-in-law, Pat, his brothers Derry and John, to the wider family circle and many of his friends especially those at Highfield. May he rest in peace.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to PHILIP LECANE, Kenley Crescent, Model Farm Road, on the recent death of his brother, Bro. Philip Lecane (John, late of Wilton Road) a member of the order of St. Camillus.

NOTICE BOARD

Fundraising Race Night

At the Cork Greyhound Track, Curraheen Park on Thursday 9th February, in aid of the new sports hall for Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh. Tickets €10 (including programme) available from the school. All welcome

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

The annual collection will take place at Masses next weekend.

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh Boys

Registration week for 2006, 2007, 2008, etc. on 6th - 10th February, 9.00 to 2.30 p.m. Phone 4543333, email info@spnaoimhb.ie, website www.spnaoimhb.ie

Bible Corner



POSSESSED OR INSPIRED

Sports teams are sometimes credited with an indomitable spirit. A totally dedicated player is described as being possessed by the spirit of his commitment. A fanatic is absorbed by the spirit. The spirit is almost personalised.

Somewhat similarly, in the ancient Near East, serious disorders or illnesses were viewed as the work of evil forces which tended to be personalised into evil spirits or demons in the popular mind. The remnants of this perspective filtered down to the time of Jesus. Both Jesus and the gospel writers accommodated themselves to this popular way of viewing matters.

This must not obscure the reality of Jesus' miraculous cures or indeed, of the existence of evil spirits.

It is probable that some of those described in the gospel this weekend were suffering from what we now know to be serious psychic disorders. Others may have been in the grip of a spirit of evil. Inspired by the Spirit of goodness and love, Jesus came to heal.

Fr. Tom Clancy

NOTICE BOARD

Coeliac Society

Informative talk on cross-contamination in the coeliac diet, and bread-maker machine demonstration on Tuesday 7th February at the SMA Centre, 8.00 p.m. Refreshments served, all welcome.

Alzheimer Society

Carer's support meeting on Monday 13th February at 8.00 p.m. in SMA Wilton. All welcome. For information on day care and home care services contact 4391690.

THE PARISH WEBSITE - YOUR VIEWS

The parish website (www.dennehyscrossparish.ie) has been live since September. The production team would welcome your comments and your suggestions for any improvements or additions to the layout or content. Please send your feedback in writing to the Parish Centre or by e-mail to holyspiritparish@eircom.net before 15th February.

WORTH A VISIT!



Oxfam has opened a new shop at the Paul Street end of French Church Street. It stocks a wide range of Fairtrade products including food, crafts and gifts. Opening hours: Monday - Saturday, 9.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.