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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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WITNESSES TO RESURRECTION

OUR PARISH
PRIEST WRITES



God's Word

Readings for
Sunday 14th May

First Reading:
Acts 9:26-31

Psalm 21

Second Reading:
John 3:18-24

Gospel:
John 15:1-8

General election fever is beginning to bubble already among political activists. The public, especially the younger generation, tend to be apathetic. Many of those most dependent on public services, especially in health, housing, social welfare and education feel powerless and remain uninvolved. In pursuit of power, the policy handlers presume that most people will vote for what benefits themselves individually and in the short term. Are the gurus right? Or is there a solid core of people who is prepared to put the pressing needs of the wider community at home and abroad before their own enrichment? Are the followers of Jesus who profess to believe in the Resurrection prepared to speak out and to build a more just society?

To be a witness to the Resurrection of Jesus means that we live out of a belief that all people are equal children of the one family. It means that trusting in a life hereafter with each other in the heart of God, we start building this community of justice and love today. To do this calls for generosity and often heroism. To fail to do it, is to deny our faith in the Risen Jesus.

We must be witnesses to this resurrection wherever we are today.

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ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS

On Thursday 27th April, we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit on our 6th Class girls. Thirty five girls were confirmed, including Emma, who returned from Kinsale to receive the sacrament with her old class.

The ceremony was led by Monsignor Leonard O'Brien who spoke most meaningfully to the girls about the importance of developing their friendship with God, and taking the time to talk to God about the "nothings" that they often talk to their friends about!

The morning had started off a little bit dull, but as soon as the girls had sung their song, "Spirit Filled Day", the sun came out and shone for the rest of the day! After the Mass, the Parents' Association provided refreshments for everyone, in the crypt.

The girls had worked hard for this day, practising hymns, readings and prayers. A group of five musicians from the class, supported by our organist, Paddy Killeen, accompanied the singing, on violins, viola and flute.

In the words of the final hymn, we pray that the Spirit will "be our guide, today and from now on."

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Rest in Peace

Bulletin Corner



Declan McCarthy, Laburnum Park, died at St. Patrick's Hospital on Sunday 23rd April. I suppose everybody's life is a mixture of songs we sang and didn't sing, but Declan's life was more varied and colourful than most. He joined Irish Shipping as a young man, and his abiding interest in maritime matters remained with him to the end. After his years at sea he took to gardening which he enjoyed immensely as a leisure project, and on a commercial basis. He came to live at Laburnum Park with his mother and cared for her to her dying day. And she cared for him while she was able. He was proud and concerned for other members of his family and their children. His health was in decline for about the past year, and he spent the past numbers of months at St. Patrick's Hospital. He was laid to rest with his parents in Cobh on Tuesday 25th April. To his sister Eileen Kiely, and his brother Noel we extend the sincere sympathy of our Parish Community

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Carmel Ó Donnachadha**, Bishopscourt Hill, on the death of her sister, Ita Harrington.

Easter Crossword

Solutions

Across: 6 Flatter: 7 Adder: 9 Irate: 10 Singlet:
12 Church Mouse: 14 White as snow: 18 Station:
19 felon: 21 Mules: 22 Roadhog.

Down: 1 Alert: 2 Stitch: 3 Red: 4 Adagio:
5 Reverse: 8 Highest: 11 Treason: 13 Whitsun:
15 Totter: 16 Overdo: 17 Donor: 20 Fog.

Winners:

M. Lane, Cherrygrove, Model Farm Road
Sr. Magdalen, c/o St. Christophers, Wilton Road

Parish Notices

Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 8th May at 8.10 p.m. in Parish Centre.

Faith that Does Justice

What can the reflective Christian say to those who make policy for budgets and public spending? What sort of society do we want to be? Is the Christian gospel really Good News for the poor in Ireland today? Fr. Sean Healy and Fr. Peter McVerry will talk at the Cork Theology Forum seminar on Saturday 27th May at Silver Springs Hotel, commencing at 10.00 ending at 3.00 p.m. Enquiries to 087-2282134 or 4533865.

CURA

Confidential and free support service to anyone affected by an unplanned pregnancy. Services include pregnancy test, counselling, post abortion counselling, at 34 Paul Street, tel. 4277544.

Can You Help?

The Irish Heart Foundation is looking for people to sell 'Hearts' from 11th to 14th May. Please call Anne on 4505822

It was Easter Monday in Maynooth. Even though there was a great stretch in the evening, some were anxious to be on the road home. They were sheep men from the hill farms in Antrim and their lambing season was just peaking. They spoke of twins, triplets, quads and percentages. It was business talk and their livelihood. But there was more. There was commitment to a way of life, care for what had been entrusted to them by God and by the generations who had gone before them. While another might stand in for a day caring for their sheep, they themselves knew their ewes best and would share the joy of successful labour as well as helping those in trouble. Their life was to be shepherds to their own flock.

Their committed care reminded me again of why in Hebrew lore one of the most powerful images for God is that of the shepherd.

For the Hebrews, the shepherd was the leader, the protector and the nourisher. He knew the best route to travel, how to avoid danger, and where to find food and drink. As well, he would lay down his life for the flock, if needs be.

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes the title to himself in regard to the whole human family entrusted to him by the Father. It was a role he lived to the full even to death.

Fr. Tom Clancy

A Confirmation Thanksgiving

A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday **May 20th at 10.30am** for all the children of our Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. No matter what school or what church you were confirmed in, we would love to congratulate you and celebrate with you. Please come!

Dear friends and neighbours,

*Once again I am hosting my annual coffee morning on **Saturday, 13th May, between 10.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.**, to raise money to help children living in poverty.*

Our two chosen charities this year are "Suas" with whom my son Michael does voluntary work and hopes to send money to a primary school in Mumbasa where he worked last summer for three months. Our second charity is the 'UCD Volunteers Overseas' with whom our friend and neighbour Kathy Kilgallon will travel to a famine region in Niger to teach this July.

Any donation to these worthy charities will make a huge difference. Many thanks to you all for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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