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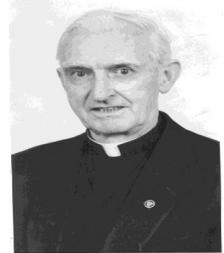
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

21st May 2006

Sixth Sunday of Easter

No. 883

THE DEAN WRITES



PRAY FIRST - THEN DRIVE

God's Word

Readings for Sunday
28th May

First Reading:
Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 46

Second Reading:
Eph. 1:17-23 or Eph
4:1-13

Gospel:
Mk. 16:15-20

During the past number of months, our daily news bulletins have recorded all the fatal accidents on our roads. And not only recorded them, but pointed out the underlying causes. Apparently, the two principal ones are excessive speed and drink driving. Now it's neither smart nor intelligent to break the law in either case, but it happens, and more regularly than we might care to believe.

Our late lamented Vivian Foley, Wilton Gardens, wrote an excellent book on the reality of car accidents, and their causes. One of the points he makes is that car sales executives should stress the time and distance required to bring a car to a halt from 60 mph (over 100 yards) rather than the number of seconds required to reach that speed. Sometimes totally innocent parties are involved, due to the recklessness or carelessness of others. It could be you - it could be me. What can we do?

When I was young, I had no car. I had a lay friend who had. He was a cheerful and generous young man, and frequently called for me to join him on different trips. He always followed a certain ritual before we set off. He took a small bottle of Holy Water which he always kept in the car, and solemnly made the sign of the cross on the dashboard, his passenger, and himself. He then set off at a frightening speed, and I still have nightmares of returning home a nervous wreck. I am not recommending this modus operandi. But there is another way - no sniggering now - please. As you start your journey, why not say that short prayer like the 'Memorare' for the help and protection of Our Lady for your journey.

'Remember most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petition, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.'

Happy and safe motoring is my prayer for all of you.

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JUNE 4th and 11th CHANGE OF MASS TIME

Mass will be broadcast from here by R.T.E. Radio 1 (medium wave and long wave). beginning at **10.00 a.m.**

On these two Sundays our Masses will be at 9.00 a.m. **10.00 a.m.** and 12.15 p.m.

PENTECOST INTER-CHURCH SERVICE

in the Crypt, Church of the Holy Spirit, at 8 p.m.

on **Thursday, 1st June**

Residents of our parish, who belong to other Christian churches are especially welcome.

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WATER IS LIFE!

This simple well is part of the Turkwel Irrigation scheme in the Turkana desert. At present the scheme has 16 shallow wells—five of them have hand pumps, 11 have none. With the guidance of their parish priest, Fr. Ollie Noonan SMA, they now plan to install hand pumps and to rehabilitate the drainage system. This project will provide water, food, and an income from the sale of surplus crops for the farmers of this drought-stricken area, where 59% of the people have no access to safe drinking water. The local community is fully involved in every stage of the project and will provide all the unskilled labour in kind. The project, which costs €8,035, will begin as soon as they have funds and will be completed in six months.

We have so much, they have so little.

Please bring your contribution to the special collection next weekend (27th–28th). All monies go directly and entirely to the project.

Dig deep for Turkwel!



Rest in Peace

Joe Kilcoyne, Woodlawn, Model Farm Road, died unexpectedly at home on the evening of 2nd May. Born in Louisa, Co Mayo, army service during the *Emergency* brought Joe to Cork. Here he developed his own sweet business that took him all over the country calling on shopkeepers, who looked forward to his coming like the many children who enjoyed his largesse from the back of his van. His generosity combined with his outgoing personality made him a genial friend and a kind neighbour. He would have been pleased to see the many old acquaintances at his funeral services, but the excellent participation of all his grandchildren whom he loved so much would have pleased him most of all. To his wife Margaret, his sons Michael (Rossbrook) and Adrian (New York), his daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends, we offer our sincerest sympathies. Fé chomirce Mhuire, go raibh sé.

Denis O'Sullivan, College Road, died unexpectedly at his home on Saturday 13th May. He had been in failing health for the past few months, but not alarmingly so. Denis was a native of Aughaville, Bantry, and following in his father's footsteps joined the staff of Iarnród Éireann at a young age and spent many years driving the Dublin train. He had an abiding interest in national politics, and following a strong family tradition he was a loyal and long-time member of the Labour Party. He was a caring and helpful neighbour on College Road, where he distributed the Parish Bulletin for many years. He will be missed by many. At his own wishes he was buried in the family plot at Drimoleague. We extend the sympathy of our community to his sisters Nellie and Ina, his brother-in-law Dan, and his relatives and many friends.

Bible Corner

On Reflection



Between friends and loved ones, parting is always painful. The time before parting is a time not for flippancy or clichés but is a time for sharing what is in one's heart. It was so for Jesus when the time came for him to leave his disciples. So he spoke to them of his Father's love and his own love for them, of his choice of them to continue his presence on earth, of his command to love one another as he had loved them, even to the laying down of his life for them as the high point of friendship.

What he said to them on that occasion, he says to each of us in Sunday's gospel as we gather to make present again the gift of his love in the Eucharist. Taken from chapter fifteen of John's gospel, Sunday's passage is one to be relished rather than rushed, to be savoured rather than studied, to be prayed rather than analysed, to be treasured in the core of one's being. It is a gospel for the heart rather than of the head. Take it to your heart over the weekend.

Mount Mercy News

Congratulations to our School Bank team who were best exhibition winners in the final of the A.I.B. Build a Bank Challenge 2005-06 held in Dublin recently. Well done also to winners in the Creative Writing Competition "A Sense of Place" organized by the Cork Teachers of English in association with Cork Capital of Culture 2005: Elaine Lynch, 5th year, joint 1st in the senior category, and Caroline Winters, 2nd year, second in the Junior Category.

Mount Mercy students took part in the Trócaire fast on March 3rd and 4th 2006 and raised an astounding €10,382.39. This year the girls surpassed all their previous records and managed to raise the largest amount for any school in the whole of Munster. Well done girls, your efforts will help greatly in alleviating the terrible poverty of the people in the Philippines

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

Margot Burke, Robin Hill, on the death of her father, Frank Kelly.

Rita Shaw, The Greenway, Model Farm Road, on the death of her son, Harry.

The Community of St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, on the death of Sister Angela Buckley.

NOTICE BOARD



Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our final Recital of this season will take place on Wednesday next, 24th May at 3.00 p.m. in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when Seamus Murphy will give the Recital. Do join us for an afternoon of great music.

South Presentation Primary School

The school will close down on 31st July 2006. There will be three Open Days with Exhibitions, Photographs, Chat, Refreshments on May 26th 7-9 p.m. May 27th and 28th 2.00-5.00 p.m. All welcome.