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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
5th November

First Reading
Deut. 6:2-6

Psalms 17

Second Reading
Heb 7:23-28

Gospel
Mark 12:28-34

FR. CHRISTY WRITES



THEY ARE WITH GOD!

November is on its way. The leaves are falling, darkness settles in earlier and the cold, dark, dreary evenings seem to express what's in the heart of many at this time of year. November, while we remember our departed loved ones all the time, seems to make their absence felt all the more.

November is a special time of remembering and cherishing the memory of departed loved ones. Those we have loved and are gone to God. That's what we believe in faith, but sometimes our hearts say otherwise.

People have tried to describe what the next world will be like and still can't quite come close. All we can say is that it will be different. Will I know my loved ones? Will they know me? One thing I do know and believe is that it is truly better than what we have here, because they are with God. Our heart wants to hold them but in faith we also want them to complete their life's journey and reach their goal of God's presence forever in that place we call Heaven.

What I find helpful and consoling is that every time we gather around the Lord's Table, heaven and earth are united as one. We call it the 'Communion of Saints'. All our loved ones are spiritually united with us every time we celebrate at the Altar. Maybe that's a good place to start this year with the Holy Souls.

Those who die go no further from us than to God. And God is very near.

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All Saints - Friends in Heaven

Next Wednesday, 1st November is the feast of All Saints and a holyday of obligation. Vigil Mass on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Masses on Wednesday at 9.00, 10.30 and 7.30pm.

Holy Souls

Commemoration of the faithful departed is on Thursday 2nd. Each priest will start a Novena of Masses for all the dead on our November list. A reminder that envelopes and prayer cards are available in the church. Please place completed envelope in the box at the altar rails before Thursday. Masses during novena will be at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 pm. Thursday and Friday, and Monday 6th to Friday 10th.

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Lest We Forget

Mary Connolly, Wilton Road, died on Saturday 14th October. Born in Glasheen Road, the red-haired middle child of seven Caseys, Mary went to Glasheen School, St. Al's and finally Drishane as a boarder. She then worked in Eagle Printing Works on the South Mall. Mary was an active member of the Legion of Mary, where she met her husband whom she married in 1950. Mary then worked with Kevin in Connolly's Paint and Wallpaper Shop in Barrack Street. A lamp was always burning there before a statue of Our Lady. They spent many of their summer holidays in Lourdes working with the Little Way Association, helping to run a hostel for pilgrims. Keen filmgoers they would go to the pictures three or four times a week in pre-TV days. When Kevin became sacristan in CUH, Mary became a Friend of the hospital, a volunteer helping patients in A & E to find their way around, and making them feel welcome. Mary had a great faith in the love and providence of God for all of us and was a wonderful comfort to the sad and discouraged. Her husband, family and many friends will miss her sorely. May God in his mercy look kindly on her.



The Word of God
A Parishioner's Thoughts

I humbly believe as I read the Word with reverence that it is not I but He who speaks.

The Word of God brings home to me at unexpected moments and often in surprising ways, all that is needed to live in accordance with His will.

MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE HELPS BREAK WORLD RECORD

266 pupils and teachers in Mount Mercy College added their voices to the 23,543,614 worldwide to stand and take the pledge against poverty. Guinness said that this was the largest single coordinated movement of people since Guinness World Records began.



Presentatinn to Fr. Declan at his recent farewell night

They recognised Him at the Breaking of Bread

Dennehy's Cross Parish is pleased to host a programme of prayer, reflection and discussion for Ministers of The Eucharist. The three evening course begins on Tuesday 14th November at 8pm in the Crypt and is for NEW and EXISTING Ministers of the Eucharist in Dennehy's Cross as well as the neighbouring parishes. It will incorporate preparation for new ministers. Anne Francis and Fr. Christy Fitzgerald from the Diocesan Liturgy Office will facilitate the evenings.

First Friday

Next Friday 3rd November is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 3rd from 10.30 to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection next weekend.

Once again may we appeal for donations to our fuel fund to help the needy of the parish. Our priests, the parish office (mornings) or any member of the Conference will gladly forward donations. Many thanks.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Meeting next Thursday 2nd November at 8.00 p.m. in Parish Centre.

Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh Open Evening

Parents/Guardians of prospective entrants are cordially invited on Wednesday 8th November, 7.00-8.30pm. You will be free to take a tour of the school, view its facilities and meet teachers and pupils. At 8.00pm the Principal will address the gathering and give a brief outline of the philosophy of the school and its curriculum.



Flower Festival

Brú Columbanus will hold a Flower Festival on the 10th, 11th and 12th November at their house in Cardinal Way, (near the SMA Church) which

will be opened by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Michael Ahern on Friday 10th November. Brú Columbanus is a charity that provides accommodation free of charge to families of critically ill persons who are patients of any of the Cork City Hospitals and Hospice, in particular, relatives of sick children. We are an independent charity and rely totally on donations and fundraising initiatives for all the house's running costs. Since we opened last October over 400 families have availed of our service. This home from home accommodation provides support in times of emotional crisis; reduces financial burden and brings peace of mind to both patients and family members.

Prayers at Cemeteries during November

St. Olivers: Mass on Saturday 4th November at 2pm

St. Finbarrs: Annual Prayer Service on Sunday 12th November at 3pm.