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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
4th February

First Reading  
Is 6:1-8

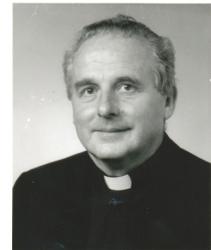
Psalms 137

Second Reading  
1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel  
Luke 5:1-11

## OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

### A NEW VISION



A new National Development plan has been unveiled. It sets out to show how the spending of €180 billion will change our country by 2013. It promises that the huge investment will enhance our way of life beyond all our expectations by the time our present Senior Infants go to secondary school. It is important to plan the future infrastructure of our country wisely, and equally important to implement the plan.

But, has anyone a National Development Vision to guide us to what we will be in 2013? Will we be more hope-filled or fear-filled, more community focused or individualistic, more forgiving or judgmental, more God-centred or self-centred? Will we be taking more risks for justice and peace? Will we be welcoming the stranger? Will we find more joy in service than in status? Have we a vision for 2013 or, even, for 2007?

In times of whirlwind change each one of us, every family, each neighbourhood, every parish must refocus their own immediate and medium term vision. Otherwise, we are swept along by the latest creation of the advertising gurus. For believers, our vision must be centred on Jesus and his gospels. Luke's gospel which we read this year is a great prototype. Leaders will be needed among us to ensure that our visions grow in supportive harmony, but creating the vision must start with you and me, be explored among us and nurtured in creative love.

What is your vision for 2007 and beyond for yourself, your family, your world?

With whom will you share it?

Who will enable you to keep the vision alive?

How will we be convinced that we can make a difference?

Jesus made a difference. So can you and I.

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## Lest We Forget

**Bredhe Raftery** (nee Bennett), Bishops court Road, died peacefully on 7th January at C.U.H. Bredhe had almost slipped away from us several times over recent years but her final going was somewhat unexpected. Over her years of illness she struggled courageously to make the most of every day and every year. Her varied and beautiful paintings are a testimony both to her talent and her tenacity. One of her more publicly appreciated paintings hangs in Marymount where it uplifts many a burdened heart. A native of Co. Kilkenny, she never lost her pride in her roots, especially when the Cats clashed with her adopted Cork. Here a vast network of wonderful friends and great neighbours grew up around her and around her home, the centre of her life. She would have appreciated their presence at her beautiful funeral Mass where they shared in the wonderful congregational hymn singing, a great celebration of thanks and praise for a life lived in faith sustained by love. To her wonderfully devoted husband Tom, her children Tom and Mary, their spouses, her grandchildren, her brothers and sisters, the wider family and a vast network of great friends, we offer our sincerest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí i gconuí.

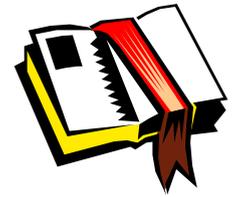
**Joe Crean**, The Orchard, Farranlea Park, died very unexpectedly in C.U.H. on Saturday morning 20th January. Born in Cork a southsider by birth (Dunbar Street), a northsider by education (North Mon.), a public servant by profession (County Council), a believer by conviction, an avid sports fan by experience, a music and poetry aficionado by disposition and choice, Joe was a man of many parts. Faith and friends were key elements of Joe's life. As a Eucharistic Minister, he served with joyful love and a great sense of privilege. The variety and depth of his friendships were clearly evident at his funeral. Family was the core of Joe's life and his family love permeated every aspect of his life. To his wife Mary, his daughter Margaret, his sons Joseph, John and Tony, his son-in-law and daughters-in-law, as well as to his grandchildren and the wider circle of family and friends, we offer our sincerest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sé.



### Bishopstown Film Project

The Bishopstown Senior Social Centre based at Wilton Park House, is currently producing an oral history documentary. The film will look at the past, present and future of the Bishopstown area and how it has changed over the years. It will consist of interviews with local people, in particular older residents, and will show archive material of the area, along with present-day footage. The finished documentary will be an important record of the lives of Bishopstown's residents and will also be an opportunity to look at how the area is developing into the future. Some filming has already taken place and we would like to extend the opportunity for others to participate in the project. If you would like to talk about your memories of Bishopstown, or recount any stories about living/working here, or if you have any old photographs, press clipping or cine footage, please come to Wilton Park House at 2.30pm on Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th February, or contact Roger Coughlan at 086-3866975 or Breda Scully at 4541955.

## Bible Corner



### I AM WITH YOU

In times of joy as well as suffering, in times of success as well as failure, a serious questioning can grow within us about the purpose of our lives, about why we are here. For Jeremiah, the author of this weekend's first reading, this querying grew into a near conviction that it would have been better if he had never been born.

The Lord reassured him. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you: before you came to birth, I consecrated you." There was a place for Jeremiah in God's plan. He was called by God to stand up for, speak and face the truth. He was terrified at the prospect. God continued to reassure him.

There are times when we may need that reassurance too. Let us hear it through prayer and through one another's care.

Fr. Tom Clancy

### PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

At the recent meeting, a vote of thanks was passed to all involved in the Christmas Masses and Services.

A special thanks and appreciation for the inspiring contributions from the Dean during Fr. Tom's indisposition.

### NOTICE BOARD

#### First Friday

Next Friday 2nd February is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday 2nd from 10.30am to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

#### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 1st February at 3.00pm in Parish Centre.

#### St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection at all Masses next weekend.

#### Bereavement Support Group

In the SMA Parish Centre, Wilton, room 10, beginning on Tuesday 6th February at 8 p.m. It is open to all people recently or long-term bereaved. For further information please call Kathleen at 4544262 or Margaret at 4544429.

#### Table Quiz

The parents' association of St. Catherine's National School will hold a Table Quiz at McCarthy's Bar, Model Farm Road, on Friday, 2nd February at 8.00pm.

#### Talk for Parents & Teachers

A course by Mary Ball, Psychologist, will be held at Rochestown Park Hotel, 6th February at 7.30pm to help aid a dyslexic child in the secondary school system and at home.. Questions and answers session also. €5 entry.