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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
11th November

First Reading
2 Macc 7:1-2,9-14

Psalms 16

Second Reading
2 Thess 2:16-3:5

Gospel
Luke 20:27-38

FR. TOM WRITES:

NOVEMBER 5TH



On Monday 5th November, some significant changes in the State's regulations about marriage come into effect. These changes do not affect existing marriages. These regulations must be observed for Catholic Church marriages so that these marriages will be recognised in the eyes of the State. Such State recognition is very important for establishing next of kin, for guardianship of children, protection of property and inheritance rights, social welfare benefits and so on.

These changes do not impinge greatly on the couple's church preparation and ceremony. So adequate notice to the priest, a pre-marriage course in good time, filling the prenuptial enquiry form are all still important.

In addition, the couple must attend together personally at the civil registrar's office at least three months before the wedding to give notice of their intention to marry, and to receive the marriage registration form to bring to the priest. After the wedding, this form, now signed, will be given to the couple to return to the registrar. (For couples who have already sent in the three months' notice form, there are transitional arrangements).

In brief, the best thing to do is to come and see the priest at least six months before the wedding date and, together, we can arrange what is necessary.

May God bless all couples preparing for marriage and enrich their love with his grace on their wedding day and throughout their lives.

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Cork Marriage Counselling Centre - 34 Paul Street

- **Pre Marriage Courses** run every weekend, April, May and June 2008. Book early if possible. Contact 4272277.
- **Marriage - The Early Years.** A course for couples married in the last five years. It discusses issues that may arise in the early stages of marriage and ways to minimise their effects. Sunday 20th January 2008, 6.30 to 9.30pm.
- **Have your marriage health-checked** - remember a good relationship is worth taking care of. Contact 4275678.
- **Parents in Marital Breakdown** - an evening course with information for parents on how to help children through the experience of relationship breakdown. Wednesday 5th December 6.30-9.30pm. Contact 4275678.
- **Parenting Teenagers** - an evening course with guidelines for dealing with troublesome teenagers. Wednesday 8th January 2008, 6.30-9.30. Contact 4275678.

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Notice Board

Novena of Masses for the Dead

The Novena continues this week until Saturday 10th during which each priest celebrates Mass for all on our November list. Masses during Novena will be at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 pm. except Saturdays when evening Mass is at 6.15pm.

Parish Website Committee

Would you like to join the group which produces the parish website (www.dennehycrossparish.ie) ? We meet for about an hour once a month, usually on a Tuesday at 7pm, and we each undertake a couple of minor tasks between meetings. You need basic computer skills, and if you are familiar with Frontpage program you'll be particularly welcome. Further information from Maire (4543180), Rosalie (454 6812) or Kevin (087-2560020)

Capuchin Vocations Day

At Holy Trinity Friary, Fr. Mathew Quay, on 10th November beginning at 11.00am. If you would like to attend and find out more about the Capuchin Franciscan way of life please contact Br. Sean on 01-8511554 or 087-7634176.

Ardfallen Fair

Saturday 10th November, 10.30-2.00pm. Books, cakes, country produce, arts and crafts, etc. Snacks throughout the day. Adm. Adults €2, children free.

"See I Make All Things New"

The Emmaus Men's Fellowship present Mgr. Michael Steward at their annual conference for men and women at the Sacred Heart Community Hall, Western Road, on Saturday/Sunday, 24/25th November, starting at 10.30 and ending 5.30 each day. Healing Service on Saturday afternoon and Mass with Healing Service on Sunday afternoon. Further information from Declan at 4872828.

Over 60's Show

At the Cork Opera House on Sunday 25th November at 8.00pm. Proceeds to the Irish Heart Foundation. Tickets €15, €18 and €20.

Bible Corner



All God's Creatures Great and Small

The recent fires in California showed us very dramatically how quickly part of God's beautiful creation can be destroyed. The melting glaciers of the Arctic and of Antarctica show us how endangered the whole planet is. Al Gore is probably the most high profile prophet alerting us to the imminent crisis. God's creation on this planet as we know it may not survive.

This weekend's first reading stresses that God "loves everything that exists and holds nothing of what he has made in abhorrence". We are invited to imitate him. It is urgent that we grow in an awareness and appreciation of God's creation and respect it accordingly. We are the stewards of creation for the generations to come.

"All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing."

Fr. Tom Clancy



My God in My Everyday

Parishioners' Thoughts

I Find God in Prayer

We can "say prayers" and we can pray. We can pray by saying nothing; by just existing, leaving ourselves open to God. God has told us that he is with us always - to the end of time. So, if we are conscious of God with us - our day is our prayer. 24/7. We have the sacred in the mundane.

Don't be afraid to encounter loneliness.

Usually we dislike loneliness, we don't want to sit and feel what we feel. We desire to escape from it, and find someone or something (e.g.. food, drink people) to keep us company.

However, relaxing with loneliness is both freeing and very worthwhile.

How do we train ourselves to do this?

By choosing to spend regular quiet time in silence resting with Jesus.

Also, focusing on our natural breath stops us from being endlessly run around by our thoughts. Instead, we train to live in the present moment and allow our feelings of loneliness to surface and pass.

When we don't resist or grasp at our feelings/moods, they simply dissolve and we are left feeling at peace.

To experience the fruits of meditation (peace, happiness and great joy) it requires regular daily practice, patience, determination and encouragement.

Why not attend weekly meditation at the **Parish Centre each Thursday from 7.00 to 7.30pm.**