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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

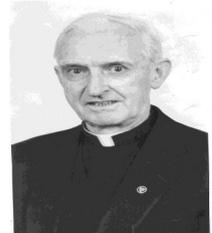
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Dean writes:

*"Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord
all the earth. Truth and beauty surround him -
he lives in holiness and glory"*



God's Word

Readings for Sunday
3rd February

First Reading
Zeph 2:3,3:12-13

Psalm 145

Second Reading
1 Cor 1:26-31

Gospel: Mt 5:1-1

The entrance antiphon for this Sunday's Mass sounds a note of joy and gladness.

As I write this little piece for our parish Bulletin we could all do with a bit of a lift - to counter the rain and enveloping gloom day after day for the past week or more. The readings of this Sunday's Mass describe the coming of Jesus into our world as a light in the darkness and source of great joy. Like a sick person who lies awake all night - the first shaft of sunlight at the dawn brings new hope and confidence.

"I am the light of the world" said the Lord.

He said "Love your enemies, and pray for them" - the light of forgiveness instead of the darkness of revenge and 'getting even'.

Instead of the darkness of domination and bullying, he urged light through gentleness and humility.

He brought Zacchaeus out of the darkness of greed and selfishness into the light and joy of caring and sharing.

He brought sinners out of the darkness of sin and despair into the light of God's grace and love.

He brought the sick and the wounded, the outcasts out of the darkness of pain and illness into the light of hope and wellbeing.

He brought the widow who had lost her only son, as well as his friends Martha and Mary out of the darkness of grief and loss into the light of hope and life.

And think of the good thief whom he brought out of his hopelessness and pain on Good Friday into the light of heaven itself.

So let our slogan for 2008 be: Walk, walk in the light - walk in the light of love.

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LOURDES AT HOME

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the apparitions and to link our prayers for the sick with the prayers at Lourdes, we will have Mass in the church here on

Saturday February 9th 2008 at 3.00pm

The anointing of the sick will be celebrated during Mass and Confession will be available beforehand.

It is hoped that family, friends and kind neighbours will arrange to bring our sick and housebound to the church for the celebration. Thank you.

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Urgent Call

Since our pastoral plan called *Pilgrim Steps* was launched in 2005, parishes have been setting up and consolidating pastoral councils, parish assemblies and parish finance committees. I thank all those involved in this work and I know that it will bear much fruit.

Last year I established a working group to assist me in developing further the concept of pastoral areas, whereby parishes plan and work together in a way that is truly cooperative, as the number of priests in the diocese decreases.

Solutions to many of the questions need to be found by all of us working together and sharing our gifts and talents. It is my hope that during this year we can make significant progress in this development.

I am convening an initial meeting for clergy, religious and parish representatives which will take place on Sunday 9th March in Cork. We will outline and discuss the first steps involved in setting up these pastoral areas in the diocese, in other words, in helping each parish to plan and work more closely with its neighbours.

It is my aim to keep everyone informed of developments as we progress in this important work. Please keep this work in your prayers.

+John Buckley,
Bishop of Cork and Ross.

John the Baptist, the preacher of repentance, is arrested. Jesus takes up the mantle in a new and more powerful way. His going public cannot be postponed. The fruit of John's preaching must not be allowed to seep away. The goodwill must be harnessed before it evaporates. Jesus must gather his helpers urgently. Now is the time of action. No longer is it sufficient to just admire the Nazarene and be happy in his company occasionally. Commitment is called for. A centre of operations is established at Capernaum to show that the mission is not only to their own people but, also, to the pagan world. Peter, Andrew, James and John leave the security of the old and well-tried ways of living to venture out to create new ways of making God's love known and experienced in the world of their time. There is a realisation that Jesus cannot do it on his own. It needs community, a coming together of believers who are willing to be disciples.

Crisis can kick start the disciple out of the rut of safe paths that become dead ends, to plough new furrows for the seed of the gospel. Each of us must risk personal involvement in building such communities. Please do not leave it to somebody else as they may have left it to you.

Fr. Tom

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to Tom Shanahan, Rosshoro House, Model Farm Road, on the death of his father, Bill.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday 1st February is the first Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Friday 1st February from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection will take place next weekend at all Masses. The Conference would like to thank the people of the Holy Spirit Church for their very generous contributions in December and January.

In Joyful Hope

Bishopstown Lay Dominican Chapter invites you to join them in a day of Reflection and Prayer on Saturday 9th February in St. Dominic's Retreat House, Ennismore, tel. 4502520. Registration 10am., Mass 12 noon. €27 incl. lunch, coffee break and tea at 5.30pm. For booking, contact Rose O'Luisa 4874595 or Jo Uniacke 4541331.

Bishopstown Meals on Wheels

At least two to three cooks urgently needed. All we are asking is two hours, one morning every three weeks. At present we are delivering meals to in excess of 40 elderly people in the locality and urgently need more volunteers to maintain this level of service. For details or to volunteer please contact Pat 4545790 and Sheila 4343575.

Public Meeting

Concerning the proposed development of a 185 bed, five storey private hospital within the grounds of the northern side of CUH. Venue: Highfield Rugby Club, Monday 28th January at 8.00pm. Closing date for objections to this development is 14th February 2008. Please come to this meeting and support your neighbours in opposing this intrusive development.

An Introductory Course to the Synoptic Gospels

Thursday nights from 7.00 to 10.00pm for 13 weeks beginning on Thursday 31st January in Mardyke House (Presentation Brothers), organised by the NOSTRA programme (New Opportunities for the Study of Theology and Religion for Adults).

Caretaker at Wilton Park House, Wilton

A vacancy has arisen for a caretaker with Bishopstown Community Association Ltd. Position available immediately. Interested persons between 25-55 years and eligible for C.E. Scheme can forward their details to the secretary at the above address or contact Pat 4545790/Sheila 4343575 for further details.

Access to Education for Adults

Six week course, three mornings, starting late February at Colaiste Stiofain Naofa, crèche places available. Contact Mary Scriven 4961020. Computers, business, psychology, legal studies, social studies, etc. Public meeting on Wednesday 30th January at 11.00am.