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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

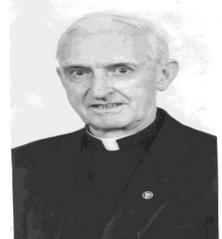
30th March 2008

Second Sunday of Easter

No.958

THE DEAN WRITES:

## “PEACE BE WITH YOU”



### God's Word

Readings for Sunday  
6th April

First Reading:  
Acts 2:14,22-33

Psalm 15

Second Reading  
1 Pet 1:17-21

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

It's a strange thing, but it's true. From the very first days after the Resurrection of Jesus some people accepted the truth of the event on the evidence of those who had seen the empty tomb and who had spoken and eaten with the Lord in person. There were others like his own Apostle Thomas who wouldn't accept anybody's evidence. "Unless I can put my finger into the holes the nails made, and put my hand into his side I refuse to believe." One famous commentator, a man called Westcott said: "Taking all the evidence together there is no single historic incident that is better supported than the Resurrection of Christ."

I remember once reading about a famous trapeze artist called Charles Blondin. He performed some unbelievable feats of artistry. On one occasion he pushed a wheelbarrow on a taut wire across a two hundred feet gorge - blindfolded. Thousands looked on in deep silence as he edged his way slowly but surely along the wire. He was greeted with thunderous applause when he safely reached the other end. A young man rushed in through the crowds and congratulated the artist excitedly. "You are the greatest trapeze artist in the whole world," he said. "Do you really believe this", said Blondin. "Yes, yes, I do," said the young man. "Very well," said Blondin, "I will make a return trip on the wire and take this young man in my wheelbarrow." Then he looked around and of course the young man was nowhere to be seen.

We are all capable of making hasty decisions and commitments, and live to regret them. The Lord didn't ask Thomas, or us, to make rash decisions. In a very real sense Thomas has done our doubting for us. And when he actually met Jesus face to face there were no words of blame or condemnation from the Lord, but he did invite Thomas to touch his hand and side to let him see and feel for himself that it was the same Lord whom he had looked upon when crucified.

In real life it can be relatively easy to believe in the Resurrection when life is good, home is happy and work is going well. But when clouds gather - a marriage breaks - the job's gone - a child gets leukaemia - The Risen Christ is at our shoulder to give courage and strength when it's most needed.

Christ has died - Christ is Risen - Christ will come again.

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or give it to a  
friend or neigh-  
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### Easter Dues Offerings

As Easter arrived so early this year, we have postponed the collection of Dues until mid May.

Email: [holyspiritparish@eircom.net](mailto:holyspiritparish@eircom.net)

Website: [www.dennehycrossparish.ie](http://www.dennehycrossparish.ie)

## NOTICE BOARD



### CONFIRMATION DAY

Thursday 3rd April  
10.30 am  
All Welcome  
(No 10.00am Mass that morning)

### First Friday

Next Friday, 4th April is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 4th from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

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

Monthly meeting on Wednesday 2nd April in the Parish Centre at 3.00pm.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection at all Masses next weekend.

### New Opportunity to Explore Faith and Ministry

Interested in exploring your faith? Then come along to 'Connections' from 7.30 - 9.00 pm on Wednesday night for four weeks beginning on the 16th April in St Finbarr's College, Farranferris, Cork. **Connections** is an introductory course for exploring faith organised by the Diocesan Office of Adult Religious Education and All Hallows College, Dublin. The total cost of the course is €20 per person (€10 Students and Senior Citizens). To register or simply for more information call 021-4357765 or email [are@corkandross.ie](mailto:are@corkandross.ie)

### A Time to Remember

Service of Remembrance organised by **Isands** in St. Joseph's SMA Church, Wilton, on Sunday 30th March at 3.00pm.

### "Growing Up in the Marsh in the 40s, 50s and 60s"

A talk given by William Higgins on April 1st in St. Vincent's Parish Centre, Sunday's Well, at 8.00pm sharp. Adm. €5.

### Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord - 31st March

'Giving her consent to God's word, Mary became the mother of Jesus. Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace.' (CCC,494).

*The feast-day is no longer a holy day of obligation.*



## BIBLE CORNER



### THE MIDDLE CHILD

It is sometimes said that the middle child in a family has to constantly battle for recognition. The eldest is, well, the eldest. The youngest is seen to be especially treasured. The in-between one may feel taken for granted.

Certainly, something like that happens with the weekend scripture readings. The gospel is pre-eminent and the first reading is often meant to prepare for it. In these Easter time weekends, the second reading is overshadowed and that is a loss. This letter of Peter as it is called was written in Rome to communities that were under great pressure to abandon their Christian calling and to conform to the culture of their time. There was no social support for gospel values or for living in imitation of Jesus. It took creative courage to live the Christian life.

The letter was both a challenge and a word of encouragement in an era that has great resemblance to our 21st century. To ensure that it just does not pass us by, read the full letter in your bible and so be tuned to each weekend's extract.

Fr. Tom

PS. No offence intended to middle children.

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### The Annual Vocations Information Day

for priesthood in the Diocese of Cork and Ross will be held at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Montenotte, on Saturday 12th April between 11.00am and 5.00pm.

This Information Day provides an opportunity for those who may be considering a vocation to priesthood in the Diocese to explore the issue further and pose questions that they may have. There is no need to book in advance and all those who may be considering a vocation to priesthood are welcome.

Further information may be obtained from Fr. Bertie O'Mahony, PP, Carrigaline, tel. 4371684, or Fr. Tom Deenihan at the Diocesan Offices, tel. 4301717.

*A sincere thank-you to our priests and all who worked so hard to make the Easter Ceremonies, Keeping Watch in the Crypt, and Watch and Pary so meaningful last week.*

*A special thank-you to the children who participated in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross.*

*Also, a word of congratulations to those who assembled our Easter Garden. It is beautiful.*

