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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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The Body and Blood of Christ

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 1st
June

First Reading
Deut 11:18, 26-28,32

Psalms 30

Second Reading
Rom 3:21-25,28

Gospel Mt 7:21-27

OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

Feast of Corpus Christi

The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ



In talking about our unity in Jesus, St. Paul says that we are grains of wheat that have been brought together to form one loaf. It is a beautiful image.. The Eucharist celebrates and strengthens that unity in Christ.

As human beings we cannot live on bread alone. We suffer from many kinds of hunger. If we turn to the Gospel we see the various kinds of "bread" that Jesus offered to his people, and so satisfied their many hungers.

To the people who followed him into the desert and who were hungry, he offered ordinary bread, and so satisfied their physical hunger.

To the leper whose body was falling apart, Jesus offered the only bread that mattered to him - the bread of physical healing.

To the lonely woman at Jacob's well, he offered the bread of human kindness, and so satisfied her hunger for acceptance.

To sinners he offered the bread of forgiveness, and satisfied their hunger for salvation.

To the rejects and outcasts, by mixing with them and sharing their bread, he offered the bread of companionship, and so satisfied their hunger to be recognised and loved.

To the widow of Nain, he offered the bread of compassion.

Jesus nourishes us in so many ways, and certainly in the Blessed Eucharist. God alone can satisfy all the longings and hungers of our hearts, because he alone can give the bread of eternal life. This is the bread we receive in the Eucharist. Without it we would not have the strength to follow Jesus.

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Rest in Peace

Des Roche of Kenley Road and formerly of Ballineaspaig Lawn passed away from this life to his eternal reward on 24th April last after a long illness bravely endured. All those who had the good fortune to encounter him in their lives were truly blessed. He had a kind heart which shone through in everything he touched. His sense of humour and razor sharp wit will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. His deep personal faith was a great source of strength on his life's journey. Although he was taken from this life prematurely, his colleagues at C.I.T. and the students he taught there in the School of Business are thankful for the times they had with him. Des was a natural teacher and his unique rapport with young people enabled him to impart a wealth of knowledge to them. The esteem in which he was held by his students was demonstrated by their presence at his removal and funeral. We extend our deepest sympathies to his mother, Kathleen, brothers Jim and John, Sister, Marian, his nieces and nephews and his extended family.
Suaimhneas síoraí dá anam séimh.

Nora Dampsey, Wilton Gardens, died peacefully on May 13th in the presence of her family and the caring staff of St. Clare's in St. Finbarr's Hospital. Nora was born in Kilrush, Co. Clare in 1914 and so her life spanned almost a century of enormous change in our society, in our country and in our Church. Secure in her priorities of family, friends and faith she faced every opportunity and challenge with calmness and courage, a wonderful mother and homemaker, a generous carer, a good neighbour, a dedicated Bridge player, we give thanks for a life of 95 years lived faithfully and fruitfully. Predeceased by her beloved husband, Donal, in 1969, she is survived by her five daughters, Noreen, Angela, Geraldine, Mary and Vivienne, their husbands, her grandchildren and her six great-grandchildren, a wide circle of family and friends, to all of whom we send our deepest sympathies.
Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí.

Pastoral Council News.

Meeting 12th May, 2008.

Disabled Parking Spaces are now marked at the Model Farm and Wilton Road side doors.

Permits are not required but remember they are there to enable those with permanent or short term mobility problems.

A meeting about Pastoral Areas and Pastoral Planning was attended by priests, Pastoral Council and Liturgy Group representatives on 6th May. The main points discussed were :
The possible sequence of developments.
Pastoral Area meetings.
Finance issues.

Summer Serenade

At Curtis Auditorium, Cork School of Music. Sunday, 25th May at 8 pm. Music and song featuring Elizabeth Cooney, Mary Hegarty, Joe Corbett, Nicole Pantzza.
Tickets €20 Pro Musica 4271659, Opera 2005.4215180

Bible Corner



For the Hebrew people, the core event of their history, as a people believing in the one true God, was their escape from Egypt, the Exodus journey.

Three aspects of that 40 year trek to freedom remained etched in their memory, their meal before setting out, their miraculous crossing of the Red Sea and the daily manna on which they survived their grimmest desert days.

The manna was a daily reminder to them of Yahweh's constant care for them. They could never forget that care. Or could they? As we read in the first reading this weekend, Moses found it necessary to remind them of how important the manna had been. Later, in the gospel, Jesus points out that wonderful though the manna had been, it only gave life for a day. The bread he was now offering, his very own self, is a guarantee of Resurrection.

" We believe, Lord, help our unbelief."

Fr. Tom



Liam Hennessy and Peter Desmond take a break during the big clean-up of the grounds by the Pastoral Council members.
The parishioners are very appreciative of your hard work.
Thank you!

Notice Board

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection at all Masses next weekend.

Public Meeting.

Concerning recent developments on the proposed Beacon private hospital on the CU.H. grounds. Venue: The crypt. Tues. June 3rd, 8.00 pm.

"Le Chéile" Mentoring Project.

Are you over 20 years with a few hours a week to spare? "Le Chéile" currently recruiting volunteers to work with young people in Young Persons Probation Service..
Information session Monday 26th May, 7pm, Probation Offices, St Nicholas Church, Cove St. Phone 086 0472419