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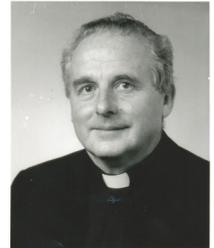
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

28th September 2008

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FR. TOM WRITES



God's Word

Readings for Sunday 5th
October

First Reading Is 5:1-7

Psalm 79

Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

Gospel Mt 21:33-43

WHERE TO INVEST

The current turmoil in financial institutions worldwide has left some people baffled. Some are anxious about their jobs and rightly so. Some are anxious to find a home for their life savings that guarantees security. Where to invest is a topical question.

Some decades ago, buying a house was almost synonymous with creating a home. The priority consideration was how it would suit family living. More recently there has been a swing to see such a purchase primarily as an investment. The priority guideline has become the potential for capital gain. This change may be an indication of a serious swing in attitudes. The present situation may alert us all to examine where we want to invest our time, our energy, our hearts and our lives.

Invest in family. Nurturing supportive, creative relationships in family and among friends builds up assets of goodness that withstand life's upheavals. Initial outlay can be demanding. Ongoing maintenance charges can be high. But returns are guaranteed. Reach out in loving service to the wider community. It enriches us and protects us from paranoid self-centeredness. There may be some blips along the way but over the long term, generous service outperforms every other investment.

Through all of these, you can invest in God. Of course we can invest our time in God directly through prayer and worship. Daily prayer can bind us to God and to each other in family. We can make our weekly Eucharist our weekend priority investment, more important than sport, work or entertainment. It must be our shared thanksgiving to the Father.

Let faith, hope and love inspire how you invest your time and even your life.

Investment choice determines the dividend. Choose wisely.

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NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Boys and girls from 3rd class upwards are invited to become altar servers. After initial training, the commitment is to serve one Mass on alternate weekends as well as on special occasions like Holy Week and Christmas.

Training continues in the church from 1.00 to 2.00 pm. this coming Saturday 4th October.

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In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Catherine O'Mullane**, Orchard Road, on the death of her father, Tim Horgan.

NOTICE BOARD

ST. PAUL - THE MAN AND HIS MESSAGE

Series of reflective explorations led by Fr. Tom with St. Paul's letter to the Philippians continues next **Tuesday at 8.00pm.** in the Crypt Bring New Testament All Welcome

First Friday

Next Friday 3rd October is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass. The final hour of Adoration is dedicated to prayer for vocations.

The Environment - Gift and Response

Faith in Action will host a talk in the Crypt on Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm. on the environment. It will be an opportunity for us all to discuss how we, as a community, can find ways of protecting the environment and be more aware of God's gift to us. All welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday 2nd in the Parish Centre at 3.00pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly collection at all Masses next Sunday.

Cork Institute of Technology's Annual Careers Fair will take place on Tuesday, October 7th, in the Institute's Nexus Centre and will feature major national and international companies looking for suitable graduates.

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Wednesday 1st October: **St. Therese of Lisieux.** Generations of Catholics have admired this young saint, called her the 'Little Flower', and found in her short life inspiration for their own lives. Yet Therese died when she was 24 years, having lived as a Carmelite for less than ten years. St. Therese is the patron saint of missions, florists, aviators and France.

Saturday 4th: **St. Francis of Assisi** was the founder of the Order of Friars Minor, more commonly known as the Franciscans, and founded with St. Clare the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. He is known as the patron saint of animals, birds, the environment and Italy.

Bible Corner



JUST A QUICK WORD

This weekend's second reading is a gem. It has two parts. Paul first invites and challenges his readers to imitate in their lives the love of Jesus. The second section is a ballad or a hymn highlighting the awesome wonder of who Jesus really is, Son of God and our adopted brother.

Read this passage prayerfully and savour it. Re-read it every day this week. It will deepen your faith and influence your love.

Fr. Tom

Mount Mercy News

The college celebrated top results again in this year's Leaving and Junior Cert exams. Five Leaving cert students achieved maximum points - Kate Mc Cutcheon, Laura O'Connor, Margaret Creedon, Rachael Cusack and Siún Tobin. Congratulations also to Junior cert students with Laura Reardon achieving 11 As and 10 As achieved by Meenakshy Ajith, Niamh Gunning, Kate Hinchion, Ciara Lane, Aoife O'Callaghan and Chloe O'Sullivan.

Congratulations to 1st year student Mairéad Hickey who was crowned All Ireland Fiddle champion for a remarkable third time. Mairéad competed against the best fiddle players in the world in the U12 age section at the World Fleadh held in Tullamore recently in both the slow airs and fast tunes sections. She swept to her first All Ireland title in 2005 and won it again in 2006. She missed last year's competition because she was performing classical music in Romania. Mairéad also plays piano, concertina and the tin whistle. Well done Mairéad.

Celebrate the Year of St. Paul with one of our own!

Last Tuesday evening in the Crypt Fr. Tom began a series of informative and inspiring explorations of "St. Paul: the Man and his Message". Concentrating on St. Paul's lovely Letter to the Philippians, extracts from which are being read at Mass for the next few Sundays, he led a very appreciative audience in an absorbing session from 8.00 to 9.00 p.m.

In the relaxed manner, so aptly described by the Dean as Fr. Tom's "seanchaí style", he touched on such topics as Paul's background, his characteristics, Paul's message for the Philippians and his message for us. The series continues next Tuesday.

You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions.