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DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 2nd
November

First Reading: Is 25:6-9

Psalm 26

Second Reading: Rom 5:5-11

Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

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THE DEAN WRITES

**"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO NO FURTHER
FROM US THAN GOD, AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"**



Last August I spent a few weeks with my sister down in West Cork where we all grew up. After tea one evening I went to visit my parents' grave - and my own next to them which I bought over thirty years ago.

While I was cleaning and tidying up the graves a man was working with a J.C.B. in another part of the cemetery. At dusk he sauntered over to me. He read my parents' names on the headstone and remarked to me, "I knew that man well, he taught in Dromore School. He had a son a priest - I wonder what became of him." (Needless to say I wasn't wearing clerical garb on the job). I answered, "He is kneeling here before you, cleaning his own grave." This response brought an abrupt end to our conversation.

Most of us don't want to think about death or dying. After all it's something that has happened to countless others, but not to me - something that has to do with extreme old age. But death doesn't always wait for old age - as the early morning news too often reminds us. Those who have died suddenly in accidents or otherwise didn't think death was waiting around the corner when they got up that morning.

Of course, we do get uncomfortable with the subject of death, and this is natural. And yet it's so much part of life - it's so much part of the reality of what we are.

The Church reminds us during November to pray for those who have gone before us and to take a sensible look at where our own lives are going - not in any morose way - not getting depressed about it - but rather thanking Jesus who walked the road before us and has gone now to prepare a place for us in his own home in Heaven. In the meantime he loves us to bits in spite of all our weakness.

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Rest in Peace

Robert (Bob) Reardon, Farranlea Grove, died peacefully at his home on 16th October surrounded by his loving wife and family. A kind and friendly person, Bob had been unwell for several months and was cared for by his dedicated wife Kay and devoted family. The requiem Mass was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church where Bob had acted as a collector for many years. Fr. John Fitzgerald, celebrant, spoke of Bob's devotion to his faith and family and said this Mass was a celebration of his long life. We extend the sympathy of our community to his wife Kay, children Mark, Tim, Miriam, Clare, Rob, Shelly and John, his brothers Charlie and Jack, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and extended family. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a anam dílis.

In Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to **Humphrey O'Brien**, Rossbrook, on the death of his father, Con.

Feast of All Saints

Next Saturday 1st November is the feast of All Saints and a Holiday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Friday 31st October at 7.30pm. Masses on Saturday at 9.00 and 10.30 am. Vigil Mass at 6.15pm.

Holy Souls

Commemoration of the faithful departed takes place next Sunday 2nd. Each priest will start a Novena of Masses for the dead on our November list. Envelopes and prayer cards are available in the church. Please return completed envelopes to box at altar rails before Sunday. Masses during novena will be at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30pm. - except Saturday 8th when evening Mass will be at the usual time of 6.15pm.

Indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls

From 12 noon on 1st November until midnight on 2nd November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion, and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed.

Cemetery Prayers and Blessings in November

St. Joseph's: Sunday 2nd, prayers at 2.30pm
St. James's: Sunday 2nd, prayers at 3.30pm.
St. Oliver's: Saturday 8th, Mass at 2.00pm.
St. Michael's: Sunday 9th, prayers at 3.00pm
St. Finbarr's: Sunday 16th, prayers at 3.00pm.

Bible Corner



Fired Up with Gospel

In this weekend's second reading, St. Paul congratulates the Thessalonians on how they "took to the gospel with the joy of the Holy Spirit". There were no reluctant converts or fear filled converts. Rather, the power of the Spirit was a vibrant force in their hearts that led them to imitate Paul's own lifestyle of generous commitment. In turn, their commitment inspired others "to become servants of the real, living God."

Is that Spirit still active? Active in me? Active in us? Do we want it to be?

Fr. Tom

PS. It is interesting to note that this letter of Paul was written about 20 years before any gospel was written. Paul's reference to the gospel is to the message and story of Jesus that was being handed on in communities of believers in the early Church. This letter to the Thessalonians was the first part of the New Testament to be written down.

Notice Board

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

We would like to thank those who generously contributed to our fuel fund appeal. Donations may be handed into the parish office, the priests or any member of the conference.

NAOMI

Pre-marriage courses on 15th November and 6th December. Time 10.00-5.00pm. at 119 Patrick Street. Further details - tel. 4272213. 9.30-1.00pm Monday-Friday.

Oíche Cheoil Amhránaíocht agus Rinne

Saturday 8th November at 8.30pm in Nemo Rangers H & F Club. Dancing, singing, story telling, mummings. Fear an Tí: Sean Ó Sé. Cead isteach €10. Eolas/information 085 1242077/086 3200796.

Bishopstown Community School

Adult evening classes in

(i) Christmas Flower Arranging starting Tuesday 11th November for four weeks, 7.30 -9.30pm. €60.

(ii) Enhanced Beauty (Make-Up) starting Wednesday 12 November for four weeks, 7.30 -9.30pm. €60. Further details from 4869310.

Ardfallen Fair

Saturday 8th November 10.30 to 2.00pm. in Ardfallen House, Douglas Road. A day for all the family. Stalls with books, cakes, country produce, plants, bric-a-brac, etc. Snacks throughout the day. Adm. Adults €2, children free.